

**LENTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LNA)**

**DRAFT MINUTES FROM TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017, GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

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

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

**Minutes Approved on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**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); and Autumn West (At-Large Board Member).

**Board Member Absent:** Jennifer Young (At-Large Board Member)

**Attendees (in alphabetical order):** Cathy Berry; Kathy Buss; Melissa Collins; Rose Mary Colorafi; Robert Culver; Michael Cummings; Serina Fast Horse; Bill Graves; Hayley Graves; Heather Hamilton; Lauranne Kealiher; Mary Oxford; Char Pennie; David Potts; Josue Ramirez; and Joel Rebik

**Guests (in alphabetical order):** Leila Aman (Senior Project Manager – Prosper Portland, formerly Portland Development Commission (PDC)); Mary Bradshaw (Director of Construction Management – Housing Development Center); Nicole Greco (Portland Pickles); Irene Konev (Senior Community Outreach Coordinator - Independent Police Review); Holden Leung (Executive Director - Asian Health & Services Center); Rachel Mortimer (Assistant Program Manager - Independent Police Review); Vicky Oglesbee (Head Librarian – Holgate Library); and Neil Simon (Member - Citizens Review Committee).

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

**Police Liaison Report.** Officer Stephanie Hudson is now the LNA Police Liaison from East Precinct.

An LNA member inquired about an incident that occurred on Mother's Day where a stranger was pounding on her door and attempting to force her way into her home, where young children were also living. When the LNA member alleged that, when she called the police, the police response was that the person trespassing was known to be mentally-ill and a drug-user and that no actual crime had been committed because the person did not succeed in gaining entry to the home. The LNA member felt that, at the minimum, a police report should have been filed. Hudson replied that she would need more details as to the particulars of the case and would follow up. Potter remarked that

there should be a report filed on the incident, so that if it occurred again, there would already be documentation in place supporting that the person needed help. Hudson mentioned that there should be a record of the incident from when the call came in to the dispatcher.

LNA members also commented on a perceived double-standard. Such incidents would not be tolerated in more affluent Eastmoreland.

Public Safety Chairperson Cooper-Nearing stated that she would like to request a reportback at the next General Meeting about the May 10, 2017 fatal shooting by transit police of an African-American youth, Terrell Kyreem Johnson, at the S.E. Flavel MAX station. The youth apparently had also grown up in Lents. Cooper-Nearing also would like a reportback on the recent driveby shootings at the Town Center around midnight over the weekend. Hudson said that she would try to find out more details about those incidents and get back to LNA with pertinent details.

An LNA member remarked that the City needs to consider what are its priorities and align its budget with those priorities. More and more people are at risk of becoming homeless due to the rising cost of housing and stagnant wages. This has become more prevalent since the 1980s. Low-income housing is much in demand and hard to find. Funding has been cut to programs that would help those suffering from mental illness or substance addiction. Monies that are currently being allocated to policing might be better allocated to housing and care for the mentally-ill and substance-addicted.

Potter mentioned a neighborhood concern that some homeless were using the “cloak of homelessness” to conceal organized crime. Not all homeless currently residing in Lents are economic refugees. In addition, just like more neighborhoods should be sharing the responsibility for homelessness, more neighborhoods should share the responsibility for providing low-income, “affordable” housing. The burden should not fall disproportionately on lower-income, struggling neighborhoods of color. Potter noted that the PDC developments in the Lents Town Center will include some “affordable” housing units and that ROSE's Woody Guthrie Place will provide work-force housing.

Low reminded that there is a housing subcommittee through the East Portland Action Plan (EPAP). These meetings are held at the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO) office at 1017 N.E. 117<sup>Th</sup>, on the second Monday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Chairperson Report (Cooper-Nearing).** Public Safety Chairperson Cooper-Nearing announced that volunteers are being sought for the Basic

Earthquake Emergency Communications Node (BEECN) program run by the City's Bureau of Emergency Management. LNA Members Robert Schultz and Krista Dennis have expressed an interest in the program. A team of 8 is being recruited. Commitment is anticipated to be attendance at 1 monthly meeting with an initial training of 4 hours, with additional meeting or meetings as necessary.

More information on BEECN can be found at:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/59630?>

Potter suggested that there be wider outreach for this training due to Lents' being such a large neighborhood. This would ensure that volunteers would be more widely spread out.

**Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 25, 2017 General Meeting (Rees (Luchini)).** Secretary Rees (Luchini) presented the draft Minutes from the April 25, 2017 General Meeting for consideration. The Minutes had previously been posted on-line. A limited number of hard copies was also available.

A revision was made to correct the name of the nonprofit who hosted the Spring Cleanup to “Teen Challenge,” rather than Teen-Adult Challenge. This revision was pointed out by LNA member Char Pennie. (While the organization is Pacific Northwest Adult & Teen Challenge, the name of the Thrift Store is Teen Challenge (TC) Thrift Store.)

