

Eugene Neighbors, Inc  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2017  
Countryside Pizza and Grill

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by acting chair, Jerry Finigan. There were 26 in attendance (5 students entered at 5:45 p.m.). ENI members present included Janet Bevirt from SHiNA, Greg Giesy from Friendly Area Neighbors, James Mitchell from Northeast Neighbors (standing in for John Jaworsky), Camilla Baliss from Fairmount Neighbors, Kate Kelly from the River Road Community Organization, Jerry Finigan from the Santa Clara Community Organization and Randy Prince of Amazon Neighbors entered at 6 p.m. After introductory remarks, Jerry introduced Jennifer Van Der Haeghen, manager of the Human Rights and Neighborhood involvement Office. Jennifer gave a presentation on how neighborhoods can build capacity and community involvement. This was amplified by a number of handouts. This was followed by a short question and answer session.

This was followed by a short exhortation for membership by Jerry. At 6:00 p.m. Jerry introduced Rene Kane from the Neighborhood Involvement Office, who had 5 students from her class introduced themselves. They introduced their project: Placemaking through neighborhood identity, and brought in the concept of microhoods – community collections spots. Their specific focus is on the Bethel neighborhood. They then introduced a survey they wanted the assemblage to test and comment on. After these were completed and collected, there were a number of comments on how the survey prompted a different vision of some neighborhoods and suggestions of how the survey might be made clearer and expanded.

At 6:45 Randy Prince opened the business meeting. He began by asking for approval of the minutes for the 2016 annual meeting. Camilla Bayliss pointed out that she was identified in the minutes as Camilla Bowles, and suggested a correction. Greg Giesy moved the minutes be approved with that correction, Christine Donahue seconded. Motion passed. The treasurers report was distributed. Randy reported on the year's activities, which did not add any new projects to ENI's portfolio, but Randy indicated ENI will be ready in the coming year to support any new neighborhood projects. Randy announced that there were 4 seats open on the Board for 2-year terms and one open seat for a one-year term. Jerry Finigan indicated that he was submitting his name for re-election, Christine Donahue also asked to be re-elected, as did Cliff Gray. Randy asked for each of these individually to be nominated and each were re-elected. The seat currently held by Kate Kelly is open as she is leaving the area and cannot continue in her seat. Richard Hamilton from Goodpasture Island Neighbors said he would be willing to fill this seat. He was nominated and confirmed on the Board. The last seat has remained unfilled over the last year. Pete Knox said he would be willing to fill this seat for the next year. He was nominated and elected to the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

submitted,  
Jerry Finigan