

**LENTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LNA)
MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2017 GENERAL MEETING
Lents Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 8835 S.E. Woodstock, Portland
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Minutes approved Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Krista Dennis (At-Large Board Member); 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).

Board Member Absent: Michael Collins (Vice Chairperson) (out-of-town).

Attendees (in alphabetical order): Barbara Bader; Nick Christensen; JoLynne Cooper-Nearing; Michael Cummings; Megan Gorecki; Hayley Graves; Nicole Greco; Chris Guessler; Carolee Harrison; Corrine Hilton; Lauranne Kealiher; Nicole Leaper; Christopher Luchini; Ken Luchini; Vicky May; Richard Monahan; Mary Oxford; Char Pennie; David Potts; Christopher Robin; Theresa Swett; and Leisl Wehmuller.

Guests (in alphabetical order): Paul Leistner (Neighborhood Association Program Director – City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement); Michael Mills (Project Manager – Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative); Rich Newlands (Project Manager – Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)); Vicky Oglesbee (Head Librarian – Holgate Library); Victor Salinas (Executive Director – East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO)); Jacob Sherman (Housing Program Coordinator – Lents Stabilization Initiative); and Alison Wicks (Project Coordinator II – Portland Development Commission (PDC)).

The General Meeting was convened by Chairperson Low at 7:05 p.m.

Treasurer's Report (Hites). Treasurer Ray Hites reported that \$2,000.00 had been transferred to Savings from Checking. The LNA Savings Account now rests at \$9,473.19; there are \$2,222.97 in the LNA Checking Account, for a total of \$11,696.16. Revenue of 49 cents was accrued in interest.

Expenditures for the month included: \$30.00 to rekey the informational kiosk; \$147.30 to renew the website domain; and PGE bills to light the Lents monuments for two months in the amounts of \$30.10, \$38.68, \$37.47 and \$28.01. There is a pending accounts payable of \$3.77 for a mailing sent certified. Town Hall expenditures totalled \$258.35, which included videotaping of the event by Lents Youth Initiative (\$160); purchase of sound equipment cables (\$39.97) and food (\$58.38). There is a pending bill of \$1,260 for the moving of the New Copper Penny Sign from one temporary location

(the Oregon Historical Society warehouse in Gresham) to another (at Tidee Didee in Lents). A question was raised as to reason for the discrepancy in the final charges for the moving of the sign. The initial quote as relayed to Potter by Security Signs was \$120 per hour, for a maximum of 3 hours. The invoice was almost triple, at 10-1/2 hours. The explanation given Potter was that it took 5-1/4 hours with a work crew of 2, which equalled 10-1/2 personpower hours.

LNA Approval Sought for LNA Letter of Support for Portland Pickles. Low read the LNA letter of support for Portland Pickles' request to extend its lease to 15 years, subject to a review and update of its Good Neighbor Agreement. The letter had been approved by the Board at the last Board Meeting and was pending LNA General Membership Approval. It was clarified that there would be less firework shows this year, cutting down on noise. If residents have any concerns about noise or other issues related to Pickles' games, they should feel free to speak with Nicole Greco.

A motion was made by LNA Member Cooper-Nearing that the letter of support for the Portland Pickles' request to extend its lease to 15 years, subject to a review and update of its Good Neighbor Agreement, be approved and sent out. The motion was seconded by Potts. The motion passed with 21 in favor; 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Ratification of Appointment of New Public Safety Chairperson (Dennis). At-Large Board Member Dennis reminded LNA that there are currently two vacant seats on the Board that are required to be filled. One is Public Safety Chairperson; the other is Transportation Chairperson. It was clarified that the Public Safety Chairperson's term would be till September, 2018. The Transportation Chairperson seat will be up for election at the upcoming September elections, 2017.

