

Homestead Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Via video conference

Attendance:

Ed Fischer, Jackie Philips, Ann Knedler, Robert Bonner, Milt Jones, Nathan Swanson, Tommy T., Lee Buhler, Nate, Norma Hamilton, Eric Schnell

Ed called the meeting to order at 7:02

Minutes: Jackie made a motion to approve the October 6, 2020 with minor corrections. Aaron seconded the motion and it was approved with a few abstaining as they were not at the meeting.

Wilson High School Renaming Project: Noreena McCleave introduced herself. She graduated from Wilson High in 2018. She is on a committee proposing to change the name of Wilson High School. She shared a video on the project and why it is needed. President Wilson was very racist, even for his time. Norma Hamilton introduced herself. She is on the staff at Wilson. She is also on the committee. They want to share where they are with the community. They have a website: <https://x5mwvzc9fr.wixsite.com/mysite> The committee is student led. They would like input from the community. Jackie asked what the odds are of PPS approving it. Norma said they have a very good change. They have a form on the website for community comments. Norma said they hope to submit the responses to the superintendent in December and if he approves it will go to the school board. Ed asked if there were names suggested. They have some votes but they were not aware of what they are. Eric said that it is important that any vote not be solely an internet vote.

Bylaw Amendments: We discussed the draft bylaws changes. They were posted on the web page. There have been suggestions to change the term “anti-racist” as there has been controversy around the term. We discussed the issue and everyone liked changing it to “be an organization that actively opposes racism” Bob pointed out that it is aspirational to be anti racist and the new wording made that more clear.

Aaron had sent in suggestions for article III. We discussed the paragraph and come up with the following:

“The Board and every committee, including ad-hoc committees, will strive to seek input from all voices from the community, particularly under-represented groups, and their views are represented in the identification of priorities of the association, the strategies to accomplish those priorities, and the decisions made by the association. In the pursuit of our work, this association and everyone serving in it, must treat every community member with respect.”

Ed will wordsmith wording and send it to the board. Then we will put it in on the Homestead web page and have a first vote next month.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron said there were no changes and the balance is at \$687 with \$90 in the sign-cap fund. He said we will have to fill out the state CT-12 form and there is a \$20 fee.

Membership/Signs: Ann said the Zoom signs are out and is being noticed. We will put the membership on a spreadsheet format.

Land Use: Milt said there is nothing new in land-use but there has been an uptick in mailbox and garage thefts near Barbur.

SWNI: Jackie said a lawsuit was filed to get emails from 10 years ago. SWNI's insurance company will pay legal fees for defense of the lawsuit. SWNI staff is working at 75% of normal to conserve funds. They are hoping to get funding back by January. They are asking for donations. Ed asked if the employees would get some of their wages back. Jackie said they do not know yet.

NET: Bob the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management has a conference call every Wednesday at 6pm and it is a good way to get information. There are 45 people in Homestead that are either NET certified or shortly will be. Terwilliger Plaza has been doing a good job of getting people trained.

Parks: Bob said Friends of Terwilliger met with Parks and they are talking about developing Eagle Point. They would like to improve the slope with native plantings. They hope to use \$25,000 from the Parks budget. Jackie said it would be good to get a heads-up when they make plans for Eagle Point so we can comment.

There was a discussion of the area between Terwilliger and Hamiton Terrace were Bancroft ends. People would like to see that area improved as a park like area. Jackie asked if they would vacate that part. Bob said it is confusing as there are a lot of utilities that run through that section.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm

Submitted by:

Lee Buhler