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### Lents Neighborhood Association

Minutes for General Meeting, May 24, 2016

Lents Activity Center (Seventh-Day Adventist Church)

8835 SE Woodstock Blvd.

Chair Kyle Linhares called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and the board introduced themselves.

### Reports

Land Use Chair Cora Potter updated attendants on the Lents Town Center developments moving through the design review. She also noted upgrades planned at 110<sup>th</sup> Ave and Flavel and at an auto shop on 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and encouraged neighbors to contact her with concerns about either project.

Steve Madsen, from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, shared information about their upcoming Vacation Bible School and a free health clinic planned for 8/26 and 8/28, for medical, dental, and vision care.

Public Safety Chair Robert Schultz reported on his communication with the Multomah County Health Department; there have been reports of bacterial shigella and hand washing is recommended to prevent it.

Transportation Chair Clinton Garner reported that the Bus Rapid Transit Project is back into a design phase, and may no longer go through Lents.

Treasurer Rebecca Binford updated attendants on the Lents Street Fair, which may be canceled for 2016 in part from lack of funding. At-Large Member Raymond Hites, At-Large Member Gary Primack, Garner, and Potter discussed funding options and limitations.

Joanne Rees suggested partnering with the African American Alliance for Homeownership.

Linhares reported that two board members, Clinton Garner and Dana Gardner, would be vacating their seats, leaving vacancies for Transportation Chair and an At-Large Member position.

Vice Chair Judy Low noted that the responsibilities of each position are defined in the bylaws, which can be found online. Schultz noted that all future board position elections will be handled similarly in the future.

For the Transportation Chair position, Nick Schillaci-Kayton and Jennifer Young expressed interest.

For the At-Large Member position, Barbara Bader, Kris Dennis, Lee Rimar and Julie Zornado expressed interest. Schultz recommended Paul Trakarn for a membership outreach role.

### Action Items

Potter made a motion to approve the minutes from the March general meeting, Linhares seconded, and the motion **passed**, with Schultz and Low abstaining.

Primack asked to discuss board election procedures, and stated that decisions should be made by the general membership.

Schultz asked about board members who have missed board meetings, and the membership discussed the appropriate way of handling absences by board members.

Linhares noted that the bylaws allow but do not mandate the removal of members who miss more than two meetings in a six month period.

Potter suggested creating another At-Large position or having an interim member to replace those who are temporarily unable to attend meetings.

Garner suggested that the board touch base with absent board members before proceeding with action.

Potter shared information about plans to build a new gazebo for Lents Park. Propel architecture has volunteered to design the gazebo, and Potter will look for grants and partner with Portland Parks, but requests that the Lents Neighborhood Association support the initial design costs.

Nick Christensen made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 to Propel Architecture for design services for the gazebo," Zornado seconded, and motion **passed**, with 31 votes in favor and 5 opposed.

Primack, Potter, Mary Oxford, Christensen, Ken Lucchini, and Zornado discussed the renovations in Lents Park, including the gazebo and soccer field changes, and the Lents Master Plan, created between 2010-2012.

Bader shared an update about air pollution dangers in Lents, and asked attendants to sign up for join her efforts.

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Potter distributed copies of a letter, written on behalf of the Lents neighborhood and previously approved by the LNA board on the issues of homelessness and camping in the Lents neighborhood. Potter then read the letter aloud and made a motion that the letter be adopted as the position of the Lents Neighborhood Association and sent to the offices of the mayor and city commissioners. Linhares seconded, and the motion was discussed by the general membership.

Rose Mary Colorafi expressed concerns about last paragraph of the letter and wondered if it excludes Lents residents who are currently unsheltered.

Chad Stover, Project Manager from Mayor Hales' office, spoke about the current declared emergency, and stated that it allowed flexibility in zoning. He also stated that the city is currently looking at two pilot camps, one in Hazelwood and one in North Portland.

Kris Dennis asked about the possibility of a camp on Reedway.

Linhares stated that he had spoken with the mayor's office and had been reassured that no sanctioned camp was going there at this time, and that port-a-potties were placed there for public health concerns.

Potter stated that any future camp would have a Good Neighbor Agreement and welcomed public input.

Brittany Taylor shared her recurring experiences with crime and public health dangers and asked that police be allowed to enforce the laws.

Primack and others expressed concerns that this letter would condone future parks in Lents.

Sherry Straw expressed concerns about the statement that the neighborhood would only support camps with reputable organizations; Schultz responded that they should be run by nonprofits with accountability.

Trenea Sutton stated that there was a group currently being put together, which includes a police officer, architects, and a social worker, that is putting together a proposal for the city.

Alan Linhares and Dan McElligot spoke about getting an accurate count of the homeless in Lents.

Julie Zornado stated that Johnson Creek is being polluted by businesses and teenagers, not just the homeless.

Lee Rimar suggested adding a map to show borders and exclusion areas.

Other attendants wanted stronger language on law enforcement and asked about further editing, but were told that this would be an up or down vote.

Low called for a vote on the motion to approve the letter as written.

The motion **passed**, with 53 votes in favor, 5 opposed, and 2 abstentions

### **Citizen Communications**

Nick Christensen shared information about a budget allocation to work on the flood plain east of 205.

Vicky Oglesbee, from the Holgate Library, handed out flyers for library events and the current book club.

Straw shared information about the 93<sup>rd</sup> and Woodstock camp and the dangers currently faced by campers on the Springwater Trail. Low invited her to present to the board at a future meeting.

Jessica Ard expressed anger towards the mayor's office and the need for increased law enforcement.

Hites shared copies of the East Portland Neighborhood Association News newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned by Linhares at 9:05 pm.

Attendants: Nicole Leaper, Kasey Hillman, Elven Hillman, Paul Trakarn, Brittany Taylor, Cory Branton, Tiffany Hand, Nick Christensen, Steve Madsen, Yvonne Shaw, Michael Ellis, Richard Bixby, Steve Kinchen, Raine Lee Ritalto, Lara Storke, Jeff Reuter, Josh Tagliere, Jill Elliot, Nadine Broad, Joel Rebik, Katie Penna, Matt Lynch, Raymond Hites, Mary Oxford, Krista Dennis, Kris Dennis, Rose Mary Colorafi, Alan Linhares, Olivia Linhares, Ivanka Grepo, Chad Stover, Kyle Kulin, Lee Rimar, Bobbie Handson, Autumn West, Rocky Barnes, Trena Sutton, Sherry Straw, Julie A. Zornado, Dianna Mayo, Melissa Collins, Carma Crimins, Kristie Russell, William Powell, Mike Paruszkiewicz, Rachel Debely, Joanne Rees, Ken Luchini, Vicky Oglesbee, Jennifer Young, Jaime Angel, Nick Schillaci, Thomas Legg, Michael Cummings, Robert Culver, Adriana Escobedo-Land, Rusty Bonham, Mary Lou Bonham, Dan McElligot, Steve Voiles, Barbara Bader, Heather Chapin, Kyle Linhares, Cora Potter, Rebecca Binford, Clinton Garner, Gary Primack, Robert Schultz, Raymond Hites, Judy Low