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## HINooN

Hayden Island Neighborhood Network  
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### Board Meeting – May 11, 2017

Panera Bread, Jantzen Beach  
DRAFT MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** **At-Large:** Tom Dana, **At-Large:** Jeff Geisler **HI Manuf. Home Community:** Herman Kachold; **Tomahawk Island Floating Homes:** Richelle Beck; **Riverhouse:** Martin Slapikas; **Jantzen Beach Moorage:** Traci Chapman-Roy; **Jantzen Beach Moorage:** Mark Thommen; **West HI:** Gary Furgason;

**Board Members Absent:** **Columbia Point West:** Charles Kuffner; **Non-Profit:** Lucinda Karlic; **At-Large:** Ron Ebersole; **Island Cove Floating Homes:** Roger Staver; **Hayden Bay Marina Homes:** Judy Alden; **Waterside:** John Stach; **At-Large:** Ron Schmidt

**Homeowner Associations Not Represented:** Columbia Point East, Hayden Bay Condos, Jantzen Beach Village Condominiums, Lotus Isle Homes, Marina Riverhouse.

**Guests:** 19 in attendance in addition to board

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Chair Jeff Geisler

Minutes taken by Richelle Beck, richelleshome@hotmail.com

#### **October and November Minutes approved by Board:**

Marty Slapikas made a motion to approve the April draft meeting minutes.

Tom Dana seconded the motion. No discussion. Board approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Thommen provided the financial report, which had one change from the April report to pay for the meeting room space at Oxford Suites. Ending balance in business checking as of 5/10/17: \$1,399.92. Ending balance in money market as of 5/10/17: \$5,262.62.

#### **Presentations:**

##### **Multnomah Children's Health and Education Act Presentation**

Dante Haruna from the Coalition of Healthy Kids and Education spoke to the meeting attendees about their proposed ballot measure to approve an excise tax on sugary drinks. The campaign focus is on public

health and the rising incidence of chronic disease related to high consumption of sugar and - specifically - sugar-laden drinks.

The group is planning a combination of tactics to reduce consumption of sugar and raise money for programs to provide education to children and families on health. These tactics include a proposed excise tax on sugar-sweetened beverages. The excise tax is specific to the product and the costs will fall on the distribution of the product within the county limits. If the distribution facility is in Multnomah County, the distribution center pays the tax to the County. If it is trucked into the County, the tax will be paid by the trucking company.

This type of tax is on sugar-laden beverages is common across the Country. In Berkeley, CA, where this tax has been in place for several years, a recent study of overall effects shows the tax did reduce the consumption of soda by 20%. Additionally, there was an increase in purchases of water and fruit juice. The price of soda did go up.

Money gained from the 1.5 cents per ounce tax will fund (28.4 million per year expected) early childhood education on the impacts of sugar and literacy among low income and children of color families as well as other children-centered health initiatives.

If the tax measure is approved, an advisory committee of 9 members will be elected from different populations across the County. That committee will advise the County Commissioners on how to spend the money.

Meeting attendees expressed concerns over job losses and no accountability for how the money will be spent.

For more information on this proposed measure, go to <http://multnomah.thesodatax.com/>

### **Viva La Free**

Layna Lewis, founder of Viva La Free, explained her organization's purpose to use art for healing trauma among vulnerable and marginalized populations ages 15-19 years old. She recruits and trains young artists to do both fine art and performing arts, including graphic design and specialized and transferable skills. Viva La Free students have completed several murals around Portland and last year wrote and performed a successful play. Her organization is also responsible for the Piano Project, where viable pianos are donated to students in the program and lessons are provided pro-bono by local pianists.

Layna noted if any neighborhoods need a mural, please contact her at [facebook.com/vivalafreeportland](https://www.facebook.com/vivalafreeportland).

Meeting attendees suggested a mural in the tunnel under I-5 or the water tower by Denny's.

### **Hayden Island Air Quality**

Activities to fight the air quality issue on Hayden Island and affected neighborhoods continue to ramp up. The call-to-action flyer was finalized and distributed among Hayden Island residents and the surrounding neighborhood associations in late April. Comments and letters to Metro on the APES and ORRCO permits to expand were sent by multiple concerned citizens by the May 19 due date.

Steve Putman shared information on a recent meeting with county commissioner Ed Armstrong and several Hayden Island residents, including HINooN Board member Mark Thommen. Armstrong left the meeting with three questions in hand to ponder as he moves forward with his future actions on this issue:

1. If the Clean Air Oregon initiative goes into effect, will it trump any permit being made now? Is this why there is urgency to get this permit done before the CAO goes through?
2. Why have they not stack tested?
3. How much is being expelled and should they be a level 5 polluter?

Meeting attendees were hopeful they made some headway with Armstrong. Many believe support from the County Commissioners would be extremely helpful. Armstrong stated the other 4 commissioners are brand new and suggested residents reach out to them to help provide education on this issue.

The HINooN Board also reviewed the final draft resolution put together by Marty Slapikas and approved it. Beck agreed to post it to the website.

The next opportunity to participate in this fight is on June 5, 6pm, at the Hayden Island Red Lion where Metro will be taking verbal comment on the ORRCO permit.

### **HINooN Website Update**

Geisler spoke about progress on the new HINooN website, stating that both Mark Thommen and Sam Churchill had put mock websites together in different formats. Both potential sites will be reviewed by the Board before a final decision is made. The goal is to have a site that is easy to find info, is simple to maintain, and includes more information about Hayden Island living. This website will provide better opportunity for local businesses to advertise and possibly bring in extra money for expenses.

### **Abandoned and Derelict Boats Update**

Volunteers had not had a chance to conduct research on the homeless issue, but Geisler stated all 95 neighborhoods want to weigh-in on the homeless issue and derelict boats. This issue will continue to be discussed in the coming months. Meeting attendees were encouraged to attend the next meeting with the City Council on including funds to monitor derelict boat activity on the river.

### **Hayden Island Clean-up Day**

The date is set for Saturday, June 24, 9am to noon. Tom Dana is working on the details with SOLVE.

- SOLVE will provide gloves and bags, maps, donuts and fruit.
- Bags will be picked up from the cleanup site.
- East of railroad tracks. Nothing west of them.
- Tom needs proof of liability insurance to the Management Group.
- Aiming for the meeting point to be at the west end of the mall (by the mattress store).

### **Noise from Air National Guard**

Many have noticed increased activity for the fighter planes from the Oregon Air National Guard. Ron Schmidt stated an Air National Guard representative spoke with the east Columbia neighborhood group who were opposed to the air guard. They were told the air guard will increase flight activity for 1 month while they are training in a continuous decent approach to the airport. This is a benefit to the island because they won't be flying over the island and will be centered to neighborhoods near the airport.

Anyone who thinks the noise is too much can make a complaint. Use the Lighttracker24radar app and its live time tracking to gather the flight number, airline, etc. before making the complaint. A complaint can be made if the noise is above 65 dbs for over 15 mins.

**Island Happenings –**

- Manufactured Home Community Garage Sale is scheduled for June 2, 3 and 4.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive – Jeff Geisler

Environment & Livability – vacant

Land Use & Govt. Affairs – Ron Ebersole

Safety & Security – Jeff Geisler

Communication – Richelle Beck

Neighborhood Emergency Team-John Stach

Transportation- vacant

Next meeting;

Thursday, July 13, 7pm

Location: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM