

Eugene Neighbors, Inc.  
Annual meeting minutes  
September 29, 2022  
Roaring Rapids Pizza

There were 28 in attendance. 12 representatives of ENI members present included Lin Woodrich of Active Bethel Community, Pete Knox of Downtown Neighborhood, Randy Prince of Amazon Neighbors, Jackson Kellogg representing both Cal Young Neighbors and the Neighborhood Leaders Council, Carlos Barrera of Friendly Area Neighbors, Anne Millhollen of Northeast Neighbors, Jerry Finigan of the Santa Clara Community Organization, Dennis Hebert of Southeast Neighbors, Fred Mallery of Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association and Carolyn Jacobs of South University Neighborhood Association. Current ENI Board members present included Randy Prince, Christine Donahue, Carlos Barrera, Pete Knox, and Jerry Finigan. Also present was the speaker, Councilor Randy Groves and 13 members from the general public.

Randy Prince called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. He introduced our presenters: Randy Groves, Eugene City Councilor for Ward 8, and Pete Knox, LTD Board member and member on the LTD committee on public engagement. Randy Groves presented first on the topic of "What is good public engagement?" He said governments need to do better in the use of tools available to them and that city councilors representing 18,000 people cannot rely on face-to-face discussion. He said that making things even more challenging are state mandates with fore-shortened timelines that do not allow for public digestion and reaction to unexpected changes in policy. He said it is obvious that the City needs to change the way it is doing things in this area. Pete Knox said it is obvious to him that mass mailings is a waste of time and treasure. People tend to treat them as junk mail and they throw them away without reading them. Effective engagement means meeting people where they are - people need to be highly interested to come to government for information. Public input needs to come from extension of government through community and neighborhood groups in order to reach more people.

At 6:20 Randy Prince suspended the discussion in order to conduct the ENI business meeting.

He called for approval of the annual minutes from November 3, 2021. Lin Woodrich moved the minutes be approved with the correction that Jackson Kellogg represented not only the NLC but also Cal Young Neighbors. Carolyn Jacobs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy asked for discussion and a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Carlos Barrera moved the treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Lin Woodrich seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Randy then called for elections to the ENI Board. He asked Carlos Barrera if he wanted to run for

re-election to his seat and he said he did. He called for other nominations. There were none. Carlos was re-elected unanimously. Randy then said that his seat is up for election and he would like to be re-elected. He called for other nominations and there were none. Randy was re-elected unanimously. He said the seat held by Pete Knox was up for elections as Pete said he could not continue on the Board. Randy called for nominations. There were none. The seat was left vacant. Randy said there were two seats vacated by members who could no longer continue. These two seats have one year left on their terms. He called for nominations. Natalie Crowder nominated herself. Randy called for other nominations. There were none. Natalie was elected to the Board unanimously. Charlie Rojas nominated himself to fill the other vacant seat. Randy called for other nominations. There were none. Charlie was elected to the Board unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Questions and discussion with Randy Groves and Pete Knox was called for from the audience regarding public engagement. There was energetic discussion generally concluding that neighborhood associations have a valuable role in engaging community information and feedback regarding ongoing policy discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted,  
Jerry Finigan, secretary