LENTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING (LNA)
MINUTES FROM TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017
Lents Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 8835 S.E. Woodstock Boulevard, Portland
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Minutes Approved on July 25, 2017

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): JoLynne Cooper-Nearing (Public Safety Chairperson); Ray Hites (Treasurer); Judy Low (Chairperson); Cora Potter (Land Use Chairperson)

Board Member Absent: Michael Collins (Vice-Chairperson); Joanne Rees (Luchini) (Secretary); and Autumn West (At-Large Board Member); Jennifer Young (At-Large Board Member)

Attendees (in alphabetical order): Kimberly Berkey; Cathy Berry; Richard Christian; Bill Graves; Hayley Graves; Mickey Kay; Thomas Legg; Steve Madsen; Vicky May; Richard Monahan; Mary Oxford; Justin Patti; Char Pennie; David Potts; Gary Primack; Katie Schulze

Guests (in alphabetical order): **Ben Agre** (PSU); **Maria Boyer** (Marilyn Buck Abolitionist Collective); **Carol Campbell** (Principal Grant High School) **Sara Daley** (Commercial Leasing Agent for Kidder Mathews); **Sterling Farrar** (Portland Police); **Jamie Hurd** (Office of School Modernization) – Grant High School); **Mickey Kay** (Marilyn Buck Abolitionist Collective); **Jonghoon Kim** (PSU); **Nicole Leaper** (Green Lents – Board Member); **Inna Levin** (Oregon Walks); **Vicky Oglesbee** (Holgate Library); **Jacob Sherman** (Portland Housing Bureau); **Spencer Ward** (Green Lents) **Elona Wilson** (Outreach Specialist - Grant High School)

The meeting was convened by **Chairperson Low** at 7:04 pm. **Low** –"it seems that we're missing most of our board members." "So in the meantime I just got word that our Secretary is not coming so. Do I understand you correctly that you (addressing Char) volunteer to take minutes?" **Low** then noted that the Agenda would be adjusted as speakers arrived and made the following announcements:

Mary Oxford volunteered to be timekeeper to keep speakers on time, in response to meetings running long.

Chairperson Low announced the promotion of **Officer Wuthrich** to Sergeant and his transfer to Central Downtown precinct.

Nomination Committee: **Chairperson Low** announced the formation of the Nomination Committee, which she will chair. She invited and encouraged LNA members to join the committee.

Lents Founders Fair: Michael Collins, Vice Chair and board liaison was not present to give an update on the Street Fair neither was Robert Schultz our Street Fair Committee Chair, who

normally sends the report to the board liaison. So in absence of those two an update is presented by Inna Levin.

Inna Levin from Oregon Walks updated us on the Oregon Walkways/Lents Founder Fair being held in Lents Park on August 6th. She is looking for 60 volunteers for all day events to man info booths, control street traffic, assist vendors as well as many other events and activities. Orientation for new volunteers will be on June 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Oregon Walks office, NE Second Ave. and NE Broadway St. They will be providing more information about Oregon Walkways at orientation.

Chairperson Low added that the Asian group "The Slants" (who won their US Supreme Court battle to trademark their name) may perform at our Lents Founders Fair.

Secretary Report: We don't have a secretary or the minutes here.

Holgate Library Report: **Vicky Oglesbee,** distributed several handouts announcing events and a Bingo game for all family members to play. Game must be turned in by August 31st. Grand Prize is a 7" Samsung Galaxy Nook tablet. *(Information posted on LNA Facebook page)*

Treasurer's Report: **Treasurer Hites** reported:

Savings	$9,774.02	
Checking	$620.46	
TOTAL	**$10,394.48**	
DEPOSITS		
Interest on Savings	.41 cents	
DEBITS		
Lents Monuments – PGE	$37.36	$26.80
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
Corporate Registration	$50.00	
Lents Monuments – PGE	$26.23	$38.47
Lents 7th Day Adventist Church for Lents Town Hall	$50.00	
Certified Mail	$3.77	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	**$168.47**	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Lents Neighborhood Association Allotment – EPNO	$1,567.30	
Corporate reports & registration		
Website		
Lents Monuments		
Lents Town Hall		
2016 Lents Street Fair	$300 sound	$100 music

We received the Lents Neighborhood Association Allotment from EPNO. Submitted invoice to pay outstanding invoices before the end of the fiscal year which runs from July 1 – June 30th *(see*

above chart). Still gathering receipts for 2016 Lents Street Fair for the larger expenditures which were paid by debit card, making it more difficult to ascertain what the charges paid for. Will submit invoice for remaining costs on 2016 Lents Street Fair when research on invoices has been completed. According to Victor Salinas (EPNO) it is unlikely that the funds can be used for the moving expense of the Copper Penny sign.

Police Liaison Report: **Officer Sterling Farrar** arrived after the meeting was underway. He said that he is not sure who will replace Officer Wuthrich at our meetings. He answered questions from LNA members:

- Update on activity around 97th & Holgate. It was a reported fire at an abandoned house which homeless had repeatedly broken into.
- Update on reported discovery of a body found at Beggars Tick earlier that day. No further updates on that discovery or in regards to the shooting at the Flavel MAX station several weeks ago. According to Low, the MAX station shooting has gone to grand jury but they declined to indict the police officer involved and it's now working its way up the chain.
- Update on the drive by shooting brought up by Cooper-Nearing at last month's general meeting *(Farrah believes)* is under investigation by the gang task force.

Prosper Portland: **Sara Daley** is employed by Kidder Mathews, a Commercial Real Estate Company hired by Prosper Portland as a Consultant & Broker to do their commercial leasing and to design and administer their Commercial Affordable Program for the 9101 SE Foster property that is part of this project. The 7,500 square feet of commercial space is split into two components by a center courtyard. Half of that space is allocated to the Commercial Affordability Program. Prosper Portland will award grants to local (non-franchisee) commercial business owners and entrepreneurs that are part of the unrepresented population, defined as minority population, women and business owners from low income neighborhoods. This is to mitigate the displacement of these types of businesses in the neighborhood. They will provide discounts on market rate rent and a subsidy for tenant improvements. They will also provide technical assistance as well as give them other avenues for assistance within the City. The other half of the space is allocated for local market rate tenants. Oliver Station also has 4,000 square feet of space which is subject to the Commercial Affordability Program. They do not have the same agreement to lease only to local (non-franchisees). The deadline to apply for the Commercial Affordability Program is August 1st. *(If interested in the apartment leasing please contact Sara at 503-568-5908 for more information). (Other Information is posted on the LNA Facebook page)*

LNA member – **Hayley Graves** asked 3 questions:

1) How is the decision made to select applicants?
2) Is the community involved?
3) Why did PDC change their name?

1) The internal team within Prosper Portland includes Sara – Commercial Affordability Manager, Leila Aman - Project Manager, and a Leasing and Marketing Coordinator.
2) They had some meetings where they identified what uses would be desired in the

community. They also did a really small targeted survey of the business owners in Lents asking them questions like what are the biggest challenges of running a business in Lents, what's great about Lents, what do you think of Prosper Portland, what's your rent, what's your landlord like, is your landlord a good partner to work with? This allowed them to get raw feedback from the business owners in the community, giving them an idea of what it's like to do business here and what uses they saw would be desirable.

3) The motivation behind the name change was to reflect what they are currently doing in the community
    a. They have changed their mission:
        i. To generate revenue for the City
        ii. To engender social equity in real estate and among the business community

LNA member asked about the market rate tenants.

Daley: Oliver Station has rented out two market rate spaces. One is a fairly large fitness operation and the other is a medical rental facility.

Board member Hites asked if when they did their survey of the businesses did they ask the businesses if they had any input on what businesses would support their businesses and what kind of businesses were they interest in seeing located near their businesses?

Daley: We didn't ask that specific question but we did ask "what do you think would be good for the community?" We also ask a general question of what changes could be made in the community to help their business?

