

NENC Board Meeting December 7, 2015

Morf, Brian, Jodi, Jim L, Anna, Kyle, Erica, Jim M, Bea, Jim B are the board members present

About 10 people in the audience, which was high for a meeting where we announced we were having a retreat to organize our coming year rather than having public comment or liaison reports.

There were comments suggesting we address development and street plans.

There were some comments about those issues. But then we tried to redirect back to getting officers in place and to planning for the year.

Kyle explained the officer roles and some of the duties of council members.

Community Council reps...Bea, Morf, Erica, Brian, Jodi

Can there be a link to CCOT on our website? Maybe their minutes?

There were questions about how to be appointed. There are four open slots. The first appointment opportunity is at the January meeting. The same board qualifications apply.

There were questions about Proctor development and if 4Proctor is part of the NENC. 4Proctor is not part of the NENC.

Jim M expressed an opinion that we should move forward with voting and taking positions.

There was a question about zoning and about how to let people know about zoning, but it's a hard topic to get people interested in doing it.

Anna offered some clarification on planning. Which was welcome. She's on the planning commission. She helped us think about when to comment. There was confusion about infill and MUCs. There was confusion about the process.

There was a request that the NENC provide some guidance on issues the neighbors should be tracking. We have the website and Facebook, but people have to visit and people have to post.

Is there a UPS student who wants to intern with the board?

Design Review as a topic for next year?

What about the Weyerhaeuser mansion?

There was a question about code enforcement.

Call 311 if you don't know who to call in the city.

Jim M offered a list of items to discuss at our meetings coming up this year.

Morf said we need to know the city's timeline so that we can plan our meetings in a way that makes our conversations meaningful.

We talked about the things on the calendar that are already planned. There was a question about having a back-up meeting time in case the neighborhood needs to manage an issue.

Then we had conversation about when we should have liaisons be present at meetings. Then there was conversation about the structure of meetings. Jim M had some suggestions about how to get feedback from liaisons.

There was a suggestion to change the meeting name to NENC Meeting rather than NENC Board Meeting.

Jodi thanked Jim M for the list of issues and voiced support for having an issue-oriented calendar. She included billboards in the list that Jim M distributed. She advocated that we stand behind some of the issues a little more forcefully.

Brian asked about picking the issues we want to address first.

Jim M suggested that we meet during the first non-holiday Monday of the month, which means we sometimes meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

There was some agreement that we need to have experts come to our meetings, both pro and con, before we take a position on an issue.

**Our January meeting will have officer elections (and possible appointments), liaison reports, approval of the budget plan for the year, and confirmation of calendar ideas. There will also be an opportunity for public comment to address hot button issues. HOMEWORK: BRING CALENDAR IDEAS WITH RESEARCHED INFO ABOUT THE TIMELINE FOR THE ISSUE YOU WANT ON THE CALENDAR AND EXPERTS YOU PLAN TO INVITE TO ATTEND THOSE MEETINGS.**

Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> is the Click! decision. Go to the meeting and have your say.

We adjourned somewhere around 8:00.

Sorry about the wandering nature of these notes. There was no agenda...But the info in bold seems like a good starting point for January. Happy Holidays!