

Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

June 3, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.; Virtual Meeting on Google Hangouts

Actions Taken

Membership Vote to affirm Board Action of May 6 to reduce size of Board from 13 Directors to 11 Directors. Keturah Pennington so moved. Passed by Membership.

Addition of Beer Cart at Hillsdale Food Cart Park, by Marie Tyvoll:

Taken from the table on motion by Marie Tyvoll. Motion to remove from table passed. Main motion voted upon; did not pass. See body of minutes for full text.

Voting process. Moved by Don Baack to offer on the website and email an invitation to all Hillsdale Members to nominate people for the Board by 5 PM on June 15, mail by MailChimp the ballots on early on June 16, and vote by June 17. Send out advance notice to check for ballots on June 16. Seconded; Keturah expressed her position that this did not allow sufficient time. Passed.

SWNI Grant application. Motion by Don Baack. Don Baack moves a committee led by Glenn Bridger and any other interested board members or other Hillsdale residents be authorized to assemble a list of qualified expenditures to utilized the allocated \$1,000 CIVIC life funds by June 20. The final request will be approved by the HNA board. Passed.

Black Lives Matter, Eric Wilhelm presented the motion:

The Hillsdale Neighborhood Association joins the many members in our larger community in calling for change in the way we are policed. We know that black lives matter. We know that systems need to change to eliminate structural racism. We know that white supremacy and white nationalism as well as the systems that support them are a threat to our community. We know that the growing lack of “community policing” erodes relationships within our community and impedes stronger relationships from growing. We know that tangible actions need to be taken to address these issues. Many of those who have white privilege have also come to understand this as a duty.

We strongly support the recommendation of the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP) regarding the call on elected officials to amend the federal “qualified immunity” standard (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pccep/article/761766>). We additionally support the PCCEP recommendation regarding the upcoming 2020-2024 police union contract (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pccep/article/749041>) and strongly support a process that is community engaged and informed. Based on collective experiences, we fear that this

engagement may be a rubber stamp of community involvement and we demand that community voices not only be heard, but that their concerns be directly addressed in the final document. We ask that greater effort be made to recruit officers from within the communities of Portland, that more officers live in the communities they serve, and demand that the white supremacist and white nationalist elements plaguing our police community be purged.

We call on all other neighborhood associations to join us in this support as well as SWNI and all other neighborhood coalitions. As the Office of Community & Civic Life evolves to embrace a broader representation of our City, it is our duty to listen to and act on the calls for change from the many voices in our community as the designated connection between the City of Portland and its people. We know that you share our frustrations at the constant exercises of budget cutting in every bureau that contributes to the livability of our City even before the pandemic. We hope that you are as frustrated that, at the same time, the Portland Police budget is slated for increase while the PPB too quickly resorts to violence toward the people they are sworn to protect and serve. We look forward to standing together with all of you.

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Motion passed.

Meeting

Pre -7:00 Participants became familiar with Google Hangouts. Sharon Keast of the SWNI Office provided instruction and technical support throughout the meeting

7:00 The meeting was called to order by President Tyvoll. President Tyvoll was also providing hand on service to another activity and asked Vice President Glenn Bridger to run the meeting in her stead.

Welcome & Introductions. Participants joined in by Google Hangouts or by phone. Self introductions were made. The meeting was recorded and the recording is available on the HNA website.

Attending: Sharon Keast, Leslie Pohl, Leslie Hammond, Stephanie Byrd (guest only), Keturah Pennington, Eric Wilhelm, Don Baack, Rick Meigs, Glenn Bridger, Tatiana Lifshitz, Marie Tyvoll

Board Member Present: Don Baack, Tatiana Lifshitz, Bre Wende, Glenn Bridger, Eric Wilhelm, Marie Tyvoll; Rick Meigs. **Board Not Present:** Aslan Newson, Will Reese, Bre Wende, Chuck Stilson,

Other members and guests:

Sharon Keast SWNI Staff, Leslie Hammond SWNI President

Agenda for June meeting – Discussion of Black Lives Matter added following motion by Don Baack, Eric Wilhelm to present. Agenda approved. Quorum established
Request for volunteer to take minutes; Bridger reluctantly agreed to do it again.

Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2020 – approved

Motion to Reduce size of HNA Board from 13 to 11 members. Keturah Pennington so moved. Question regarding what this does in defining the quorum necessary for Board action. Clarified, as quorum is set based on size of Board. Passed.

Officer Reports

President – Marie Tyvoll. Reported on video posted by Board Member Aslan Newsom regarding her experiences as a Black and Native person during this time.

Vice President – Glenn Bridger. Clarified for the attendees the reason for the monthly article in the SWNI News. This monthly publication helps assure that the Agenda for the coming meeting is published as required. President Tyvoll indicated she had not been advised of this best practice. Further discussion by Eric and Leslie Hammond.

