



Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association, c/o Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232
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Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

Publication Date:

Approved:

Meeting Day, Date & Time: Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Attendance of Members of the Board of Directors – Quorum of 12 of 16 (min 9). Excused/absent: Andrea Meyer, Chris Tanner, Jack Frewing, Linda McDowell

I. Welcome, roll call of Board members, introduction of guests

II. 7:05-7:20 Open Mic: time for members of our community to raise concerns/questions:

Kelly Francois, representing a community member, requested moving board meetings to another locale to allow all community members, including any barred by Holliday Park Plaza, to attend. Encorepreneurial has offered their meeting space for a, possibly reduced, fee. Deanna added that holding meetings in other locales could be more inclusive. Kari suggested it would be helpful to have meetings at the same time and place every month for continuity. Kelly offered to post Facebook reminders. The NECN representative requested that SGNA keep them updated any changes in meeting location and time. Ron Boucher raised whether people might participate by Skype or call in if needed. It was agreed to add this as an agenda item for December meeting.

Cami Walker, who lives across from Fred Meyer on Weidler, came to the meeting last month addressing problems with crime, dumping, parking problems etc. She provided an update: Her block group has been meeting every Sunday, along with Kari LaForge. They have met with the new Fred Meyer manager and feels they are making progress. Fred Meyer has added a trash can and is picking up trash. The manager seems engaged. They are proposing a 30-minute meeting with the manager each month. Some of the group feels that the bottle return is a nuisance and are looking for alternatives to the current system. They will report back once they have a proposal to ask for Board support. They are also researching parking issues and looking into possibility of introducing parking permits. Daniel Pirofsky suggested reaching out to Grant Park and New Seasons to keep them in the loop.

III. 7:20-7:25 Approval of September 12 Minutes and October 10 Agenda. Michael Brown moved to approve the September minutes. Ron Boucher seconded. All voted in favor. Daniel Pirofsky moved to approve the agenda for the meeting, with the addition of “barricades” as a topic. Michael Brown seconded. All voted to approve.

IV. 7:25-7:30 Update – Turner Construction update: Marty Rowe read a report from Turner. All utility work in the public right of way is complete and they are now roughing-in utilities inside. Exterior walls are being prepped for siding. They will keep the public notified of any changes to traffic. Their anticipated completion of the project is next March/April.



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V. Treasurer's Report 7:30-7:40: Michael Brown reported that at the of September 2016, the SGNA bank account had a total of \$5200. This year's end of September total was \$6300, but he anticipates the total will be lower once the Gulchorama bills are paid. He anticipates that there will be approximately \$6000 in the bank at end of October. This year SGNA has paid out more for NET equipment and communications than previous years.

VI. 7:30-8:30 Old Business

7:30-7:35 Agenda for November 14, 2017 Neighborhood Meeting

- Elections
- Bylaws – Dan Lerch-Walters suggested that the Bylaws be the final item on the agenda.
- Crime prevention guest speaker: Mary Tomkins from ONI. Deanna notes Mary is ready to go, but should be early in program. She anticipates using approximately 30 minutes: 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes Q&A.
- PHK Speakers. Julie expects three speakers from PHK who will also appreciate an early time slot. They plan to use 20 minutes.
- Marty will bring sound equipment.

7:35 -7:40 Discussion of elections –There are four open seats as well as four up for re-election. One potential new member came to observe the meeting. Kelly will send an announcement looking for recruits to NextDoor, Gulchnet, and Facebook.

7:40-8:00 Bylaws Discussion and Final vote to advance new bylaws for vote by members: Daniel Pirofsky started by thanking the Bylaws working group for their hard work – and also Andrea for textual comments. No opposing comments or suggestions for amendments were received from the public comment period. Two positive comments were received from neighbors. The final document still needs final grammatical and editorial comments – nothing substantive. Board members can approve the bylaws tonight, without seeing final draft, or can read the finalized draft and vote by email to distribute to the public. Daniel hopes to have the final version next week. Michael noted he would be comfortable voting now since there are no substantive changes and he is confident in the work of the sub-committee. Michael moved to bring the new revised bylaws to the membership for approval next month. Kathy Hansen seconded. All members approved.

VII. 8:00-9:00 New Business

8:00-8:20 Request from Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association that SGNA join Safety and Livability Coalition- Kelly Francois: The SGNA Safety and livability committee hosted a potluck to discuss homeless issues; approximately 30 people attended. There were lots of ideas about how to address the problem without focusing on punishment. The committee, therefore, did not endorse signing on to the Laurelhurst letter. Deb Bridges clarified that Laurelhurst is requesting that SGNA sign on to a letter



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proposing safe zones. Deanna wondered whether adding additional ordinances would help, noting that these behaviors are already illegal. Michael Brown commented that the ordinance would clarify specific areas where the behaviors will not be tolerated. Deanna Hunt noted that the problem is with enforcement. Deb Bridges read ordinance out loud, noting that the emphasis is on voluntary compliance, but additional punishments were possible if needed. Julie wondered if this had been raised with the Land Use committee. Kathy Hansen suggested that SGNA shouldn't oppose signing if the rest of the city is on board. Dan Lerch-Walters noted he cannot support the request because homeless solutions need to be better than just moving people around. Michael Brown moved to endorse the letter. Kari LaForge seconded. Six voted in favor, four opposed, and two abstained. The motion carried. The next step will be for SNGA to write a letter to Laurelhurst in response. Chris Tanner will draft it. The letter should mention that members of the board want to explore additional options and solutions.

8:20-8:45 LUTC updates -Kathy Hansen: The vacant lot at 17th and Weidler will not be developed after all – the developer cannot build for price/quality that he wanted. There is currently no plan for the space. Ground breaking for the apartments in the Max lot will be in December. The pre-advice meeting for design review for theater 14 will also be in December. PHK is moving dirt and doing site prep and utilities, with flaggers on site from 8am-2pm at 21st and Multnomah.

VIII. Reports and Committee updates:

Kelly Francois has four dilapidated street barricades in storage. They are bent and rotten and the lights do not work. Do we want to hold on to them - will someone use them? The sense of the group was that we can take them apart and get rid of them. Kari LaForge offered to help with disposal. Kelly researched new legal barricades, which are \$45 each with no lights. We need a total of six to close down a block. We can also borrow or rent if needed.

Dan Lerch-Walters asked if we are providing refreshments for the November meeting and offered to ask Helen Bernhardt's or New Seasons for contributions.

9:00Adjournment