



Overlook Neighborhood Association Special General Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
6-7:30 p.m.

Online meeting via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3582049873?pwd=Umhadkx4bGFKZ1NYb2htRVppSXVSZz09>

Phone: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 358 204 9873

Password: 698006

TIME	TOPIC	EXPECTED OUTCOME	PRESENTER
6:00	Welcome		Degher
6:05	Presentation of petition items	Awareness	Degher
6:15	Comments on petition items	Public comments	All
7:00	Roll call vote on Petition items 1-3	Decisions	Degher/All
7:30	Adjourn	Close meeting	Degher

The Overlook Neighborhood Association's general meetings offer all residents a chance to learn more about Overlook, meet neighbors and discuss issues important to our neighborhood. We strive to create an environment in which all visitors are welcome and all people are treated respectfully.

Petition items

1. Rescind the support of the Overlook Neighborhood Association for identifying one or more sites within its boundaries suitable for a new managed homeless camp.
2. Immediately send a demand letter to all members of City Council and all other pertinent parties to remove the campsites throughout the neighborhood and along the I-5 corridor and clean up the litter, health hazards and graffiti that has been established on them. Continue to advocate for this action on an ongoing basis - at least once a month.
3. It has been more than 18 months since the City of Portland promised to move the Hazelnut Grove homeless camp to a site in St. Johns. Send a demand letter to all members of City Council and all other pertinent parties that the City of Portland must set a timetable to move the camp and complete this move by no later than September 1st, 2020. Continue to advocate for this action on an ongoing basis - at least once a month.

North Portland Neighborhood Associations Joint Statement on Homelessness

May 8, 2020

North Portland communities are deeply concerned about the crisis of homelessness and our neighbors who are victims of it. This crisis has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 epidemic.

We are incredibly grateful to those volunteer organizations that help and serve people living in camps, whether in their cars, RV's or tents. We are heartened that The Oregon Convention Center, Charles Jordan Community Center, Mount Scott Community Center and East Portland Community Center have been brought into service to provide some shelter. We applaud the use of the Jupiter Hotel, partnering with Multnomah County, for those experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 who need a place to shelter. The city's project to establish three organized emergency outdoor shelters is a good model, but must be expanded dramatically.

These efforts are meaningful, but they only scratch the surface of the problem, and we believe a much more substantial effort is required to build the community that all citizens deserve. Long-term solutions such as increasing housing stock, reducing the upward pressure on rents, and protecting tenants' rights may bend the arc of the homelessness problem over the course of years, but we don't have that kind of time. Portland's residents are suffering now. This is a social and public health crisis now.

The undersigned organizations request prompt action on the following solutions:

Short-term:

- Increase the availability of housing in supportive motels/hotels for vulnerable populations - especially families with children and the sick.
- Expedite permitting for the private effort to bring the Wapato facility into prompt service.
- Continue to create safe, sanctioned locations for camping, with immediate substantial increase in short-term support for residents, including:
 - portable toilets
 - hand washing stations
 - regular garbage pick-up
 - masks for COVID-19
 - hand sanitizers/wipes

Long-term:

We believe that the establishment of multiple safe, legally sanctioned, managed camps throughout the city, such as Dignity Village and Kenton Women's Village, will serve our overall community. These sanctioned camps should accommodate tent as well as car/RV camping. In addition to the basic sanitation needs above, managed camps should provide:

- More substantial sanitation such as showers.
- Direct access to public transportation.
- Managed self-governance.
- Access to social services, including referrals to drug and alcohol counseling, employment issues, physical and mental health services, and straightforward access to school for children within the community.
- A place for every person who needs one.
- Transition services to permanent housing for all residents.

As part of the both short-term and long-term solutions, we request that the City of Portland:

- Clear campsites located in parks, waterways and public paths, as well as camps where illegal activity has been documented.
- Install managed camps in all sextants of the city. Each neighborhood should be held accountable to participate in the process by identifying appropriate locations for local managed camps.

We look forward to working with you to achieve the kind of city we all deserve.

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Guidelines for OKNA meetings

The Overlook Neighborhood Association requests that all members and guests follow these guidelines in order to create a positive environment in which everyone has an opportunity to participate.

- Be respectful of others and use respectful language.
- Speak only when called upon or recognized by the chair.
- Keep side conversations to a minimum.
- Respect speaking time limits.
- When someone has the floor, allow them to finish their comments without interruption.
- Listen with willingness to hear other points of view.
- Explain acronyms and abbreviations. Not everyone starts with the same knowledge base, but everyone deserves a chance to participate fully.
- Keep your comments brief and to the point. During the public comment period, speakers are limited to two minutes.

*OKNA welcomes refugees, immigrants, people of any color or ethnicity, people of any religious belief, and people of any sexual orientation or gender identity. In short, we are a welcoming place for all. We will not tolerate rhetoric that scapegoats any community or that threatens our neighbors. We will not remain idle when any member of our community is targeted by bigotry.
We are stronger together as a neighborhood and city.*