



OKNA Board Meeting Record

Meeting Details

Date	June 2, 2020	Chair	Alexandra Degher
Time	6:30 – 8:40pm	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	May Wallace
Alexandra Penny	George Spaulding	Peter Parks	
Brad Halverson	John Parks	Robert Morus	

Guest(s)

- 6-8 OKNA members were in attendance

Minutes

- Peter asked to remove confusing wording in minutes that were written and attributed to him.
 - Casey moved to approve the May 5 board meeting minutes with the change, Brad seconded.
 - **Board Vote:** Alex asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes with included changes. No objections.

Robert's Rules of Order

- Alexandra covered Robert's Rules of Order for the meeting. Reminding everyone how to make a motion (one at a time), and friendly amendments are acceptable but another motion should be made for major changes to the original motion. Ask the chair for permission to speak.
- One community member asked if it was appropriate for the OKNA Board to make decisions for the community as we have not had a general meeting for the last 3 months
 - This issue was discussed and it was determined that since the Overlook Neighborhood Association voted us in as representatives, it is our responsibility to make decisions that are in the best interest of the OKNA as we continue to work in the post Covid-19 world.

Grievance Committee

- It was suggested that we fill the other two (non-board member) seats for the Grievance Committee.
- Alexandra nominated Michelle Thompson & Lee Kebler to fill the positions; Marci Macfarlane is already on the Grievance Committee in the board member position.
- There was discussion about the two people chosen to fill the positions and several of the board members chimed in with positive interactions with the two people chosen. Both have been active in the neighborhood and are open to serving OKNA on the Grievance Committee

- Alex D moved to elect Michelle and Lee to the GC, Marci seconded
- **Board vote:** Alexandra asked if there were any objections. No objections to having Lee & Michelle be on the Grievance Committee

Upcoming General Meeting: location & topics

- We will be having our June 16 General Meeting. This meeting will be via zoom or members can call in on their phones.
- Topics for the June meeting will be as follows
 - PBOT Safe Streets program
 - ODOT September closing of the I-5 bridge
 - Supporting Overlook Businesses during the Covid-19 virus
 - If someone wants to add a topic you need to contact the OKNA Board two weeks before the meeting.
- Alan stated we might be able to use Bethel Church on Denver Ave for the July 21 general meeting. He will check and see if the building will be open and available.
- We are also looking into ways that community members can call into a general meeting if they feel they cannot attend meetings in person.

Board Reports

- Julia has some notices for developments but not much else so far
- Cynthia talked about the Overlook Park Sign that has been tagged, then covered with paint that does not match. She has contacted the Portland Parks Bureau about getting the sign fixed. Portland Parks also put some love into Overlook Park by planting some new plants along the east side of the park.
- George stated that the Community Safety Team is trying to put together a PAC meeting but it looks like there will not be a meeting till the Fall.
 - He also mentioned that on a recent bike ride through the neighborhood he found the camps along Going Street are becoming a safety and health issue. More people are camping, lots of debris along the sidewalk and fires burning trash and plastics have been noticed.
- Chris T would like ideas for the newsletter in the Fall. Also any other ideas for content in the weekly updates are welcome.
- Peter would like to get a count of how many homeless folks are in Overlook. If you have numbers for areas or camps please share these numbers with Peter.
- Brad was informed by Doretta that we need to fill out some forms to get the \$1,000 back from the city. This is money for communication that the city provides NAs.
 - The Greeley bike lane is coming along, some things are going in such as the lights.
 - It seems that there are some issues with the Parking enforcement at this time as neighbors are contacting the NA about cars. Chris will add something to the weekly blast to let neighbors know what they can do to address this issue.

North Portland Chairs Report

- Alexandra reported the North Portland Trust Fund Grants are now open and due by July 17th. The Kenton Neighborhood will receive \$12,000 of the grant with the remaining \$25,000 to be divided between the North Portland Neighborhoods.
- The City of Portland has posted information for businesses to apply for a Healthy Business Permit. This permit is intended to help businesses and organizations meet the requirements for physical distancing

to limit the spread of Covid-19. This permit will allow for larger use of the public right-of-way, with ongoing guidance from state and county health officials.

