

LNA General Meeting: February 26, 2019

7:09 PM Meeting called to order

Review January General Meeting minutes. Chris moves to approve minutes, Sabina seconds the motion. 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstained. Motion carries.

7:10 PM Nick Christensen, Land Use Chair:

The LNA received a notice from City Bureau that they want to vacate the right of way on SE Malden Street, SE Malden Court, SE Lambert Street and SE 89th Avenue. Nick proposes a motion that the LNA supports the proposed street vacation of SE Malden Street, SE Malden Court, SE Lambert Street and SE 89th Avenue, provided that access is maintained to utility meters in what is currently the PBOT right-of-way; and that pedestrian access is established from SE 89th Avenue to the Springwater Corridor and/or SE 87th Avenue.

There is no through vehicle traffic right now. We ask that they maintain the bridge that is currently located in the area. Marci seconds the motion. Discussion: is the bridge currently used by the public or for private use? Answer unknown. 7 in favor, 1 opposed, 9 abstained. Motion carries.

Community Announcements:

1. Holgate Library Activities:
 - Tuesday, April 30 at 6 pm: Community conversation about changes in the neighborhood, housing crisis, streetscape changes, refreshments provided. They are trying to learn how they can be more welcoming in the future.
 - Sunday, March 17 at 3:15 pm: Cooking around the world: no bake desserts, family friendly.
 - March 16th Book Club: *The Alice Network*.
 - Big change in May: they are getting a new integrative library system. Main change the public will notice is that the Catalog station will change. May 13th-15th they will have no computers to check out books while the new system is installed. The new system will be fully operational on May 16th.
2. Will with The Bridge (on 88th and Foster): Saturday, April 20th Extravaganza: Easter egg hunts, games, prizes. All are welcome.
3. Crystal with PDX Saints: They serve food at 1:30 pm on Fridays in Lents Park, serving the houseless community. Contact Crystal if you have ideas or are interested in being involved. Their goal is to build relationships and find resources for those in need.
4. Alyssa with Share Inspiration: They give haircuts and do professional photos for domestic violence survivors. Demonstration of Love event: gave 250 backpacks, coats, shoes for children for school year. Would like to offer that to Lents community, looking for the space to work in the neighborhood.
5. Robin with First Robotics 1432: For any high school student, they meet in the neighborhood and would love more members from the community.

7:24 PM – Introductions for committees and events, largely funded by grants.

Sabina worked in partnership with Seventh Day Adventist Church and received a grant for \$30,000 for facility improvements through Prosper Portland.

Members are encouraged to sign up with their email to receive information about projects or events they are interested in.

Angela Previdelli is the Grants Program Specialist with East Portland Community Office. She can work with grant applicants to find funding, help you connect your ideas to available funds, look at budget, etc. before you submit your application.

Project/Committee Introductions

1. Lents History: Jason Byrd has been researching Lents history, collecting information, and trying to decide how to put that information together. He is looking for more members to help gather ideas and find direction on how to make the content available in the best way to the community.
2. Public Safety: main issues are crime reduction, houseless support, drag racing, and traffic safety. Looking for more members to collaborate with others in the community to brainstorm solutions.
3. Land Use: The city has 25 Land Use goals: citizen involvement is their number one goal, making sure the community has a say in its future. In the event of a controversial issue, we'll hand out flyers and make sure the city is mailing postcards. Committee brings information to General membership meetings to educate the neighborhood.
4. Local Traffic: recently formed committee to work with Mt Scott Church of God proposed subdivision. Main focuses are speed, volume, and visibility in an attempt to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety. Upcoming meeting on Monday, March 4th, 7 pm at Mt Scott Church of God.
5. Events:
 - a. *Pet Parade*: Kickoff will be at the Lents International farmers market, less than .5 mile loop, tables set up with vets and other community partners. Kids can carry stuffed animals if they do not have a pet. Last year they had therapy llamas; this year mini horses will lead the parade.
 - b. *Paint the Town Green*: Sponsored by Portland Metro with KINK fm, focusing on painting and picking up trash in underserved areas of Portland, primarily SE Portland. Members will work directly in their own neighborhoods. There will be a common meeting area in the morning to receive assignment, with breakfast provided. More details to be announced as date approaches.
 - c. *Community Closet*: Clothing Drive was held in December with the Community Closet day in January. Partnered with church for sorting and storage; we also had mobile pantries and Care Oregon to sign up people for OHP.
 - d. *Memory Garden*: corner of Bush and SE 104th. Designed for community members with memory issues, designed to create community, connection, and caring. This year, Spring Spruce Up will be April 6th: painting and other projects, plant sale and/or give-away, art project to paint benches.
 - e. *Lents Fair*: second Sunday in August from 11 am – 4 pm. Chicken beauty contest, five bands. Looking for volunteers: you'll get a free t-shirt! Face painting, balloon animals, and other activities at no cost.

7:56 Release to explore committee tables