**A motion was made by Rees (Luchini) to approve the draft Minutes from the April 25, 2017 General Meeting, incorporating a correction from “Teen-Adult Challenge” to “Teen Challenge.” The motion was seconded by LNA Member Kealiher. The motion passed 13 in favor; 0 opposed; 3 abstaining.**

**Spring Cleanup (West).** At-Large Board Member West reported that the Spring Cleanup went very well. Approximately 60 households participated; 2-1/4 dumpsters were filled; there was a large pile of items available for the swap/exchange. Originally, the hours for the cleanup were 9:00 a.m. till dumpsters were full. However, due to hauler constraints, the cleanup ended at around 1:00 p.m.

Donations totalled \$300,000 The grant from the East Portland Neighborhood Office (EPNO) was for \$850. A matching grant for \$1,700 had been approved by the Board. LNA was not charging a per car- or truck-load fee for dumping; the event was by free-will donation. West reported that she is waiting for an accounting from the hauler as to the tonnage collected and that there is a possibility that not all the monies budgeted for the event would be spent. In the interim, required paperwork has been

turned in to David Ashton at EPNO.

West thanked Teen Challenge Thrift Store for hosting the Spring Cleanup in its parking lot and for providing volunteers and food. She also thanked volunteers who helped out that day (in alphabetical order): JoLynne Cooper-Nearing; Ray Hites; Christopher Luchini; Joanne Rees (Luchini); Spencer Ward (Green Lents/Tool Library); Leisl Wehmueller; and Jennifer Young.

West was thanked for writing the grant application, arranging logistics and organizing this community service.

**Lents Founders Day Fair (Collins).** Vice Chairperson Collins is now the Board Liaison to the Lents Founders Day Fair. The Committee Chairperson is LNA Member Robert Schultz. Schultz can be contacted at [lentsfair@gmail.com](mailto:lentsfair@gmail.com)

There is a Teen Art Contest underway to design the tee-shirts for the Lents Founders Day Fair. Steve's Imports has generously provided the gift card prizes totalling \$175. The flyer for the tee-shirt design contest had to be modified from the original version due to copyright infringement concerns. Potter reminded that just because an image is available on the internet does not mean people are free to use it or that it is not copyrighted. Holgate Librarian Vicky Oglesbee informed LNA that the Central Library downtown has an entire resource library of open source, public domain images that are not copyrighted which people can access.

There will be a party/gathering in the near future to help select the bands who will provide the musical entertainment at the LNA portion of the Fair at Lents Park. Vendors are still being sought for the Lents Park and the Oregon Walks Greenway walk routes.

LNA and Green Lents are partnering with Oregon Walks, some of whose major funding comes from Portland Bureau of Transportation. Oregon Walks is funding a significant portion of the Lents Founders Day Fair.

Hites reminded that a budget will need to be submitted to the Board from the Lents Founders Day Fair Committee for the LNA portion of the Fair.

**Treasurer's Report (Hites).** Treasurer Hites reported that the LNA Checking Account holds \$759.50 and the LNA Savings Account holds \$9,773.61. There were 42 cents in interest. Total expenditures for the Lents Livability Town Hall totalled \$258.35 (\$160.00/videography by Lents Youth Initiative + \$39.97 for audio cable + \$58.38 in food/water/office supplies). There was a \$20.00 check written to the Oregon Department of Justice to renew LNA licensing as a charitable organization/nonprofit. The moving of the New Copper Penny sign cost \$1,260. The PGE bill for the lighting of the Lents monuments totalled \$64.16 (\$37.36 + \$26.80). Hites also noted that he, as

Treasurer, will be preparing LNA's annual report to EPNO, which is due in mid-June.

**Land Use Chairperson Report (Potter).** Land Use Chairperson Potter reported that there are some small lot divisions being proposed off S.E. 84<sup>th</sup> and S.E. Glenwood, as well as at the south end of S.E. Harney and S.E. Crystal Springs. A marijuana dispensary is being considered on S.E. 82<sup>nd</sup> and S.E. Holgate, at the former location of Giants Pizza.

**Proposed Letter of Support for Working Class Acupuncture Grant Application (Potter).** Land Use Chairperson Potter relayed a request from Working Class Acupuncture (WCA) that LNA write a letter of support of WCA's proposal to the Collins Foundation for grant funding to re-open its affordable community acupuncture clinic in Lents, which had closed due to a fire. Potter read the proposed letter of support, addressed to WCA Board Treasurer Cortney Hartman, to LNA members. A copy of the proposed letter had previously been circulated electronically to the Board. Potter mentioned that the letter of support was time-sensitive and needed to be delivered, upon approval by LNA, by the end of the week. A copy of the proposed letter of support is attached hereto.

LNA member Kealiher expressed appreciation for the WCA's work, particularly its service to low-income communities with less access to medical care, whether traditional or alternative.

