

**LENTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LNA)  
DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017, GENERAL  
MEETING**

**Lents Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 8835 S.E. Woodstock**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Minutes Approved** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Members Present (in alphabetical order):** Michael Collins (Vice Chairperson); JoLynne Cooper-Nearing (Public Safety Chairperson); Ray Hites (Treasurer); Judy Low (Chairperson); Cora Potter (Land Use Chairperson); Joanne Rees (Luchini) (Secretary); Autumn West (At-Large Board Member); and Jennifer Young (At-Large Board Member)

**Attendees (in alphabetical order):** David Anderson; Barbara Bader; Erik Benson; K. Berkey; James Bland; Cory Branton; Katina Cabello; Tom Cowley; Carma Crimins; Izaak Digge; Bryan Erickson; Joseph Garofalo; Mario Gonzalez Camacho; J. Green; Bev Herman; Casey Jones; Laurann Kealiher; Neola Larsen; Nicole Leaper; Thomas Legg; Veronica Lopez Erickson; Tom McConnell; Dan McElligott; Kate McKenna; Steve Maxon; Denise Mejia; Richard Monahan; Doug Morrow; Nancy Muir; Jerry Noble; Mary Oxford; Char Pennie; Carol Rasey; Don Rasey; Robert Santangelo; Kaia Sand; Randy "Icebear" Schroeder; Russell Schroeder; Robert Schultz; Richard Seymour; Rhea Standing Rock; Edith Starling; Theresa Swett; Brittany Taylor; Leisl Wehmueller; and Henry Wilson.

**Presenters (in alphabetical order):** Erin Browne (Multnomah County Health Department Community Health Specialist); Carol Cosciato (Multnomah County Health Department); Kelsi Knavel (Multnomah County Health Department); and Mark Rebe Lisac (Lisac Brothers Construction).

The August 22, 2017 General Meeting was filmed by LNA member Robert Schultz using Open Signal equipment.

The Tuesday, August 22, 2017, General Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Collins at 7:05 p.m.

**Holgate Library (Oglesbee).** Head Librarian of the Holgate Library, Vicki Oglesbee, was not present.

**Multnomah County Health Department Syringe Drop Box Program – Healthy Streets Expansion (Browne, Casciato, Knavel).** Erin Browne, Community Health Specialist for the Multnomah County Health Department, and colleagues Carol Casciato and Kelsi Knavel resented on the expansion of the Healthy Streets project, to

include three additional syringe drop boxes for other areas of the County. “The community-based disposal strategy aims to reduce the number of improperly discarded needles and provide the public with a convenient disposal option,” in the form of a syringe dropbox. A “Healthy Streets Expansion Frequently Asked Questions Handout” was distributed. Three options for locations of the syringe drop boxes were presented to LNA: Option A – Springwater Corridor Trail/I-205 Multi-Use Path; Option 3-- Near S.E. 92<sup>nd</sup> and S.E. Flavel; and Option C: Near S.E. 82<sup>nd</sup> and S.E. Foster. The most popular location with the attendees present was Option C, near S.E. 82<sup>nd</sup> and S.E. Foster.

More information on the Healthy Streets Program can be found at <https://www.multco.us/file/48525/download>

**Approval of July General Meeting Minutes (Rees (Luchini); Pennie).** LNA member Char Pennie served as the volunteer scribe at the July General Meeting. There was only one minor change to the draft Minutes. On page 4, “Special Guests, Randy Teig (Portland Police Bureau Sergeant), Rees (Luchini) suggested that “on the Trail” be deleted when referring to the 4,000 unhoused people in Multnomah County.. Although Sergeant Teig may have misstated “on the Trail,” there are not 4,000 unhoused people living on the Trail. It was Rees (Luchini)'s understanding that 4,000 referred to the total number of houseless according to Multnomah County's Point in Time Homeless Count. Potter and LNA member Wehmueller confirmed this understanding as well. A motion to approve the draft Minutes, incorporating the minor revision of deleting “on the Trail” on page 4 of the draft Minutes in the “Special Guests, Randy Teig” section, was made by LNA member Leisl Wehmueller and seconded by Potter. The motion passed 15 in favor, 4 in opposition with 7 abstentions.

**Treasurer's Report (Hites).** Treasurer Hites reported that there are \$393.72 in checking; \$9,774.84 in savings, for a total of \$10,168.56. Interest on the savings account was 42 cents. There were two transactions in the checking account, both to PGE for the lighting of the Lents monuments: \$25.20 and \$26.84. Accounts payable include \$36.39 and \$24.97 to PGE to light the Lents monument and postage for a certified mail letter of \$3.77, for a total of \$65.13. There was also an accounts receivable (the East Portland Neighbors (EPN) allotment) in the amount of \$1,567.30.

**Land Use Report (Potter; Lisac).** Mark Lisac of Lisac Brothers Construction presented an update on construction occurring at S.E. 93<sup>rd</sup> and S.E. Woodstock. This will be a two-story, mixed-use development, including town homes, food cart pod and a bar, which will hopefully be completed by May, 2018. The property was purchased by Lisac Brothers Construction from Portland Development Commission (PDC, now Prosper Portland).