Secretary – Vacant

Treasurer – Rick Meigs. Donation Check as approved to Neighborhood House \$50. Bank Balance is now \$426.44

Tabled Motion – Addition of Beer Cart at Hillsdale Food Cart Park. Marie Tyvoll

A motion to remove it from the table was made by Marie Tyvoll, and not seconded. Discussion on process for taking it off the table; to clarify the process, it was seconded by Don Baack. The revised motion presented by Marie Tyvoll as published in the Agenda:

Full text of Motion – Addition of Beer Cart at Hillsdale Food Cart Park:

Motion: At the April 1, 2020 Hillsdale Neighborhood Association (HNA) Meeting, Hillsdale Food Cart Park owner Richard Stein indicated his intention to add a beer cart to the current food cart pod. The HNA supports the continued success of the Hillsdale Food Cart Park and the recently constructed memorial stage.

HNA cannot support the addition of a beer cart to the Hillsdale Food Cart Park at this time.

HNA unequivocally supports the Hillsdale Food Cart Park and its current vendors, especially during this unprecedented pandemic. The Hillsdale Food Cart Park is adjacent to the entrance to Wilson High School and immediately accessible to students and users of the facilities. We

want to ensure that the health, safety and wellbeing of both Wilson students and the broader community are top of mind and we know that the food cart management shares these concerns as well.

HNA concerns are informed in part by Wilson student feedback about the Hillsdale Food Cart Park in Fall 2019, specifically feedback from students in the Wilson Black Student Union (BSU) and that were included in the HNA letter to the "Wilson HS Visioning Project." See BSU student feedback on Page 2, #5: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fCsuOKzxwWLPmW-pMknKelger1gofjsK/view?usp=sharing>. In addition, the BSU student feedback from the HNA letter is included at the end of this document.

Given these concerns from students, a Wilson graduate from the 2018/19 school year shared a potential solution for consideration: The Hillsdale Food Cart Park should prohibit students from bringing backpacks to the food park pod to cut down on activities that take place during and after school and to also help reduce the number of students who hang out there "all the time". He gave the example of the 76 gas station at 6303 SW Capitol Highway (intersection of Sunset Blvd.) where management does not allow students to bring backpacks inside the Food Mart.

HNA respectfully requests the following from food cart management before HNA can consider supporting the addition of a beer cart to the Hillsdale Food Cart Park:

1. Submit proposal to HNA that includes the following information listed below (at a minimum) in reference to the addition of proposed beer cart to the Hillsdale Food Cart Park. (This proposal must include written feedback from the current Wilson administration in place at the time of OLCC application of proposed beer cart.)

- a. Hours of Operation (including Special Events)
- b. Cart Park Management & Oversight Protocols
- c. Safety and Service Best Practices & Protocols
- d. OLCC Requirements, Permit Timeline and Regulations with Enforcement Monitoring Plan with note of any specific requirements due to close proximity of proposed beer cart to Wilson High School and Rieke Elementary School
- e. Risk Mitigation and Liability Insurance
- f. Vendor Contract
- g. Summary of written feedback provided by Wilson Administration, Wilson Students and Stakeholders (see #2 below.)
- h. Security Mitigation Plan addressing potential break-ins, given the close proximity of the proposed beer cart to transportation hub
- i. Public Contact Information: Name and contact information for person in charge of food cart park and a second name and contact information in the event the person in charge cannot be reached. This information should be publicly posted in several locations at the food cart park for the purpose of reporting non-emergency concerns or complaints. In addition, this information should be provided to schools, Neighborhood Associations, SWNI and local businesses.
- j. Provide name of individual or organization that will apply for OLCC permit for proposed beer cart, given the Administrative Dissolution of Hillsdale Food Park LLC on Aug. 23, 2018: http://egov.sos.state.or.us/br/pkg_web_name_srch_inq.show_detl?p_be_rsn=1588721&p_srce=BR_INQ&p_print=FALSE

2. Conduct transparent Community Engagement Process to solicit feedback on HNA Proposal (see #1g above) from all community stakeholder groups to include:

- a. Current and past Wilson students, parents and alumni
- b. SW Residents
- c. SW-based non-profits

- d. Neighborhood Coalition and Neighborhood Associations
- e. Local businesses
- f. Etc.

3. Submit fully executed Good Neighbor Agreements with the abutting apartment buildings and nearby businesses to the Hillsdale Food Cart Park that include detailed information about proposed beer cart.

a. These should also include the name and contact information for the person in charge of the food cart park and a second name and contact information in the event the person in charge cannot be reached.

b. Copies of these fully executed Good Neighbor Agreements should be submitted and retained by HNA, SWNI and the Hillsdale Business Association for easy access by the public.

4. Consider a more limited approach by utilizing the permit process each time management would like to bring in a beer cart for summer concerts at the Hillsdale Food Cart Park.

a. Provide description of who will be responsible for additional security, liability insurance, OLCC compliance for monitoring, etc. during summer concerts with addition of beer cart

5. Provide update about status of Hillsdale Food Cart Park compliance with recent ordinance passed by Multnomah County Commission: <https://multco.us/file/83897/download>. (Article about proposed ordinance: <https://www.wweek.com/news/2019/09/24/multnomah-county-willconsider-increasing-food-cart-pod-regulation-this-week/>)

Action requested: Send the motion as approved to Richard Stein as owner/manager of the Hillsdale Food Cart Park, with copies to AJA LLC, Wardin Investment Company LLC (as member of AJA LLC), PPS Board, Wilson High School, Hillsdale Business and Professional Association, and SWNI (including Schools & Public Safety Committee's).