Low and LNA member Pennie expressed a concern about the level of support that LNA would be expected to provide and whether this would set a precedent for other businesses in the community which might seek similar support from LNA. Potter replied that it would entail allowing time for WCA, at their request, to present at an LNA meeting or sharing any outreach event notices on the LNA Facebook page. Potter also indicated that she would submit the final letter to the Board for its review before asking that it be sent out by the Chairperson on behalf of LNA. LNA member Kealiher reminded that WCA was differed from a “business” because it is a nonprofit medical service provider that serves working class and low-income people.

**A motion was made by West to approve a letter of support for the Working Class Acupuncture grant application. The motion was seconded by Hites. The motions passed 17 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.**

**Prosper Portland (formerly Portland Development Commission (PDC)) Report (Aman).** Senior Project Manager for Portland Development Commission (PDC) Leila Aman announced that PDC has changed its name to better reflect its mission and priorities. The new name is “Prosper Portland.”

The PDC website has been updated and can be found at:

[www.prosperportland.us](http://www.prosperportland.us)

Aman reminded that there will be information forthcoming about the new affordable tenancing program for smaller and underrepresented businesses and promised to relay the information to LNA for posting on its Facebook page when details on how to apply are finalized.

[www.prosperportland.us/prosper-portland-announces-new-affordable-tenancing-program-for-small-and-underrepresented-businesses](http://www.prosperportland.us/prosper-portland-announces-new-affordable-tenancing-program-for-small-and-underrepresented-businesses)

Aman also announced that the Lents International Farmers Market will be stationed in the Zoighaus parking lot during the Lents Town Center construction. First day of the market will be Sunday, June 4.

**Asian Health & Services Center (Bradshaw, Leung).** Mary Bradshaw, Director of Construction Management at Portland Development Center, and Holden Leung, Executive Director of the Asian Health & Services Center (AHSC) presented.

AHSC broke ground on April 22, 2017. It will be a 30,000 square foot building to include AHSC offices, community and clinic services and event space. There will be a rooftop garden and overnight parking. It is one of the projects being funded by Prosper Portland (formerly PDC) as part of the Lents Urban Renewal Area.

One does not need to be Asian to access services at AHSC. Rosewood Family Health Center will be one of the partners sharing the facilities. It is anticipated that the AHSC will be moving its other operations from its inner-Southeast Powell Boulevard location to Lents.

Hites inquired about the availability of community event space and asked whether it would be possible for LNA to reserve meeting space there for its meetings. Leung confirmed that community space will be available for community use.

[www.ahscpdx.org](http://www.ahscpdx.org)

[www.yvfwc.com/locations/rosewood-family-health-center](http://www.yvfwc.com/locations/rosewood-family-health-center)

**Independent Police Review Presentation (Konev, Mortimer, Simon).** Rees (Luchini) stated that the Independent Police Review presentation was requested by the LNA Livability Committee when it appeared that there appeared to be confusion among LNA members about the role and responsibilities of the Citizen Oversight Advisory

Board (COAB), the Independent Police Review (IPR) and Citizen Review Committee (CRC).

More information on COAB can be found at:

[www.co-cl-coab.org](http://www.co-cl-coab.org)

Presenting on behalf of IPR were Irene Konev, Senior Community Outreach Coordinator of the IPR; Rachel Mortimer, Assistant Program Manager of the IPR, and Neil Simon, member of the CRC.

IPR is part of the City Auditor's Office and provides impartial oversight of police conduct, practices and policies to increase accountability and public trust.

Informational brochures on IPR were distributed.

An summary of the IPR presentation can be found at:

[www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr)

[www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr/27072](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr/27072)

(which includes answers to Frequently Asked Questions and complaint/commendation forms)

[www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr/article/565622](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr/article/565622)

(which includes a slide show showing the scope of authority for IPR, CRC and the Police Review Board)

[www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr/53654](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr/53654)

(about the CRC)

Konev, Mortimer and Simon answered questions from LNA membership. They are available to assist with any IPR- or CRC-related issues. They are also willing to return to LNA to present with followup assistance or additional information that might be needed and helpful. Konev, Mortimer and Simon were thanked for an informative presentation.

**Holgate Library Report (Oglesbee).** Head Librarian of the Holgate Library Vicky Oglesbee reported that free bicycle lights are available, while supplies last, at the Holgate Library. Even if one does not ride one's bike to the Library, one can still request a bicycle light from a Library staff person. Oglesbee informed that there is a library survey on-line for which patron participation is appreciated. Oglesbee distributed the monthly events flyer for the Holgate Library. Oglesbee was thanked for her commitment to attending LNA monthly General Meetings in order to keep Lents informed on what is going on at the Holgate Library.

**Adjournment.** A motion to adjourn the General Meeting was made by Cooper-Nearing. The motion was seconded by LNA member Potts. The motion passed. The General Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes submitted by Secretary Joanne Rees (Luchini) on Sunday, June 25, 2017.  
Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_.