

## CENTRAL NE NEIGHBORS - APPROVED

Wednesday, Jan 8 2025 Dist 1 Board of Directors Meeting

This Board Meeting was via Zoom 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

1. Welcome & Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Alison Stoll, Executive Director of Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition at 6:30 pm. Attendees: Yvonne Rice (Sumner), Karen McAninch (Sumner), Carol Hazenberg (Hazelwood), Bob Earnst (Hazelwood), Emily Hutsell (Mill Park), Jennifer Martin (Woodland Park), Lynn Felton (Argay Terrace), Elizabeth Linder (Woodland Park), Ann McMullen (Hazelwood), Jose Gamero (Powellhurst-Gilbert), Sherry Wwillmschen (Centennial), Gayle Palmer (Centennial), Jason Hagen (East Portland Neighborhood Coordinator), Ronda Johnson (Staff). Guest Speakers: Sarah Berkemeier and King Tran, both with Safe Blocks Program.
2. Guest Speakers, Sarah Berkemeier and King Tran with Safe Blocks Portland: talked about the Safe Blocks Program and how it can help neighborhoods. Future funding for Safe Block Program is uncertain due to City of Portland budget cuts. Will send contact information for Sarah Berkemeier and King Tran with next months agenda.
3. Additions To/Approval of Agenda: **motion moved to approve this agenda as amended (add guest speakers to number 2 and reposition January 2025 Agenda Items by Yvonne Rice; seconded by Karen McAninch, MSP. Motion adopted.**
4. \*Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: due to time, approval of previous Minutes postponed to the next meeting on February 5 2025.
5. Treasurer's Report, Karen McAninch: **Dec 2024 under budget \$1,787.14; Jul through Dec 2024 year to date, over budget \$476.14. Motion moved to approve current budget by Yvonne Rice; seconded by Elizabeth Linder, MSP. Motion adopted.**
6. Coalition Updates – Communication Funding, Small Grants Updates, Ronda Johnson: total communication funds per neighborhood are \$1300; half of that amount is being released now with the second payment in 4-5 months. Reminder that neighborhoods need to forward to Ronda Johnson their bank statements, updated roster, approved meeting minutes and sign-in sheets.

Small Grants, Ronda Johnson: \$40,000 was available for small grant funds to give out, only \$18,380.25 were requested, another round of small grants of \$21,619.75 will be available in February. Small Grants that were requested: APPROVED: Let's Celebrate Powellhurst-Gilbert, Arts Alive! 2025, Woodland Park Community Engagement, Spicing Up Sumner, Russell Neighborhood Community Connection Project. NOT APPROVED: EcoBiz Environmental Outreach – Helping Small Businesses Prevent Pollution because they requested funding to pay staff salaries. There was

discussion that of the five approved for less than \$4,000 that those neighborhoods be offered additional funds to bring their amounts up to \$4,000.

Discussion:

Those receiving additional funds will need to submit a new budget to Ronda Johnson. The new amount of funding is now \$20,00 with \$20,000 available for the next round of Small Grant funding requests.

If we don't use the entire amount of grant money, do we lose it, the answer is yes.

Dist 1 would like to offer another round of grants.

Discussion about fiscal sponsorship.

Send to Ronda Johnson your application before you submit the final one, she will look it over, help you complete the application and offer suggestions.

Neighborhoods within Dist 1 East Portland Coalition are not charged an admin fee.

**Motion moved by Yvonne Rice to offer Small Grant funds to those that were under \$4,000 to add additional funds to bring them up to \$4,000 (Let's Celebrate Powellhurst-Gilbert, Arts Alive!, 2025 and Woodland Park Community Engagement) and to approve the five Small Grants that met the guidelines; seconded by Elizabeth Linder, MSP. Motion adopted.**

7. Neighborhoods and Other Committee & Staff Reports (limit to 5 minutes each):

Alison Stoll: currently have two officers, secretary and treasurer. Need to elect a President and Vice President. Elections are March 5, 2025. Need to also form a nominating committee. If interested in being on the nominating committee, run for a position, or find out what each job description is email [alisons@cnncoalition.org](mailto:alisons@cnncoalition.org). Alison will be sending out the bylaws next week. Dist 1 East Portland Coalition has 2 reps from each neighborhood with an alternate. Alison will be happy to talk with anyone about board positions and the nominating committee.

8. Other:

10. Adjourn Meeting: meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.