



Minutes of the Meeting
Of
Thursday, June 15th, 2023 via Zoom only

Executive Board Members Present: Bayard Mentrum, Chair; Phyllis Abbott-Cavota, Vice Chair; Jess Cruz, Community Liaison Chair; Shirley Robertson, Treasurer; Kaethe Mentrum, Secretary/Park Chair.

General Board Members present: Pedro Mayoral, Randy Ray.

Absent with excuse: Becca Strieper; Don Jensen Land Use Chair; Michael Hoselton; Bill Berry, Joanne Barnhart.

Speaker who was absent: Police Officer, Narcotics Dept. Sean Bennett.

Members: Diane and Terry Crawford; Caitlin Hardesty, Kimberly Castro

Guest Speaker: Laura Klink, Communications Manager, Oregon Humane Society

City Councilor Present: Jose Gonzalez

The meeting began about 6:00 p.m. by zoom.

Bayard asked each to introduce themselves.

Jose Gonzalez, kindly gave us time although he was visiting his father at the hospital. First he said he wanted to exchange conversations with Sean Bennett about the homeless issues. But on finding out Sean was not present, he spoke about various homeless situations. He said as to the sidewalk problems, nothing is going to change much. It doesn't impact much to what's already existing. That was due to the ADA lawsuit in southern Oregon which impacted the whole state. They claimed not having enough clearance on the sidewalk. He explained the City had to have a reason to give to the State in case they were requested for comments. He also said any email should be sent to only two or three councilors and not to all the city councilors. It would be more effective that way. He thinks the conditions will only get worse and no good solutions in sight. He said the city is in financial trouble. He talked about nonprofits trying really hard. Bayard asked about all the millions the state is offering to help the homeless. Jose said we don't get any because we don't follow what the state wants.

Diane Crawford asked Jose to help Tim Fiscus, a 94-year-old man on reverse mortgage, living in about 7 acres of land, surrounded by the unmanageable homeless. Diane asked Kaethe to inform what happened to the Disability and Senior Services (DSS) who was supposed to be helping. Kaethe informed when she was finally able to talk to someone at DSS after many calls, she received a message saying they closed the case on him. They did not provide a reason behind that. Jose asked for his contact information and Kaethe said she will provide it to him.

Kaitlin, a neighbor, complained about how fast the cars are going on Northgate Ave. There are children around and she is concerned. Kaitlin also mentioned about trucks making noise at night. She asked if there is any way to control these issues. Jose said both he and Councilor Stapleton worked together on trying to get different signs, but he also said unfortunately these drivers don't pay any attention to signs.

Katlin also talked about her brother's alcohol addiction problem and how it affects her family. She complained they tried to get him into rehab centers, but they are all packed and they were told no availability. On top of that, she said she

knows an addict needs more time than the two weeks they give. Bayard talked about a man who was addicted, went to jail for stealing and dealing with drugs. But once he was in jail, he became clean after five times in and out of jail. On release, he decided to help others who are addicted. He went to a nonprofit agency who deals with the homeless. He wanted to become a counselor to help the others who were addicted. But the agency told him no because the housing of these drug addicts and treatment of certain drugs is what brought them money.

Phyllis came on board to talk about Al-Anon, a nonprofit that works with families and friends of those who are addicted. She said it is not only the addicted who have issues. Those related to them are troubled and stressed due to their family or friends' addiction. She highly recommended this agency to those family and friends affected by the addicted people.

Laura Klink from Humane Society (HS) was asked to speak. She spoke about the history and said HS has been operating for about 155 years since 1868 when it was founded. It is probably one of the oldest in the country. She showed her older pet and other pet pictures on the wall. She encouraged people to get their pets neutered and spayed, as well as have them micro chipped. This would make it a lot easier to find your pets and identify if they got lost. Diane commented there was a kitty coming around her house, looking for a home and she fed it, but eventually it died. Laura said with cats, if someone were to turn them in, HS has to wait 90 days before they can put them up for adoption. For dogs, they can go for adoption a lot sooner. So, it is better to leave cats alone as someone could be looking for them unless they are feral. They are trying to get the law changed in the state so that cats don't have to wait so long to be adopted.

