May 9, 2019 LNA Board Meeting

**Attendees**:  Sabina Urdes, Marci Addy, Edward Marihart, Leisl Wehmueller, Robert Schultz **Absent**: Brian Moore, Nick Christensen, Sarah Wines

Note-taker: Marci

**-- 6:42 PM Meeting called to order**

Review board minutes from October 2018.

Sabina moves to approve the October 2018 board meeting minutes to post on LNA website. Robert seconds the motion. Two in favor, three abstain (Marci, Ed, and Leisl, who were not on the board at that time). Motion carries.

Review board minutes from April 11, 2019.

Sabina moves to approve April board meeting minutes. Marci seconds the motion. 3 in favor, two abstain (Robert and Leisl, who were not at the April board meeting). Motion carries.

6:48 PM May General Meeting Agenda

Transportation Forum: Leisl and Sabina have met to discuss a possible agenda and have reached out to others, but they have not had many people commit to coming to the forum. Sabina suggests we move the forum to a future meeting rather than rushing it for the May. Leisl recommends creating incentives for community members to attend.

May General Meeting ideas:

House Bill 2007 Diesel pollution. Possibly have our representatives come speak.

Vision Zero about change in speed limits, along with PBOT.

Sabina will propose that LNA take a position on Portland’s form of government.

Ed will propose that LNA take a position on Residential Infill Project as it is written now.

7:03 PM Neighborhood Dumpster Cleanup

Leisl suggests applying for a grant to cover a neighborhood dumpster cleanup. We need to decide on location, recruit volunteers, find a good date. Robert suggests connecting it to the ability to donate and recycle and having clear logistics. Could involve Green Lents. This round of grant applications must be submitted by June 1st, and the event must happen within 30 days.

7:10 PM Discussion Items

Robert suggests forming an election committee to focus on recruitment and arrange with neighborhood coalition office about the logistics.

Robert moves to form an election committee with Sabina as chair and Robert as a second member. Marci seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Robert recommends setting aside time for community feedback at general meetings. He also suggests that law enforcement create a report about ongoing issues or events, or if they come to the meeting, to be at the top of the agenda. Leisl suggests we do not reach out to them for every meeting, but when it is relevant to our meeting topics.

Robert suggests we consider dissolving the LNA. No other board members have an interest in dissolving the LNA.

Measuring Success as an Association. Neighborhood Associations have three goals: advocacy, community building, and place-making. Sabina created document to list our activities for each of these goals. Robert thinks we have moved from handling complaints to playing an informational role and suggests we communicate with the community more, create shared priorities, create a strategic plan for the future. The board feels this would be best suited for a special meeting.

7:32 PM Community Partnership

 Green Lents 3rd Annual Lents Garage Sale. Community members can sign up to participate, and their location will be pinned on a map for the neighborhood. Sabina recommends partnering with community groups for events to encourage community members to initiate and lead projects that promote neighborhood involvement.

Sabina moves that the LNA pay for the $1500 Forest sponsor level for the Lents Garage Sale. This would include title sponsorship. Marci seconds the motion. Discussion about different levels, the cost benefit of sponsorship, participation numbers in the past, potentially recovering fees. Three in favor, one opposed (Ed), one abstains (Robert, who has unanswered questions about the event). Motion carries.

7:47 PM NCP Sign

Barbara Bader has asked Sabina to write a statement about the LNA’s involvement with the New Copper Penny Sign for a piece she is writing. Sabina will try to get the message to the board this weekend for feedback and will send to Barbara by Monday if possible.

**-- 7:51 PM Meeting Adjourned**

Action Items:

 Sabina and Ed will each write a proposal for LNA’s stance on their respective issues by early next week.

 Leisl and Robert to decide on potential date, location, and logistics for Dumpster Cleanup.

Sabina to write statement about New Copper Penny Sign, to be sent to board and Barbara Bader