March 14, 2019 LNA Board Meeting

**Attendees**:  Sabina Urdes, Robert Schultz, Marci Addy, Brian Moore, Nick Christensen, Edward Marihart **Absent**: Leisl Wehmueller, Sarah Wines **Guest**: Ray Hites (7:14 PM)

Note-taker: Marci

**-- 6:36 PM Meeting called to order**

Review minutes.

Marci moves to approve minutes from the board meeting on January 10, 2019. Nick seconds the motion. 4 in favor, 1 abstains. Motion carries.

Sabina moves to approve minutes from the board meeting on February 14, 2019. Brian seconds the motion. Discussion: Robert suggests format for motions. 4 in favor, 1 abstains. Motion carries.

**6:42 PM** **Follow-ups**

New Copper Penny sign: We received an email from a community member interested in purchasing the sign for $50. Since we do not believe we have legal claim to the sign, the LNA board is recommending she contact Tidee Didee to discuss the purchase of the sign. Sabina will obtain Tidee Didee owner’s email address from Sarah; Marci will email letter to the owners explaining our position on the sign.

 Review other action items. Discussion of adding signatures to bank account. We will be removing Lacey and Ray from account, adding Brian and Marci.

Still need to add board member bios and pictures to website.

Marci and Sabina sent letter to former board members to collect LNA-related materials. The only response we received was from Autumn West, who had nothing to supply.

**6**:**59 PM** **Committee Reports**

Local Traffic Committee: Ed has been in contact with Brian at Community Connections Center, looking for email addresses from members who expressed interest at previous meeting. Sabina would like to send newsletter; Ed will provide meeting information to include in newsletter.

Public Safety: No update, but will try to host a meeting in the next thirty days.

Land Use: Nick heard from Kate Carone from the Bureau of Environmental Services. PBOT is planning on building a new bridge across Johnson Creek. Discussion of community involvement in Land Use Committee.

Events: Sabina has been talking to Robert Gibson at Palindrome Development about having commercial space for the Community Closet. She has secured space through the end of July, the former antique store, provided rent-free as long as we have liability insurance. Sabina reached out to East Portland Neighbors, who said our liability insurance should cover this. Sabina would like to possibly paint the space to update it. The goal is to host at least one Community Closet between now and the end of July and at least one Kids’ Clothing Swap Day. Discussion of whether this is an official LNA event, or an event run by Sabina in partnership with the LNA. Sabina is thinking it will be the Lents Community Closet with support of the LNA. More details to follow.

Financial Update from Ray: books balanced until January. Ray found that a check was cashed twice, once in May 2018 and then again on January 4, 2019. The check was to our childcare provider for $100. Brian will look into the issue and determine an appropriate resolution. Ray provides Brian with several folders and checkbooks as the new treasurer. Ray mentions he is not on the bank account, so he does not need to go to the bank to transfer signatures.

**7:32 PM March Agenda**

1. Public Safety: officer report – 5 minutes
2. Representative from Portland United Neighbors for Reform about proposed Infill Project. We will reach out to someone from the city to provide both sides of issue – 30 minutes
3. Allison from Prosper Portland – 20 minutes
4. Request: Representative Portland Forward about changing Portland’s current form of government from commission to district representation – potentially moving to April general meeting.
5. Request: Angela from EPCO– funding changes. Might be more appropriate for the board meeting vs general meeting.

**7:43 PM General Outreach and Recruitment**

Sarah Wines has just stepped down as Vice Chair.

Robert suggests spending funds on mailers, door hangers, email blast, focused on recruiting a vice chair for the board. Sabina mentions upcoming elections we need to recruit for. Robert mentions tabling at neighborhood elementary schools. Potentially reach out to new homeowners in the neighborhood.

**7:52 PM Meeting Location**

Discussion of potential new location of board meetings that are slightly larger or more inviting in case community members want to attend. Chris mentions that board meetings should be limited to essential communication and motions; most issues should be discussed with general membership.

**-- 8:00 PM Meeting Adjourned**

Action Items:

* Update signatures on bank account (Brian, Marci, Lacey, Sabina)
* Update board member bios – send to Sabina
* Sabina will supply Marci with email address for Tidee Didee; Marci will email the letter to owners.
* Robert will schedule a Public Safety meeting within the next thirty days
* Brainstorm recruitment strategies
* Robert will look into new space for board meetings