[www.nextportland.com/category/se-93rd-woodstock](http://www.nextportland.com/category/se-93rd-woodstock)

**Equity & Inclusion Committee Reportback (Potter, Board Liaison).** The Equity & Inclusion Committee meets the third Thursday of every month at ROSE CDC's Reedway Place Apartments, Community Room, at 8940 S.E. Reedway, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be Tuesday, September 19. Short-term goals for that Committee have been achieved. Summer events included tabling at the African-American Alliance for HomeOwnership "Taste of Lents" fair at the end of July and community outreach regarding the Lents Park gazebo design at the Lents Founders Day Fair in August. The LNA "rack (informational) cards" have been updated and even include elections information. The "homework" for the Committee for its next meeting is to brainstorm how to move forward in being more welcoming and inclusive: Think about three or four events or activities that could be undertaken in the course of the next year that would help make LNA more inclusive and how to vary formats and locations of meetings to make them more inclusive and more fun and less formal.

**Nominating Committee (Cooper-Nearing, Committee Chairperson and Board Liaison).** Cooper-Nearing reminded the September 19 is the last day for candidates to get their name on the print-ballot, but that candidates can run as write-in candidates up till the evening of the elections. She also reminded of the opportunity to meet-and-greet candidates on September 12 at KingPins Chalet Community Room, starting at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Open Board seats at the upcoming September elections are: Chairperson, Land Use Chairperson, Transportation Chairperson, and 3 At-Large Board seats (2 for 2-year terms and 1 1-year term to fill the vacancy left by former At-Large Board member Krista Dennis' resignation).

**Lents Founders Day Fair (Committee Chairperson Schultz).** The Founders Day Fair went very well. There were approximately 2,300 to 2,500 people in attendance. There were issues with signage. The winner of the Chicken Beauty Contest was Cordon Bleu. Thanks were given to LNA member Char Pennie and Low for interfacing with the community and getting \$3,000 in donations. There was net-0 cost to LNA. There were great bands, including The Slants. LNA paid \$200 per band; it is hoped that it will be able to pay \$300 per band next year. There were a lot of volunteers participating in this Oregon Walks event, in partnership with LNA and Green Lents. Especial thanks also to LNA members Mary Oxford, Char Pennie and David Potts. Next year Oregon Walks will not be participating as a partner. They did Cully last year; Lents this year. Schultz reminded that the earlier LNA starts planning, the better to organize the event. Email contact to get involved is [lentsfair@gmail.com](mailto:lentsfair@gmail.com) Schultz and the Committee were thanked for a great job.

**Public Safety Chairperson Report (Cooper-Nearing).** Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has been involved in keeping the multi-use path clear and safe

by getting more crews out. Although there is still some way to go, the neighborhood is in a better shape than it was last year. It was reminded that the neighborhood association exists to facilitate communications between the neighborhood and the City; the neighborhood association is not the City, however, nor is it a government agency.

**Review of Letter regarding Safe Zones (Young).** Young indicated that she was not going to address the review of the letter she had drafted regarding Safe Zones. Given the City's response to a similar demand by the Laurelhurst neighborhood, it does not seem likely that the LNA letter regarding Safe Zones will get any result at this time. The matter may get revisited at a later date with a revised letter.

### **Public Comment/Announcements.**

Right2Survive Ambassador Program's "Insights from the Outside: Envisioning a More Just Neighborhood" event is taking place on Monday, August 28, at APANO, on S.E. 82<sup>nd</sup> and S.E. Division, from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Participants will be creating a "People's Plan" for their neighborhood.

REVOlution Church is hosting a back-to-school bash at the Wattles' Boys & Girls Club. There will be bicycle helmet and backpack giveaway in partnership with Portland Police Bureau. REVOlution Church will also be hosting its annual Labor Day "Day in the Park" in Lents Park on Monday, September 4.

There were two attempts by LNA member David Potts to make a motion from the floor that included removal of the entire Board, with the exception of the Chairperson and the Treasurer, and appointment of specific LNA members in their place. The first attempt that was made was during the time allotted to the approval of the draft July General Meeting Minutes. The issue was again raised during the public comment section of the General Meeting. The question as to why the Chairperson's duties were suspended and her duties given to the Vice Chairperson was also brought up. It was explained that the Board needed to be able to work as a team and the Board was currently not working cohesively. The Board had not been functioning well for some time, and being able to work cohesively is particularly important now with elections coming up. The Board decided to suspend Chairperson Low's duties till after elections and delegate her duties to the Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Low had not been removed from her Board seat. She still retains her title. She is still on the Board and has all the rights of a Board member. It was also clarified that the Bylaws state that a motion to add an agenda item or items has to come at the beginning of the meeting (Article VI, Section 3). Additionally, Board members are elected and, according to LNA Bylaws, can only be removed for reasons of non-attendance (a Board decision) or by recall. LNA is required to follow its Bylaws and ONI Standards for procedural

matters.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Draft Minutes transcribed by Joanne Rees (Luchini)

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_