



## Vernon Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

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| Date & Time        | Wednesday, October 20, 2021  |
| Board Members      | Christine Laliberte, Allan Whiting, Lauren Ross, Brooks Barth, Angie Rickard |
| Neighbors          | Brendan Mortimer   |
| Speakers or Guests | Jona Davis (NECN), AJ McCreary (Equitable Giving Circle)                     |

### ACTION ITEMS

| Person responsible | Notes |
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### AGENDA

- Speaker: AJ McCreary from Equitable Giving Circle
- Board election

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### AJ McCreary from Equitable Giving Circle

- From the website: OUR AIM IS TO EMPOWER BIPOC (BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR) COMMUNITIES IN PORTLAND BY LEVERAGING ECONOMIC DEPOSITS FROM COMMUNITIES OF PRIVILEGE TO EMPOWER BIPOC COMMUNITIES AND BEGIN TO MOVE TOWARDS ECONOMIC EQUITY.
- Have helped 25,000 members in the last 18 months
- Offer a food program (e.g. delivery, pantry and farmer's market)
- Holding a costume swap / giveaway
- Focus on community wellness
- Volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups
- Accepting donations: monetary and in-kind items
- Follow on social media! <https://www.equitablegivingcircle.org/>

## Board Elections:

- AR to step back from secretary role to become member at large
  - Members will trade off taking notes during meetings
- AW needs help to be NECN liaison
  - BB to trade off as alternate
  - CL to be second back up
  - Both will be able to vote as representatives of VNA
- Election results:
  - CL: Chair and NECN Liaison Alternate II
  - BB: Co-chair and NECN Liaison Alternate I
  - AL: NECN liaison and Member at Large
  - LR: Member at Large
  - AR: Member at Large

## Other business:

Next meeting: November (no December meeting)

- Who should come to speak at the January meeting? Let's try to build relationships within the community. Possible options:
  - Mike Bennet
  - Seastar/Handsome
  - Weed shop
- Neighborhood clean up and Movie in the Park: we will run these events next year if possible
- What do we want out of 2022?
  - Speakers
  - Volunteer event
  - Community event