- A NoPo chair said that the City announced they will be closing the 3 sanctioned camps that were set up to help with social distancing and assist homeless folks during the Covid-19 shelter in place. Cost and problems with self management were cited as reasons for closing these camps.
- The St John's Chair has moved from the area and there is a new Chair is Mike Vial who was the Land Use Chair

Adidas Noise Variance

- Adidas has applied for a noise variance in order to remove the two cranes.
- The request is for a noise variance to cover work at all hours of Friday, June 5 to Sunday, June 7 and Friday June 19 to Sunday June 21. A neighbor has requested that OKNA oppose this noise variance.
- Chris T called and talked to David about the request and was told that they would be dismantling the cranes on Saturday and removing the parts on Sunday.
- Discussion about the way this permit was presented to the neighbors and how much noise the neighbors already have to put up with on weekends was discussed.
 - Chris T moved to send a letter opposing the noise variance to the city, including some other suggestions such as no overnight noise and no work on Sundays. Alex P seconded the motion.
 - Board vote: Alexandra asked if there were any objections. No objections.
- Chris will get a letter to Adidas and the city ASAP as Adidas asked for the first variance this coming weekend 6/5-6/7

Input On Developers Q&A

- Julia provided several examples of questions that other NA are asking developers in their area.
- People suggested questions about parking, inclusionary & affordable housing, type of commercial tenants being sought, if they are asking for a conditional use permit or adjustment. The templates from other NA are located [here](#). Please provide feedback to info@overlookneighborhood.org
 - A community member asked for more questions to be asked about the materials used and if the developer is seeking Community Design Standards or Community Review.
 - Also some things to remember 20 units or more need to provide affordable housing, if they choose not to provide affordable housing they have to pay into a fund that provides affordable housing. 30 units or more need to provide parking, but if they are near a major transit line such as MAX the development does not have to provide off street parking.

Role of the Homeless Outreach Committee

- OKNA Bylaws Description of Role of Board Committees: The Board shall establish both standing and ad hoc committees, as it deems necessary. Committees shall make recommendations to the Board for Board actions. Committees shall not have the power to act on behalf of the organization without specific authorization from the Board.
- What is the history of this committee?
 - The committee was started 2014 or 2015 at about the same time as Hazelnut Grove. It was started as a conduit for information between the OKNA board and Hazelnut Grove community.
 - This committee was designed specifically to keep communication between HG & OKNA open. There was a member of HG on the board and HG members attended meetings.
 - As things have changed and there are several more camps in Overlook, how has this committee changed. Is this committee an Outreach committee or a liaison type of committee?

- Some community members expressed frustration with the term Outreach, feeling like OKNA was supporting the campers more than the community members. Several businesses and neighbors have expressed concerns of [illegal activity](#) in some of the camps.
- There was a lot of discussion about the role of the homeless in the Overlook Neighborhood. Some community members do not feel that setting up tents in a park makes someone a neighbor. Other community members feel that the folks taking refuge in homeless camps in the Overlook Neighborhood are our neighbors.
- We have about 7000 people living in Overlook, 642 people get the weekly update. How can we provide information to the neighbors about their voice in these matters.
- We discussed the difference in being an advocacy group vs a liaison to the homeless camps in the Overlook area.
 - [AlexD moved that the role of the Homeless Outreach Committee is to serve as a communication conduit \(i.e. liaison\) between homeless camps in Overlook and the OKNA board. Chris T seconded.](#)
 - **Board vote:** May and AlexP abstained. No objections; the motion passed.
- Two community members stated this was a large topic that should be heard by the entire neighborhood association. We will have a general meeting on June 16, using zoom.

Homeless Topic (Peter)

- We were running late so it was decided to move the Peters [requests to the board](#) to be moved to the next Board Meeting on July 7th.
- There was frustration with this issue being pushed out a month. Alexandra reminded us that we discussed homeless topics at the May board meeting for 90 minutes and that we had other issues that needed attention, but that Peter's topics would be the first topics discussed on July 7.

Meeting ended 8:40pm

Next meeting:

- Tuesday June 16, 2020 - general meeting (Zoom)
- Tuesday July 7th, 2020 - board meeting (TBD)