

****Approved on March 27, 2018****

LNA General meeting February 27, 2018
8835 SE Woodstock St

Board members present: Lacey Hamerin, Christo Brehm, Sabina Urdes, Cora Lee Potter, Barbara Bader, Michael Collins, Jennifer Young

Not present: Ray Hltes

7:00 meeting brought to order. Introductions. Announcement that meeting is being filmed. Urdes motions to approve agenda, Hamerin seconds. No discussion. Code of conduct read.

Public comment:

-Vicky Oglesbee from Holgate Library

-Jacob Sherman from Portland Housing Bureau and Kyle from Inhabit regarding flood insurance savings program.

-Petition from community member Char Pennie to request city to revisit foster streetscape plan.

-Urdes provides update from non profit that is trying to purchase building on 92 and Tolman.

The non profit provides shelter to homeless families with children. The building is currently a homeless shelter for single men in recovery. The non profit is currently going through due diligence to purchase the building. They are still testing the property. Soil samples were taken Monday. Plumbing work is also being done. Hope to know results by end of the week. Still committed to working with the LNA to create new program. They have been invited to the general meeting in March.

-Community member announces program happening at church.

-Community member expresses concern about topics discussed at meetings and then hearing no update. Foster road is an example. Brehm responds: Foster road changes have been in planning stages for a long time. Changes: 4 to 2 lane road, adding turn lane and bike lanes. Project delayed due to federal funding. Plans are now posted on city website, waiting for contractor bids. Planning to start late April, early May, there will be a 6 month construction period. Foster will remain open.

-Community member asks about 6 board members who have resigned. Wants to know what's going on. Urdes announced at last meeting who resigned since then: Jolynne, Amina and Jason. Jolynn for health reasons. Jason didn't give a reason, Amina listed several things including lack of training and lack of support. Community member wants further discussion, Urdes explains how to submit items for agenda. Community member and former board member explains that volunteer board members don't always believe how long it will take, not the whole board understands how it works. Thinks its more time than board members are aware of. Urdes agrees. Community member says there's a lot of negative things, name calling, false accusations. Several people on board have been attacked, including himself, because he believes in neighborhood watch and others don't. Thinks people aren't willing to respect how

people have been elected. Wants people to back down, not attack, defend those who are being attacked. Says we need to work together for a common goal. We've elected these people to represent us and we need to support them. Autumn West: As former board member, described feeling hopefulness, joy and excitement when joining board. Worked hard for Lents. A lot of things were brought up that were blamed on board members that weren't in her in control. Has been harassed for a year and a half by a misogynistic community. A lot of harassment on Facebook from angry men. Lacked support from EPNO and ONI. She repeatedly asked for help and guidance but they stopped communicating. She said she is sad, liked helping community. "We did this in service of you and we got bullied out of it." Feels that people who were voted in by majority were harassed out by a small group.

-Urdes reads statement talking about her experience and addresses story in the East Portland neighborhood news.

Action Items:

Minutes approval: Autumn West not present, had already resigned. Urdes moves to approve minutes with the single amendment. Seconded from community. 25 in favor. 0 opposed, 4 abstain.

Committee reports:

-Printed reports handed out.

-Potter has two early assistance cases, Jackson shell on 82/foster and the vacant lot west of the McDonalds on Powell. One active land use case, Oliver Station is changing it's awnings. Community member has question about how visually or hearing impaired can access this information. It's decided it will be posted as PDF on website.

Speakers:

-Kathy Koch and Corbett White from Portland Water Bureau had to leave but left handouts. Urdes will post online.

-Surya Joshi from EPNO. Grants that community at large can apply for not just board. Cleanup grants are open, application period closes next Monday so there is less than one week to apply. Computers and printers are available at EPNO, as well as application assistance.

-William Their from Prosper Portland. Discussed the FY 18/19 Lents Urban Renewal Budget. Potter has been involved and any questions or feedback should be directed to her. Budget will be approved in May and will go into effect in July. The Lents URA is sunseting in 2019, there is \$100 million left to be spent moving forward. Most of that money has already been allocated. The funds have to be spent predominantly on real estate and property improvement. Q and A period: Does Prosper Portland assist with infrastructure related to all the new housing? It is prevented from speeding money in schools, for example, but with the expiration of the urban renewal area, those funds will be put back into general fund which can be spent on schools. Can the urban renewal area be renewed? Not really necessary. Will there be any money leftover to address lack of sidewalks on Harold Street? Not sure, he can look into it. Is there a general overview of what the East Foster project will look like? It is on website, under the Lents action plan. General examples only at this point. About budget item Foster from 52nd to 82nd. Is

that outside of Lents neighborhood boundary? Thinks it could be a typo, it's really 56th to 82nd. There is a little "finger" of Foster that is included in the Lents URA.

Discussion Items:

-Community member Robert Schultz regarding LNA Board Member actions on social media. A recent post on Facebook prompted him to raise this issue at our general meeting. It is his opinion that people are afraid to come to the neighborhood association meetings because of what is said on Facebook. He doesn't care for the idea that only board members can attack people online and can't be held accountable. Feels there is a lack of ethical behavior on this topic. Says people are leaving the community because they don't feel connected and the LNA is supposed to offer that, which is why he started recording. He thought we should have a discussion about this and that's why he also filed a grievance. Feels that this body has no avenues for people to voice dissent. Admits he has also been an aggressor on facebook but he has lessened that activity because he doesn't find it effective. There is further discussion regarding a facebook post made by one board member on the LNA FB page. There are several attacks, accusations and outbursts made by community members and board members, there is discussion regarding the LNA FB page, the I Love Lents FB page, and I Love Lents 2 FB page.

Urdes tries to bring meeting back to order. Thanks videographers, etc.

9:11 meeting adjourned.