Portland Public Schools Bond Team – Marshall High School Campus activity: **Carol Campbell**, Principal, **Elona Wilson**, CIPA Outreach Specialist and **Jamie Hurd,** Office of School Modernization. Many students will be traveling via MAX from the Hollywood and Lloyd Center area to the Marshall campus. They have been working with Tri-Met for the last 3 years to mitigate any/some unforeseeable issues. Tri-Met is investigating using one of the blue line trains during peak hours to get kids to the school. They are also checking into school buses. There are close to 1,600 students that will be coming into Lents. They would welcome community involvement even if it's volunteers riding the train with the students who have never ridden public transportation. *(For more information - Carol Campbell, Principal of Grant High School - 503-916-5160)*

PUBLIC INPUT/NEW BUSINESS:

Portland Housing Bureau: **Jacob Sherman**, from the Portland Housing Bureau, is working with the Oregon Solutions Lents Stabilization Initiative regarding the high cost of flood insurance in Lents. Some of the agencies working together to address the high cost of flood insurance in Lents/Powellhurst-Gilbert are The Housing Bureau, Prosper Portland, The Bureau of Environmental Services, The Office of Management & Finance, as well as a couple of state

agencies that are working in partnership with local community groups like Green Lents, Neighborhood Associations and some private parties who are property owners. Deadline to apply for a free elevation certificate is July 5th. More than 50 people have applied for this program so far. *(Information posted on LNA Facebook page)*

Ben Agre and **Jonghoon Kim:** These two students are in the Master's Program for Financial Analysis at Portland State University. They are working with Rose City Development, taking a survey on low income housing providers. Looking for neighborhood feedback on their perspective of what they think of low income housing, specifically about ROSE or in general.

Thomas Legg: I'd like to make a motion to the board, to consider in view of the dead person that was discovered in Beggars Tick today and in view of the occupation of and increased occupation of the Springwater Trail which has really amped up in the past week or two. There's a lot of criminal activity and menacing going on there. We're not talking about garden variety homeless folks. So I would like to, if possible, make a motion that the LNA vote to contact the city and please request that the park rangers and Portland police more patrolling and more presence enforcement of the existing laws in regards to the illegal camping and garbage and trash. Thank you

Board member Cooper-Nearing: Agreed to make a motion to draft the letter and have Thomas work on it with her. Tie this response in with the other support letters we have written regarding the Springwater Trail. "I make a motion that we compose a letter to be sent to the Portland Police Department, to the Portland Parks Bureau and to the City Commissioners and the Mayor regarding the potential...camping that's growing in the Lents neighborhood natural areas and the native impact on the environment that has still not been mitigated from last year." There was no second of the motion.

Green Lents: **Nicole Leaper**, Board Member – would like to announce the 2017 Lents Garage Sale coming up on July 15, 2017. Registration due by July 5th - cost of $10.00 will include you on the map which will cover all of Lents & surrounding neighborhoods. Your location will also be included on a printed map which will be available at the Tool Library. *(Information posted on LNA Facebook page)*

Marilyn Buck Abolitionist Collective: **Mickey Kay** and **Maria Boyer** - We're an anti-capitalist and anti-racist collective. We are pushing back against the organized supremacy that is happening in the Lents neighborhood and giving the folks an alternative vision for the future because we believe that a future free from oppression is what we all want. We'll be doing a free lunch program for kids of all ages every Saturday from noon to 3:00 pm in Lents Park this summer. We'll be located near the middle eastside of the park by the picnic tables over by the east parking lot on 92nd. We're going to have it transition to a free lunch program for the schools in the fall. *(Information posted on LNA Facebook page)*

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the General Meeting was made by David Potts. There

was no second so it was passed by consensus. Hearing no objections to adjournment, this meeting is now adjourned. The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm

Draft Minutes submitted by Char Pennie, Lents Resident, on Wednesday June 28, 2017.
Minutes approved on July 25, 2017.