

**Minutes
Neighborhood Leadership Alliance
Neighborhood Boundaries Working Group
November 3, 2020, 3-4 p.m.**



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3:00 p.m. Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) Neighborhood Boundaries Working Group Meeting

Call to order 3:05 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call:** Karen Bergsvik, Jim Christo, Dave Johnson, Hans Jorgensen, Lisa Mushel

Absent: Chris Friess, Steve Pine, Kathy Roche

Staff: Makayla Oliver, Ian Leitheiser

- 2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments for the working group.

- 3. Introduction to Working Group**

Staff Makayla Oliver presented slides on the Neighborhood Boundaries Working Group logistics:

- NLA Strategic Plan: July 2019-2021
- Working Group Chair
- Expectations & Commitment
- Working Group Regular Meeting Time

Member Ms. Mushel asked Member Ms. Bergsvik if she would be interested in chairing the working group as the most senior person in attendance. Ms. Bergsvik expressed some interest in leading the working group, but wanted to understand the time commitment more.

Member Mr. Jorgensen mentioned that the only timely item for this group now is getting the topic in front of Council during their goal setting process.

Member Mr. Johnson joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Ms. Oliver shared the "NLA Roadmap" document to share the timeline through July 2020. Ms. Oliver suggested having a working group meeting prior to the Council goal setting listening session, anticipated for the first week of January. Ms. Oliver suggested that at this meeting the working group would select a Chair and get a presentation ready for the listening session.

Ms. Bergsvik shared that she was interested in chairing the group. Mr. Jorgensen asked if a motion was needed to make this official. Ms. Oliver and Staff Ian Leitheiser suggested opening the opportunity to everyone in the working group, some of who were absent, and voting at a later date, once each member has had an opportunity to respond. Mr. Jorgensen, Ms. Mushel, and Mr. Johnson voiced their support for Ms. Bergsvik leading the working group.

Mr. Johnson asked if Old Farm District Neighborhood Association can move forward with adjusting their boundaries. Ms. Mushel said she did not think there was an issue with this because the working group may not have a final product for six months to a year.

4. Adjusting Neighborhood Boundaries

Staff Makayla Oliver presented slides on the Neighborhood Boundaries Working Group process:

- What are the options?
- Boundaries Discussion Prompts

Ms. Mushel brought up the idea that most Neighborhood Association leaders felt that because three options were presented in the “Boundaries Discussion Prompts” document and the NLA meeting, those were the only options available. Ms. Mushel pointed out that these are not the only options, only the most obvious options.

Ms. Oliver shared that at the core of this project, we need to understand where the Neighborhood Associations are feeling on the comfortability scale of changing boundaries. Once that is known, she recommended a professional facilitator be selected to help guide the working group and Neighborhood Association leaders to a consensus on “equity” or what a boundary should revolve around.

Ms. Oliver explained the function of the Neighborhood Association Round Table and how they could be utilized in providing recommendations to the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance about boundaries. She compared the process to that which was used by the Bend Neighborhood Coalition and the Land Use Working Group. Ms. Oliver shared that it would be a way to gather more input from outside people who are not appointed members of an advisory committee.

Mr. Johnson objected to working with an outside group, voicing concern of too many opinions.

Ms. Bergsvik said she was in favor of having an outside group as a resource. She also expressed concern with marketing a boundaries focus as an “equity” focus because it can cause confusion and has many definitions.

5. Action Items & Next Steps

Staff Makayla Oliver presented slides on the Neighborhood Boundaries Working Group process:

- What are next steps?

- Questions?

Ms. Oliver offered to follow up with the working group with a Doodle Poll that will schedule regular meetings, and the background information, how Kirkland changed their boundaries.

Adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Makayla Oliver
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