No one has applied to be Transportation Chairperson, the duties of which are currently being shared by Land Use Chairperson Potter and At-Large Board Member Young. JoLynne Cooper-Nearing applied to be Public Safety Chairperson and her appointment was approved by the Board at its last Board Meeting. The appointment is now up for ratification by LNA General Membership. Cooper-Nearing summarized her qualifications and her interest in being on the Board as the LNA Public Safety Chairperson. Questions from LNA members included whether Cooper-Nearing had read the LNA bylaws and whether she knew what the duties of the Public Safety Chairperson were. Cooper-Nearing indicated that she had read the bylaws and that she understood what the duties of the Public Safety Chairperson are, as indicated in the bylaws. She also stated her understanding that the Public Safety Chairperson's role is an evolving one.

A motion was made by LNA Member Christensen to ratify the appointment of JoLynne Cooper-Nearing as Public Safety Chairperson. The motion was seconded by

LNA Member Potts. The motion passed 26 in favor; 1 opposed; 2 abstentions.

Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative Presentation (Michael Mills, Project Manager of Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative; Jacob Sherman, Housing Program Coordinator for Lents Stabilization Initiative; Alison Wicks, Project Coordinator II for Portland Development Commission (PDC)).

Michael Mills: The Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative was a project of Oregon Solutions. The call for the project started four to five years ago during the LNA Chairpersonships of Nick Christensen and Jesse Cornett. Although it is called the Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative, its territory also covers part of Powellhurst-Gilbert. Conveners of the Collaborative include Portland Planning & Sustainability Commissioner Michelle Rudd and State Representative Jeff Reardon, who, unfortunately, were unable to attend the General Meeting this evening.

More information on the project can be found at:

www.orsolutions.org/osproject/lents-stabilization-and-job-creating-collaborative

Questions from LNA members included:

Q. When does the project start?

A. The technical work needs to start first. The project will proceed as matching funds arrive from the State.

Q: How long is the project slated to run?

A: Two years with possible renewal.

Q: How will the project allow for public input?

A: Initial meetings are being scheduled with the neighborhood associations of Lents and Powellhurst-Gilbert. (Potter added that public input meeting announcements will be posted with two to three days' lead time on the LNA Facebook page.)

Q. What provisions are being made to do outreach to the diverse communities of Lents and Powellhurst-Gilbert, whose members might not be connected with their neighborhood association?

A. Victor Salinas of East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO) informed that EPNO is applying for more funding through Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) for translation/interpretation services and childcare.

Jacob Sherman: Sherman addressed the negative impact of the high cost of flood insurance on housing affordability and programs that are being designed to help mitigate

this cost.

www.orsolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Lents-Stabilization-Project-Info-Sheet-002.pdf

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/286175>

Alison Wicks: Wicks spoke of PDC's involvement in what was formerly called the Foster/Lents Integration Project (FLIP) and how FLIP relates to the Lents Stabilization and Job Creation Collaborative.

www.orsolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Lents-Flood-Mitigation-Matters-r1.pdf

Mills, Sherman and Wicks were thanked for taking time to come and speak with LNA and answer any questions LNA members might have.

Foster StreetScape (Rich Newlands, Project Manager for Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)).

Newlands addressed concerns from LNA members about the Foster StreetScape Project, which was conceived as the City's response to Vision Zero and an attempt to create streets that are safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.

www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/64188
www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/539324
www.portlandoregon.org/transportation/493343

Primary concerns centered around delays in travel time and the possibility of traffic being funneled into the neighborhood side streets, reducing livability issues in those neighborhoods (increased air pollution, noise, congestion, danger to children playing in the streets or pets crossing the street, etc.). Potter especially warned against the “racetrack effect” caused by three lanes going to one lane and thought the transition should be more gradual. Kealiher had a concern about too much construction going on at the same time, particularly in the Town Center area and the impact on traffic in that area for people heading to work. She also asked about the extent of public outreach. Outreach was ongoing, but not that successful. It was primarily held at input forums, not through outreach at places where people gather.

Other concerns of LNA members included filling in the potholes and creating sidewalks in those areas where there are none.

Newlands was thanked for his coming to the LNA General Meeting to present and address concerns.

Spring Cleanup; Social Media (West).