BSU student feedback on Page 2, #5, in HNA letter to the “Wilson HS Visioning Project”

5. The food carts and public stage have become an important asset to Hillsdale and should not be impeded. However, Wilson student health, safety and wellbeing at this facility must be prioritized as part of the master planning process. Among the issues that have been raised this school year by Wilson students:

- The food carts were definitely worse last school year due to lack of supervision; the energy seems more controlled this year. There are two PPS security guards at the food carts this year during lunch (that was not the case last year).
- The food carts are a site of racial tensions as well as reported drug use. Students said that many students and some families have stopped going to the food carts this year because of the situation last year.
- Students described two after school fights this year. One fight involved students of color against white students. Another student said there were regularly fights after school at the food carts.
- One student described a couple of students with switchblades at the food carts.
- There is a lot of vaping and weed at the food carts after school.
- Students described the food carts after school as where the “DK’s” hang out, i.e. the drug kids. A student described rumors of harder drugs, like meth and cocaine, at Wilson and at the food carts.
- Finally, because students can no longer vape this year at the food carts during lunch, one student said students are moving to other locations: one example is that a student used the gender-neutral bathroom in Wilson for about 45 minutes to vape.

Discussed the motion; maker expressed her desire to have it on the record. Motion voted upon; motion not passed.

Nominating committee – Marie, asked for Bridger to report. Bridger reported on the status and received commitments from Bridger and Baack to be candidates. Discussion on our on line information. Suggestion by Eric to post the link to the membership form for new attendees at meetings to sign in to Web meetings. Rick and Will have been in contact with Matt D regarding access to data submitted. Requested nomination for the Board from the floor, three times. None presented.

Election date was set by President as June 17. Sharon confirmed she would be able to provide technical assistance.

Online voting process discussed, with focus upon Survey Monkey. Process as used by SWNI Board Officers was done by Leslie Hamilton. All members of the HNA will be able to vote.

Voting Process

Moved by Don Baack, as stated at front of these minutes. Seconded; Keturah pointed out the short time allowed to consider the ballot. Passed.

SWNI CEAP Grant

Don Baack made the motion set forth at front section of these minutes; seconded. Don and Leslie Hamilton elaborated on the proposal. Marie requested to be on the committee. Discussion by Marie Tyvoll and Leslie regarding the application on the PPP funds. Marie asserted that the SWNI Board has received absolutely no information on the loan; comments by SWNI Chair Leslie regarding the process and information provided, and approval by the SWNI Board. Motion passed with one no vote, Marie. Clarification by Leslie Hammond stated that monies programmed by SWNI for Grants are not PPP Funds, as those will be going to salaries keeping staff employed.

Committee Reports

Public Safety – Keturah Pennington, attended virtual meeting but had technical difficulties. Glenn asked question regarding a Police Recognition Party. Leslie H responded affirmative. Glenn asked for there be inclusiveness of the of the meeting. Keturah responded about including the Fire Department and families. Glenn suggested that the process also be coordinated with the E & I Committee. Discussion that special invitations regarding inviting Mosques, Somalia families, etc. Any celebration is subject to being able to hold it in order to allow social

distancing. Hold it in the Park? Significant discussion on use of the term, “colored” and various uses of the terms.

Land Use – Tatiana Lifshitz – City continues to handles permitting by appointments. City still working on RIP, and unable to provide a speaker for this evenings meeting.

Transportation – Eric Wilhelm – Further discussion and motion at SWNI on Slow Streets, Safe Streets efforts where supported by neighborhood associations. PBOT grinding Terwilliger and associated issues regarding repaving processes. Don reported information on efforts for businesses to be able to use parts of the ROW for business-oriented permits.

Parks – Leslie Pohl-Kosbau – Leslie asked if there are any Park issues that she should take back to SWNI; none shared. Regarding Parks budget issues, Bridger questioned why Portland has a golf course in our neighboring community. Leslie recalled that was a part of the deal from past years, but will be taken forward. Leslie mentioned that there is a value to the open space of the golf course.

Black Lives Matter motion – Eric Wilhelm

Eric presented a motion based upon Maplewood Document as refined to represent Hillsdale. Some other wording changed by maker in response to comments made. Further discussion on the issues, such as what is “systemic racism”, white privilege, and other concepts. Full Motion as finalized found at start of the document, including wording regarding White Privilege as requested by President to enable her signing it. Vote: All in favor with one opposed (Tatiana). Passed. Question regarding whether we had a quorum by Tatiana; Glenn ruled that quorum established at beginning the meeting; Tatiana disagreed. Vote by majority vote of those representatives present. Glenn ruled we can take a vote. Vote passes.

(NOTE on who was present at time of this vote – attendance of 6 Board members at this time verified on recording, which is a quorum for the approved board size 11.)

OPEN for Comments. Marie shared her personal activities regarding her personal activity in the ongoing protests, and request for any donations that can be made by reaching out to Marie.

Meeting adjourned;

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Bridger
Minute taking volunteer, HNA Board