HS goes through about 10,000 adoptions, open 24/7, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for walk in adoptions. HS works together with Marion County Dog Shelter, work with dogs who need more care with behavioral issues. Presently, they have three agents commissioned by donors. Three is not enough so they work with police officers they train. She also mentioned high school educational programs being offered. Diane mentioned there are a lot of cats missing on Nextdoor Neighbors but she was told HS does not take in any cats. Laura said this is not correct. They do take in cats as well.

Bayard called for the meeting to adjourn, Kaethe made the motion for a vote, seconded by Phyllis and Randy. All said aye and the meeting ended around 7:35 p.m.

Note, on-line voting which always starts with Bayard calling for a vote and Kaethe makes a motion to start the vote:

- Hood View Park's fences to be painted with art over graffiti by artist, Brigette Miller, and she needs money for paint and anti-graffiti sealant. Irma informed about City willing to pay up to \$700 to be used for community engagement. NGNA suggested she use \$500 for paint/sealant/brushes supplies and \$200 for water bottles, totaling \$700. This was taken to vote on 6/1/23 when Bayard called for a vote and Kaethe made a motion to start the vote. Joanne Barnhart seconded and voted yes, and others who voted are: Shirley Robertson, Don Jensen, Phyllis Abbott-Cavota, Bill Berry, Jess Cruz, Randy Ray and Kaethe Mentrum.
- A letter from NGNA to City Council requesting City to ask State for appeals for OB-923 to change hours of sidewalk use by the unsheltered to be limited to between 8:00 p.m. to 8 a.m. like Portland's proposition and 95-730 banning unattended personal property on public sidewalks as it may not ADA requirements if or when personal property could be scattered on sidewalks carelessly. Voting started 6/4/23 and finished 6/5/23 and board members who voted were: Shirley who also seconded it, Bill, Becca, Randy, Don, Pedro, Phyllis, Michael and Kaethe.
- On June 26, 2023, a vote to compensate in total \$800.35 to the artist who used her money to purchase paint and anti-graffiti sealant to voluntarily work on beautiful art mural at Hood View Park which is \$100.35 more than the original budget of \$700. This money is coming from the City's Community Engagement Money. It is to draw more communities together. She is expecting to have a potluck party. She also bought water bottles for this occasion in advance so that Irma will have the receipts before June 28th. Bayard Mentrum called for a meeting to start. Kaethe Mentrum made a motion to start. The board members who seconded and voted are: Shirley Robertson, Phyllis Abbott-Cavota, Michael Hoselton, Becca Strieper, Bill Berry, Don Jensen, Jess Cruz, Joanne Barnhart, Randy Ray and Kaethe Mentrum.

- On June 29, 2023, the leader of Fun Fridays, Eduardo Angulo, who also represents the members of Hallman Northgate Neighborhood Family Council (HNNFC), approached NGNA representatives and wished to collaborate regarding the following:

Fifth grade students at Hallman Elementary School, as a farewell present to the elementary school, got their hands in the cement to show their hands fixed in concrete squares. He said the slabs are individually about 7.3/4" square, so you place 4 of them to make a little over 1 foot x 1 foot and there are 8 sets or a total of 32 small slabs. HNNFC would like these slabs to be placed in front of the playground area.

In addition, there are 24"x24" x 6 plain concrete slabs to be placed in front of the restroom because it is usually very muddy there when it rains. These slabs would give it more permanency than the present wood one he placed. He did this because people using the restrooms were getting mud all over their shoes especially when it rains.

There is a professional construction company named "Green Acres Landscape, Inc.," who graciously made these slabs for free. The slabs will also be concreted to the ground professionally. This is a special donation to be used at Northgate Park.

Leslye Quevedo who works with Eduardo, has two brothers who work at Green Acres Landscape Inc. who were willing to do all this for free of charge.

Bayard called for the votes. Kaethe made a motion to start. The board members who voted were: Randy who also seconded it, Don, Jess, Phyllis, Shirley, Bill, Joanne and Kaethe. This voting process completed on June 30, 2023.

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