

Lents Neighborhood Association General Assembly Meeting

Date: 12/8/20

Location: (Virtual Zoom)

7:00 pm-

Meeting called to order by: Sabina Urdes

Board Members Present: Sabina Urdes, Nicole Williams, Katie Penna, Jennifer Breedlove, Jason Bird, Jean Fang, Gerald Adkins, Natalie Adkins, Morgin Carpenter

Guest Speakers: Thea Munchel ([Prosper Portland](#)), Robyn Burek ([Portland Street Response](#)), Raven Drake ([Street Roots Ambassador Program](#))

Others Present: Bill Bagnall, Tina Kimmy, Robert Schultz, Rianna Sperling, Michael McCormick, Daniel McElligott, Marlia Linclair

Sabina welcomed everyone and attempted to bring up the meeting participation agreement, but was interrupted by technical difficulties.

7:06 pm-

Treasurer Report:

While everyone waited for Sabina to get back online, LNA Treasurer, Gerald Adkins, delivered the Treasurer Report:

As of December 8th 2020, the LNA account has a total balance of \$2,970.48

There is one pending credit from PayPal of **\$42.79** that will reach savings in 3 days from QR donations at the city cleanup.

There are several pending payments totaling in **\$1,497.17** including

- Waste management cleaning fee (**\$915.62**)
- 2 ASL interpreters for the Mayoral Q &A (**\$150**) \$75 each
- Reimbursements to Ben Coogan for LNA Registry with Secretary of State (**\$100**)
- Jen Breedlove for Cleanup supplies (**\$146.65**)
- Natalie Adkins for Voting stickers for LNA Elections (**\$35**)
- Morgin Carpenter for Zoom yearly subscription (**\$149.90**)

The account balance, once these pending credits and payments clear, should be \$1,516.10

There are also invoices for the offices of Mayor Ted Wheeler and Sarah Innaronne of **\$50** each for the ASL interpreters. Those will be sent today (approval of invoices?)

As of now there are recurring card fees of **\$4** each month

Last 30 days (November) have just 4 other transactions, 2 deposits of **\$33.55** and **\$35.83** along with subsequent withdrawals of the same amounts.

The board is still pending on a decision to continue to pay the PGE bills for the 2 locations. The timestamped recording can be seen [here](#).

Introductions: Jason Bird: *At-Large 1 year*, Bill Bagnall: *Pearl District Neighborhood Association*, Raven Drake: *Street Roots Ambassador*, Gearald Adkins: *LNA Treasurer*, Rianna Sperling: *Lents resident*, Nicole Williams: *At-Large 2 years*, Robin Burek: *Program manager for Portland Street Response*, Thea Munchel: *TIF District Manager for Lents and Gateway at Prosper Portland*, Jean Fang: *LNA Vice Chair*, Tina Kimmey: *South Tabor Neighborhood Association and Chair of SE Uplift Board*, Michael McCormick: *Community Member*, Katie Penna: *At-Large 1 year*, Jennifer Breedlove: *Land Use Chair*, Natalie Adkins: *Public Safety Chair*, Daniel McElligott: *Lents Resident*, Marlia Linclair: *Lents Resident*

Sabina thanked everyone for attending and read the Territory Acknowledgement.

7:18 pm-

Prosper Portland: Conversation with Thea Munchel: Status of the Lents Commons project, first signed lease, new broker, illustration project, updated marketing material, status of the 92nd and Harold project: <https://youtu.be/9OhAoMxqsnY?t=1176>

7:30 pm-

Community Announcements:

Jennifer Breedlove announced that on Saturday, Dec 12, the Lents Boys and Girls Club on SE 93rd and Harold, in conjunction with the Oregon Health Authority, are looking to get some volunteers to administer the flu vaccine and COVID-19 tests to the community. If interested, contact Jennifer via email and a testing and vaccination appointment may be reserved [here](#).

Gerald Adtkins expressed interest in helping.

Nicole Williams announced that [Friends of Trees](#) annual planting is coming up in January and Dec 14 is the deadline to get a tree in the Lents Neighborhood. All residents who were thinking about getting a tree this year are encouraged to do so now.

Jason Bird gave an update on the status of the Lents History Project, which consists of a website archive of photographs, documents and articles that he is in the process of compiling to make available to the public. Michael McCormick offered his skills in genealogy to the project.

