

# GENERAL MEETING 09/08 - DRAFT

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September 8th, 2022 / 6:00PM / Woody Guthrie Place

## ATTENDEES

Jessica Ward (chair), Joanna Morrill (vice chair), Ken Luchini (treasurer), Jasmine Anderson-Sprague (public safety), Mary Oxford (land use), Joanne R, Hannah R

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by the chair.

**Meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting online. Minor discussion regarding Ken's motion from a previous meeting on the minutes was had.**

Jasmine edited the July board meeting minutes prior to the meeting, and the motion Ken made was updated and distributed before the meeting.

- "Ken Luchini made a motion to reinstate and ignore the resignations of Nancy Keating, secretary, and Joanna Morrill, Vice Chair. Jessica Ward seconded the vote.
- The Board agreed with the motion unanimously."
  - -July 14th Board Meeting Minutes

Joanna made a motion to accept the July 14th Board Meeting minutes, as edited by Jasmine. Jasmine seconded. The vote passed 4 yay - 1 no.

**Ken noted that he was voting 'no' because he had not yet read the minutes.**

## Board chair reports:

Joanna (vice chair): would like to hold a concert in the park next summer.

Ken mentioned that there may be monies available for this event, donated by WalMart and the city multiple years ago.

**Joanna mentioned an Oregon Symphony event this Sunday at Lents Park, and said she'd like to see how concerts at Lents Park might**

**work.** Joanna also stated she would apply for the Portland Parks Foundation grant for this event. **Ken stated he would like to use EPN accounts to keep grant monies separate from LNA monies to ensure use for grant items. Jasmine asked how much the cut would be for using EPN accounts; Ken stated he believed a 10% processing fee would be required. Discussion was tabled.**

Mary (Land Use): Mary reported that the Reedway report was back and can be found online.

92H Building: concerns by neighbors include lack of parking, increased traffic, and emergency vehicle clearance. Ken reported that emergency staff have looked at the area and are not concerned, and they asked for a stoplight which the city denied.

Ken (treasurer): Ken reports that as of August 29th, 2022 the LNA bank account stands at \$966.84. He stated he received the bank account checks at the last meeting.

**POP event donations have not yet been turned over to the treasurer. They are about \$40.**

The Lents monuments account with PGE was closed September 2nd. PGE will absorb any costs incurred until the electric meter is removed.

EPCO CAF submitted on September 1st, the application was acknowledged the same day. September 8th the application was accepted and \$1,000 will be awarded to LNA.

Jasmine (public safety): Jasmine expanded on the Reedway report. BES metal testing showed safe lead levels, however benzene was found to be measured at levels unsafe. Therefore the dirt removed for building the SRV will need to be disposed of elsewhere.

Joanna was able to sign the crosswalk letter prior to the evening's meeting and Jasmine will mail it out tomorrow (Friday September 9th, 2022).

Jessica (chair): the next LNA general meeting guest speaker will be staff from City of Portland BES. They will discuss the Springwater Corridor wetland and West Lents wetland projects. BES will speak for about 30 minutes.

Jessica reiterated that we are in need of a secretary because the seat is currently vacant.

VOA Changemakers event September 15th - [voaor.org/changemakers](http://voaor.org/changemakers) to register for free.

Monument clean-up grant funding conversation was had. We now have funds available for clean-ups; tool purchases, dumpsters, etc. A need for space to store these items was had.

Jessica would like to host a harvest party in November - meet and greet with neighbors. Potentially at a CDC Rose building.

Jessica would like to make an amendment to a previous treasurer report. The report states EPN was 'recommending' closing a negative account, however in later email correspondence Arlene states that the EPN account (negative \$4500) was absorbed in 2019. Ken states he will correct the statement on his treasurer's report.

## **Elections**

- The previous (interim) board, in correspondence with the DOJ, stated in a website post via Don Johnson that sitting board members appointed in May will not need to be re-elected and that an election this year is not necessary.
  - Here is Don Johnson's quote from the LNA website;

"This is an even year, 2022, we should only be electing 6 positions. And three of the core positions, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

"But we're trying to fill all of these seats AND somehow follow the bylaws. So, to re-create the staggering of 2 year positions into an annual election, we will elect the Even Year positions to serve for the years 2022 thru 2024, and

the Odd Year positions to serve for the years 2022 thru 2023."

- Because we are in need of a secretary an election will be held for open seats; Secretary and Three (3) at-large board member seats.
- Jasmine moved to hold elections in October this year. Jessica seconded.
  - Discussion was held; Joanna amended the motion to "November" instead of October. Jessica seconded.
    - Vote on motion to hold elections in November instead of September was held. The vote passed unanimously.

## **By-Laws**

- **Recruit members on the Facebook and website to provide input on by-laws created by LNA board.**
  - **Ken stated the bylaw process should be as follows;**
    - **Board to go over bylaws as a board.**
    - **Make amendments to the bylaws.**
    - **Bring that back to a general meeting, allow for comments at the general meeting.**
    - **Bring any amendments/comments from the general assembly back to a board meeting for approval.**
    - **Bring bylaws back to a general meeting.**
- **Jessica read the proper bylaw procedure from current LNA bylaws.**
- **ONI template will be used - Joanna proposed holding a special meeting for by-law creation.**
  - **Ken moved to hold a special meeting next Thursday (September 15th) at 6:30pm (on Zoom). Jessica seconded and the vote passed unanimously.**
- **Following the meeting; new by-laws will be posted online to solicit amendments/revisions.**
  - **Jessica moved to propose these by-laws at the next general meeting. Jasmine seconded. The vote passed unanimously.**

## **Notes:**

- **Jessica motioned to have a \$20 refreshment fund per meeting. Jasmine seconded. Vote passed unanimously.**
  - **Ken will purchase refreshments for September general meeting.**
- **Neighborhood clean-up conversation was tabled.**
- **Kelley Monica works at City of Portland BES and emailed us to let us know she would help us plan refuse disposal (dumpster days).**

## **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:43PM**

Next LNA Board Meeting: October 13th at 6:30pm.

Next LNA general meeting: September 27th at 6:30pm

minutes submitted by Jasmine Sprague