

Lents Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Date: 1/21/2021

Location: Virtual Zoom

6:33 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

Others Present: Robert Schultz, Joanne Reese, Gloria Coleman (Four Forces INC)

Sabina submitted a reminder that the meeting is a board meeting and, although open to the public, is only for board members to engage and to conduct board business and participation in it is by board invitation only.

6:37 pm-

Board Meeting Minutes

The board voted to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 LNA Board Meeting.

6:38 pm-

Motion by Sabina and seconded by Nicole to approve minutes from last board meeting:

Motion carries unanimously

6:39 pm-

Community Engagement Survey

The LNA board has spoken about putting out a survey to the Lents community in order to learn how to best serve the community's needs and to help inform the board's priorities for the coming year.

6:41 pm-

Motion by Sabina and seconded by Jennifer to approve community engagement survey:

Motion carries unanimously

6:43 pm-

Sabina brought up the need to form a grievance committee to address recent grievances brought before the board. She originally proposed a motion that a committee consisting of Jean Fang, Jennifer Breedlove, and Morgin Carpenter be formed in order to hear out the aggrieved parties and submit a report to the board with herself acting in a supportive, non-voting role. However, after much discussion, it was decided that it would be better for Sabina to not be on the committee to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest and Gerald Adkins volunteered to join.

7:05pm-

Motion by Sabina and seconded and amended by Jean to form a grievance committee consisting of Jean Fang, Jennifer Breedlove, Gerald Adkins, and Morgin Carpenter:

Amendments:

- Jean to draft process to present to board/grievance committee.

- Morigin to reach out to inquire about availability of people submitting grievances.
- Jean to send out grievances the board has received to date to board members that evening.

Motion carries unanimously

7:07pm-

Jennifer Breedlove and Gloria Coleman submitted an application to the Office of Community & Civic Life for their company, Four Forces Inc., in hopes of receiving the [Constructing Civic Dialogues Partnership](#) grant. With the grant, Four Forces Inc. wishes to make conflict resolution and de-escalation training available for free to the Lents community and others in the City of Portland and has asked for a letter of endorsement from the LNA in order to demonstrate the need and desire for such training in the Lents community. A draft of the [letter](#) was sent to board members hours before the meeting, but not all members had time to review it. A motion to approve the letter was tabled in favor of one to postpone until all board members were able to fully review and consider the proposal and then to ultimately bring it to the General Membership for a vote. Jennifer offered to create a [slide](#) showcasing the proposal and what it entails for better clarification to the community.

7:45pm-

Motion by Katie Penna and seconded by Jean Fang to postpone the vote to submit a letter from the LNA on behalf of Four Forces Inc. for the Constructing Civic Dialogues grant until the LNA General Membership Meeting, Tues, January 26:

5 yes

3 abstain (Sabina, Jennifer and Jason)

Motion carries.

749pm-

Agenda For General Assembly Meeting:

A tentative agenda for the [LNA General Assembly Meeting, Tues, January 26 at 7:00pm](#) was posted on the LNA website and a vote was needed to approve it. Jean brought up that there had been requests for more open discussion time with the LNA finance committee and suggested that some time be made in the agenda for an upcoming meeting to accommodate that. Sabina was still unsure what speakers would definitely be able to attend, as the the meeting conflicts with other engagements, most notably, the PPS board meeting. She also clarified that a previously planned talk from the [Shelter to Housing Continuum Project](#) had to be cancelled for similar reasons. A [post on the LNA website](#) back in December, 2020 detailed the project and how it may impact Lents. Sabina informed the board that S2HC committed to a talk at the General Membership Meeting in February.

7:57pm-

Motion to approve the agenda for the LNA General Assembly Meeting on Tues, January 26th:

7 yes

1 abstain (Jennifer)

Motion carries.

Updates:

7:58pm-

Land Use Committee:

Jennifer Breedlove updated on a proposed development in Lents for a 22 unit building with no parking and limited accessibility that included the construction of 3 town homes on SE 89th AVE between SE Foster and SE Woodstock BLV. There were concerns that the developer may have violated the process required to move forward with the build. Jennifer contacted the [Bureau of Development Services](#) and requested more information regarding said process, which BDS confirmed had not been violated. She also contacted the developer requesting they attend a General Membership Meeting to give a presentation on what they hope to accomplish in Lents, to which she received no reply. She also attempted to reach out to Prosper Portland and the developer for the proposed 92/H project on the corner of SE 92nd and SE Harold St, but got no response. The WATTLES Boys & Girls Club, next door to the proposed project, is attempting to add solar panels and air conditioning to their building, but due to lack of communication from both the City and the developer, are unable to move forward at this time.

8:01pm-

Treasury Update:

Gerald Adkins gave a brief update of the LNA bank account for the last 30 days.

All of the reimbursement checks that were pending in the last report have cleared as have several other pending checks.

Reimbursements:

\$149.00 to Morgin Carpenter for LNA Zoom yearly subscription license.

\$100.00 to Ben Cougan for LNA renewal registry with the Secretary of State.

\$146.65 to Jennifer Breedlove for Dumpster Cleanup supplies.

Payments:

\$915.62 to Oregon Paper & Fiber for waste removal for the Dumpster Cleanup.

\$36.00 to Portland General Electric bill pay.

\$150.00 (\$75.00 each) to ASL interpreters at the Mayoral Candidate forum.

Total Savings Account Balance:

\$1,665.52

All funds are kept in savings and all amounts due are transferred automatically to the checking from the savings as needed. The checking is kept at \$0.00.

Gerald sent invoices to the offices of Ted Wheeler and Sarah Inanrone to reimburse the LNA, as they had agreed to split the cost of the community requested ASL interpreters equally. The LNA expects to be reimbursed for **\$100.00** or **\$50.00** from each office.

8:07pm-

Communications Committee:

Jean made a personal appeal for help with the LNA Gmail account in deleting spam and flag legitimate email pertaining to LNA business for review. She asked that members of the board consider becoming members of the Communications Committee or volunteering to help with the email by filling out a Content and Style Guide form to be granted access to email credentials. She also relayed a request from PSU's director of [Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative](#) to help disseminate a survey

regarding community experiences and thoughts on Metro projects, particularly as it pertains to Lents Town Center between SE 87th and SE 101st Ave. Jean wanted to talk about it before she posted the link to the survey on the LNA Facebook page. Sabina thanked Jean for all of her help with the email and communications in general, as it is a very dense job. Sabina reminded everyone that all are welcome to help with the email if they so desire. Katie Penna volunteered to assist with email maintenance and was told that the style and access form would be sent to her soon to facilitate that process.

8:10 pm-

Meeting adjourned.