Sabina Urdes gave an update on the East Portland Collective, announcing that they will be offering online classes to the public, free of charge, including a painting class, community horticulture, community clothing drive, and an online dance party. Those interested are encouraged to keep an eye out for those announcements and sign up forms on the East Portland Collective social media pages: [Facebook](#) & [Intsagram](#)

7:36 pm-

Portland Street Response: Robyn Burek, new Program Manager for Street Response provided an update on the launch in Lents and answered many questions from the community: <https://youtu.be/9OhAoMxqsnY?t=2298>

Sabina adjusted the agenda due to time overages and technical difficulties in the beginning of the meeting.

8:12 pm-

Street Roots conversation with Raven Drake: Ambassador program, de-escalation training, and more: <https://youtu.be/9OhAoMxqsnY?t=4412>

8:30pm-

LNA Educational Outreach Committee:

Katie Penna introduced the new LNA Educational Outreach Committee as a way to advocate for community members and help organize community communications between neighborhood parents/students and PPS. Katie stated that she had not done much with it as Chair to date, but expects that to change after Christmas when circumstances in her life are more accommodating.

8:31 pm-

Lents Dumpster Cleanup:

Jennifer Breedlove submitted a report detailing the [Lents Dumpster Cleanup](#) on Oct 3rd, 2020.

The four hour dumpster cleanup event served 119 families and local small businesses combined. Money was raised for Mt. Scott Church of God and the LNA for cleanup costs and partners such as Four Forces Inc., and sponsors like Waste Management and Arrows Sanitary were able to assist in curbing some of the costs. In total the LNA contributed **\$1,062.57**. A total of nine people volunteered and Jennifer, Robert Schultz and Sabina were credited for putting in the hours necessary to make it possible. Jennifer will be forwarding a proposal for a Spring cleanup to see if anyone is interested in making a Spring Dumpster Cleanup happen.

8:39 pm-

Meeting Minutes from October 27th, 2020:

Motion by Sabina and seconded by Nicole to approve the meeting minutes for the October 27th, 2020 General Assembly Meeting:

11 *yes*

1 *no*

Motion carries.

Sabina added that the board plans to introduce a survey for input on how to best serve the Lents community and encouraged those present to keep an eye out for that in the near future on the website.

8:40 pm-

LNA 2020/2021 Board Members:

Sabina introduced the [2020/2021 LNA Board](#).

8:41 pm-

Public Comment:

The meeting was opened to public comment and Robert Schultz demanded to know when the four grievances that he says he filed would be addressed. Sabina assured him that, due to extenuating circumstances with COVID and the lack of immediate training available for the new board, he should expect a response in January 2021.

Joanne Rees calling in as Ana Mynous requested a Treasurer's report and that there be an additional email "board@lentsneighborhoodgmail" for the entire board to access as it is her belief that the lentsneighborhood gmail address is non-responsive or selectively responsive to their quarries. She also requested that the ballots be inspected, stating that she had concerns about the write-in candidate process. Sabina reminded her that Gerald Adkins did in fact present a report at the start of the meeting and that there is a yearly financial report that is actively being worked on by the Treasurer and the finance committee and should be out very soon. She informed Joanne that it was her understanding that if she wished to inspect the ballots, she would need to go through the District Coalition Office and that timelines and procedures are somewhat in question due to the pandemic. She made it clear that she did not speak for the [District Coalition Office](#), but that this was her understanding from talking with them.

Joanne then asked to know the exact balance in the LNA bank account and Gerald informed her that she was entitled to that information and all requested documentation would be provided. Jennifer Breedlove wondered if that information could be made available on the website. Joanne was also encouraged to refer to the minutes for details.

Morgin Carpenter explained that the LNA email was still being cleaned up from neglect and was finally somewhat usable again. She stated that it had previously been choked with spam and clutter rendering it virtually impossible to navigate and that the work to clean it up properly was still underway, although the bulk of it had been done. Morgin went on to explain that if Joanne was having difficulty in sending a message via the contact page on the LNA website, it may be due to the spam blocking plugin and might indicate that whatever computer she's using could be infected with malware. Morgin asked that everyone bear with the board while they smooth things out.

Sabina also stated that she did see Joanne's emails and that she is in the process of drafting a lengthy reply and assured her that it would get sent out in the next couple of days.

8:52 pm-
Meeting Concluded