



OKNA Board Meeting Record

Meeting Details

Date	July 7, 2020	Chair	Alexandra Degher
Time	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Location	Zoom
Meeting Type	Board	Secretary	Marci Macfarlane

Attendees

Board Members in Attendance

Alan Crana	Chris Trejbal	Casey Boggs	Julia Metz
Alexandra Degher	Cynthia Sulaski	Marci MacFarlane	
Alexandra Penney	George Spaulding		
Brad Halverson	John Parks	Toby Morus	

Guest(s)

- Jim, Ryan, Sam

Chair Report

- Alexandra called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - **Motion:** Cynthia moved to approve the minutes from the June meetings; Brad seconded.
 - **Board Vote:** Alexandra asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes; no objections.

Board Vacancies

- We have had 2 board members leave the OKNA. We discussed filling these spots. With the OKNA elections in September we decided to not fill the empty spots.
- The vacancies also left the Homeless Outreach Committee position vacant. We will leave that empty until the elections in September 2020

Views Topics

- Chris asked for content for the Overlook Views that we are going to produce in late summer. Suggestions include:
 - New Overlook Business Association
 - The trunnion repair on the Interstate Bridge
 - Story about Cynthia Sulaski & all her work with Portland Parks and the Portland Parks Award
 - Photos of street names in Overlook that changed in 1932, names are still on the sidewalks
- We discussed suspending the cost of advertising in the paper. We decided it was a good idea for now and we will keep using the ads that we have so far and refund the money that folks have already sent in for ads in the Overlook Views.

Meeting Recordings

- We discussed recording the OKNA meetings and posting them online as this is best practice for online meetings.
- Concern was raised about people that call into the meeting and their phone number being published. Zoom allows phone numbers to be hidden so the board agreed that we should post meetings so members who cannot attend the meetings can stay informed.
- We will post the meeting on-line but it will not be searchable. You will have to have a direct link to see and hear the meeting.

July General Meeting Agenda

- We have nothing for the July 21, 2020 general meeting. So we decided to cancel the meeting in favor of having an August General Meeting.

Bylaws

- We discussed the current Bylaws for OKNA. There is some information that needs to be updated in this time of Covid-19.
 - Special Meetings: currently you only need 12 people to call for a special meeting. It was suggested that we increase that number based on what other neighborhood associations are doing. We are looking at 50 signatures from neighbors to call a special meeting. Special meetings should not be called unless the matter must be decided before the next general meeting.
 - Currently we are looking at how community members will attend and vote at meetings, especially for the election meeting in September. Would allow for a voting location that will be manned for two days following the meeting.
 - The number of Board Members is currently 15. Other NAs have different numbers of board members. We discussed possibly lowering that number to 11.
 - Length of service. Currently everyone serves 1 year, so all positions are up for reelection every year. We discussed 2 year terms with ½ of the positions expiring each year. That will help keep a more stable board and keep the elections smaller and easier. So each year we will vote on 7 or 8 (5 or 6) people to join the OKNA Board.
- We decided to suspend this topic until the August board meeting, but hope that everyone will continue to look at the current Bylaws and think about the changes that need to be made.

Chair Report

- Alexandra reported the NPCM Letter on Homelessness that she has been working on with other North Portland Neighborhood Associations.
 - After OKNA signed the letter, it has gone through several iterations and is changing on a regular basis.
 - The letter has diverged greatly and we may have an updated letter by the August board meeting.
 - Alexandra hopes to bring a final letter to the Overlook Community at the August general meeting since there have been so many changes and the community would like to know what is happening and where this is going.

Homeless Outreach Committee

- This position was originally made to share information and to engage with Hazelnut Grove.
- We discussed if this was a board topic or a committee position.

- Since the City of Portland is working to move Hazelnut Grove the committee position has changed and may no longer be needed.
- Marci will attempt to contact Hazelnut Grove to see where they are in the move and try to connect with Mr. Brown who is reported to be the contact for HG.

Board Updates

- Finances: Brad reported that finances are good. The cost of using zoom is \$14.99 a month.
 - Chris made a motion to reimburse Alexandra for the cost of Zoom for June and July, and give Brad authority to pay for the Zoom out of the OKNA account. Brad 2nd the motion
 - **Board Vote:** Alexandra asked if there were any objections; no objections.

Community Input

- Ryan asked that we make sure that the community knows about the meeting. Chris stated he sends out weekly reminders and Alexandra posts the meeting on Nextdoor. We also list the meetings in the Overlook Views but since we cancelled the last issue we understand that people may have missed the notification.
- Sam discussed his recent problems with Hazelnut Grove. He has a community garden next to HG and has recently been experiencing more problems with the HG Community. He has been threatened and recently learned that there were registered sex offenders living at the grove. They have stopped doing background checks which were promised by the City of Portland.

Next Meetings

- Board Meeting: August 4, 2020 (6:30–8:30pm) – zoom
- General Meeting: August 18, 2020 (6:30–8:30pm) – zoom