



## OKNA Board Meeting Record

### Meeting Details

<b>Date</b>	May 5, 2020	<b>Chair</b>	Alexandra Degher
<b>Time</b>	6:30 – 8:30pm	<b>Location</b>	Zoom
<b>Meeting Type</b>	Board	<b>Secretary</b>	Marci Macfarlane

### Attendees

#### Board Members in Attendance

Alan Crana	Chris Trejbal	Casey Boggs	Julia Metz
Alexandra Degher	Cynthia Sulaski	Marci Macfarlane	May Wallace
Alexandra Penny	George Spaulding	Peter Parks	
Brad Halverson	John Parks	Robert Morus	

#### Guest(s)

- More than 10 Overlook residents called in.

### Chair Report

- Alexandra called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
- Cynthia Sulaski was named 2020 Parks Volunteer of the Year.
- Approval of the minutes

**Motion:** Casey moved to approve the March & April 2020 Board Meeting minutes; Cynthia seconded. Alex asked if there were any objections, no objections.

### North Portland Letter in support for the Homeless Camps

- Chris Trejbal posted a link to the North Portland Homeless Statement for everyone to read and discuss.
- The North Portland Neighborhood Chairs have drafted a statement to send to the City of Portland in hopes of addressing short term and long term homeless camps. Bridgeton, Arbor Lodge, East Columbia & Overlook have signed on to this statement.
  - Overlook resident James asked about the term legally sanctioned in the statement.
  - Alex defined this as just a letter of support that we can not force the city to do any of the things suggested in the letter. Such as putting sanctions camps in all areas of the city.
  - Currently there are no sweeps happening because of Covid-19, the city wants to keep the campers in one place during this time.

**Motion:** Alex moved to send the letter to the city; May seconded. Alex asked if there were any objections; none noted. Two members abstained. The Motion passed.

### Letter of support for the Homeless camps on Going Street and Madrona Park

- Peter presented a letter of support for the camps on Going Street and at Madrona Park.

Questions: Support Homeless Camps in any way we can? How do we define Campsites and Residents? What is a sanctioned camp? What defines a campsite?

- Peter opposes the sweeps especially during this time of Covid-19.
- May would like to see safer camps for everyone.
- Alex asked about sanctioned vs. non sanctioned.
- Many neighbors had opinions on this statement and voiced the issues they were seeing with the current state of the camps. Several board members voiced support for the current state of the camps.
- Each neighborhood needs to be accountable and everyone needs to go somewhere.
- It was decided that this letter of support was almost identical to the prior letter and the resolution was withdrawn.
- We encourage community members to send letters to the City of Portland about the Homeless issues in North Portland.

### Overlook Views

- Question is do we publish a newsletter at this time?
  - Casey stated we should put the newsletter on the website.
  - Brad asked if we can get neighbors to send in content on how they are “Sheltering in Place”
  - Peter has written a lot about neighbors and would like to see this information get out to the neighbors.
  - Cynthia asked if we can get it out on social media.
  - Chris will add content to the weekly newsletter, and send refunds to the people that have paid for ads.
- Overlook Views Summer issue will be online

### Board Reports

- Brad stated the I-5 bridge closure will still happen in September 2020.
  - The Greeley Bike Path has been put on hold because materials are nonseasonal business
  - Slow Safe Streets will be coming to North Portland check out the [map here](#)
- Cynthia stated all the movies for the summer have been cancelled.
  - IFCC advisory committee has also been put on hold
- Alexandria since there are no pressing issues for the May General Meeting it will be cancelled.
- Julie stated that the City Council will hear land use & planning again for affordable housing. They are removing blockage for faith based groups that are providing housing for the homeless.
  - May 20 City Council will look at RIP, June 3rd is the last opportunity to provide feedback.
  - BDS is allowing developers to update projects online.
  - Julie will research frequent questions asked by neighborhoods in development projects. That way the developers can address those questions up front.

### Comments

- Stacy from the Overlook Business Association would like to see a social media post on open businesses in the area. This will help provide support for businesses in Overlook that have been impacted by Covid-19 and help to support those businesses.
- Meeting adjourned 8:30pm

### Next Meetings

- General Meeting: May 19, 2020 (6:30–8:30pm) – Cancelled
- Board Meeting: June 3, 2020 (6:30–8:30pm) – Zoom?