(a) Spring Cleanup. The Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, at the Teen Challenge Thrift Store Parking Lot on S.E. 82nd and S.E. Raymond Court. Hours are 9:00 a.m. till dumpsters are full. West had previously circulated a volunteer sign-up sheet. In addition, Teen Challenge has offered some of its clients' assistance. West announced that she would be finalizing details of the Cleanup on April 28 at 3:30 p.m. at a meeting with Marshall Snider, the Director of Teen Challenge.

(b) Social Media. The social media guidelines have been posted on the LNA Facebook page. The LNA social media guidelines, which had been approved by the Board, essentially consisted of the social media guidelines created by ONI. It had been agreed by the Board that there should be more than one admin. There are currently two admins of the LNA Facebook Page – Chairperson Judy Low and At-Large Board Member West. Moderation of the LNA Facebook page had been approved by the Board, due to a perception of social media abuse, including use of profanity, personal attacks, use of language that could be perceived as inflammatory, defamatory or harassing. The Board had approved West as the moderator of the LNA Facebook Page.

Bylaws Revision; Lents Founders Fair (Dennis).

(a) Bylaws Revision. Dennis is the Chairperson of the Bylaws Revision Committee and its Board liaison. The next Bylaws Revision Committee meeting is Tuesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Zoiglhaus. The Bylaws Revision Committee Meetings are being posted on the LNA Facebook Page as an “Event.”

(b) Lents Founders Fair. Dennis is the Board Liaison for that Committee. LNA Member Robert Schultz is the Committee Chairperson for that Committee. This year's Street Fair is a partnership among Oregon Walks (a project of PBOT), Green Lents and LNA. It is taking place Sunday, August 6. The Oregon Walks portion, which will somewhat serve as a “Sunday Parkways”-type event since East Portland's Sunday Parkways this year is taking place in Gateway, will be from 11:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m. and will follow a designated route. The LNA portion will take place at Lents Park and will include music, vendors and the chicken beauty contest. That will take place later in the afternoon/early evening. Schultz should be contacted for vending at Lents Park. Other vendors along the walk-route should contact Oregon Walks.

www.oregonwalks.org/programs/oregon-walkways/oregon-walkways-lents-founders-fair

Livability Committee (Young). At-Large Board Member Jennifer Young reported that Commissioner Saltzman has been extremely responsive in offering assistance with parking enforcement and other Bureau of Transportation issues after the Town Hall. There are no-parking-between-10:00-p.m.-and-5:00-a.m. signs around Lents Park. There are indications that another parking enforcement officer will be added. Twenty Rvs were recently towed. David Austin, the Interim Director of ONI, has been holding meetings about the zombie homes. There are approximately 40 zombie homes in Lents alone. Fencing is being placed around the bank-owned ones, at the bank's expense. There will be more patrols around the multi-use path and more collaboration among the multijurisdictions to curb homeless camping in those areas.

Police Liaison Report. More patrolling is being done around Lent School before and after school, either on foot or by car. The multi-use path is also being more frequently patrolled. The Police Bureau may deploy ATVs along the Springwater Corridor to control camping there. Bicycle patrols are not very practical because the officer might get called out while on bike patrol in which case he or she would have to switch to a vehicle. Officer Steve Wuhlrich will no longer be attending the LNA General Meetings as the East Precinct liaison. Officer Wuhlrich has been promoted to Sergeant and will be working out of the Central Precinct. He has been in Lents for the past 11-1/2 years as a police officer. Officer Wuhlrich was thanked for his service and wished the best in his new job at Central Precinct.

Holgate Library Report (Oglesbee). Head Librarian Vicky Oglesbee of the Holgate Library distributed the monthly events sheets for the Holgate Library. She pointed out that there will a Renter's Rights workshop.

Approval of Minutes from the March 28, 2017 LNA General Meeting. Secretary Rees (Luchini) submitted the Minutes from the March 28, 2017 LNA General Meeting for approval.

A motion was made by LNA Member Gorecki to approve the Minutes from the March 28, 2017 LNA General Meeting. The motion was seconded by LNA Member Kealiher. The motion passed with 18 in favor; 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Adjournment. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by LNA Member Gorecki. The motion was unanimously seconded and approved. The meeting convened at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by LNA Secretary Joanne Rees (Luchini) on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Minutes approved on Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

