

Eugene Neighbors, Inc
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021
via Zoom

There were 17 in attendance. Representatives of ENI members present included Jackson Kellogg of the NLC and Cal Young Neighbors, Randy Prince of Amazon Neighbors, Helen Buzenberg of Fairmount Neighborhood Association, Thomasina Bates of Churchill Area Neighbors, Anne Milhollen of Northeast Neighbors, Jerry Finigan of the Santa Clara Community Organization, David Monk of Southeast Neighborhood Association, Sarah Warren of Active Bethel Citizens, Pete Knox of Downtown Neighborhood Association, Bernie Corrigan of Friendly Area Neighbors, Sue Cummings of Jefferson/Westside Neighborhood Association, Dwight Owens of the River Road Community Organization, Carolyn Jacobs of South University Neighborhood Association, and Dana Ferguson of Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association. Also in attendance were ENI Board members Cliff Gray and Christine Donahue. Nancy Classen from Friendly Area Neighbors was also in attendance.

Randy Prince called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. He called for introductions and described the genesis and mission of ENI. Jerry Finigan reported that the pandemic has slowed down neighborhood activity and there was only one active project being sponsored by ENI: the Bethel Tree project. The goal of this project is to increase tree canopy in Bethel through donations from local businesses. Anne Milhollen moved the annual ENI meeting minutes from 2020 be approved as submitted. Dwight Owens seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Randy asked if there were any questions or discussion about the submitted ENI financial report. Hearing none, Pete Knox moved the report be approved as submitted. Christine Donahue seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy introduced the program, which was to have each neighborhood present the two most pressing issues their neighborhood was concerned with during 2021. Here is a summary:

- River Road - Dwight Owens: the homeless issue and the good neighbor agreement with the County for the Navigation Center. Work of their Social Justice Committee, and working on emergency preparedness. He said River Road was very please the County has provided funding for the newsletter to non-city residents.
- Active Bethel - Sarah Warren: Saving Jensen Pond and it's surroundings and working to mitigate the Baxter plant pollution.
- Northeast Neighbors - Anne Milhollen: The population explosion in the area and it's implication regarding traffic and schools. The park behind crescent village and the establishment of a shelter in a second smaller park.

- Southwest Hills – Dana Ferguson: Disaster preparedness, especially concerning wildfires and tree abatement as well as slowing down traffic.
- South University – Carolyn Jacobs: Land use, especially as it involves the impact of HB2001. Also how to deal with an apparent uptick of crime.
- Southeast Neighbors – David Monk: Trying to save bus service in the area. The wildfire committee outreach to other neighborhoods and seeking funding.
- Cal Young – Jackson Kellogg: traffic issues and concerns raised by development.
- Churchill Area Neighbors – Tomi Bates: Traffic and the distribution of a survey to judge neighbor’s traffic concerns. Keeping the area clean, caused by homeless camping in the area. Working to establish the neighborhood’s first official rest stop (Everyone’s Village).
- Friendly – Bernie Corrigan: Transportation and bus service as well as traffic speeds through the area and needing traffic mitigation. Facilitating housing for the homeless. Nancy Classen also added that issues around Washington Park have been a concern.
- Jefferson/Westside – Sue Cummings: Concern about a number of housing projects in the area, land use issues, bus service, and there is still a large homeless site in the area.
- Downtown Neighbors – Pete Knox: Internet connection to residences are problematic so in the age of Zoom, attendance at meetings is a problem. Redevelopment and MUPTI projects on the riverfront.
- Amazon – Randy Prince: Neighborhood meeting attendance as well as effects of HB2001
- Fairmount – Helen Buzenberg: Large changes in the Board means rebuilding the Board. All positions are not yet filled. Active communications committee and working on emergency preparedness. The development of Capital Hill has been very disruptive especially with the impact of HB2001.
- Santa Clara – Jerry Finigan: Hate crimes in the area has spurred a very active Social Justice Committee. The Board has been facilitating transitional housing in the area. A nonprofit foundation has been formed with the first project of restoring an historic schoolhouse on the Santa Clara Community Park property.

Randy called for Board elections. There are four seats that have come open. He asked Jerry Finigan if he would like to run again for his seat and he said he would. He asked for other nominations. None were put forward. He asked for a vote to re-elect Jerry. The vote was unanimous. He asked Christine Donahue if she would like to run again for her seat and she said she would. He asked for other nominations. None were put forward. He asked for a vote to re-elect Christine. The vote was unanimous. Randy asked Cliff Gray if he would like to run again for his seat and he said he would. He asked for other nominations. None were put forward. He asked for a vote to re-elect Cliff. The vote was unanimous. Randy reported that the seat held by Richard Hamilton was open and that Richard will not continue on the

Board and called for nominations. Dwight Owens self -nominated. Randy called for other nominations. None were put forward. He called for a vote for Dwight and the vote was unanimous.

The membership was thanked for their participation and their continued support of ENI.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted,

Jerry Finigan, secretary