**Sullivan’s Gulch Neighborhood Association**

**General Membership Meeting**

**November 7, 2022**

**Introductions** of everyone present. **Board Members**: Dave Brook, Michael Brown, Dave Galaty, Emily Herbert, Keith Iding, Ryan Krellwitz, Ted Schenck, **Absent** Dan Lerch-Walters, Kathy Hansen.

Seventeen community members attended in person. Five or more via Zoom

Ryan notetaker, Emily edits and posting

1. Reading of the SGNA Mission Statement: "Enhance the Quality of Life in Sullivan's Gulch"

2. Guest Speakers

* **Dee Turner WeShinePDX** About the We Shine approach to housing

<https://weshinepdx.org/>

WeShine makes alternative shelters (tiny house pods, etc) as opposed to dorms. Uses a housing first model to address houselessness.

Residents have two years in the shelter while they’re supported and connected to services and have time to look for a new more permanent housing.

Aim to support people long term so that people aren’t continually coming back into shelters. Different locations are being developed, one focused on housing for LGBTQ women.

* **Sgt Ken Huntinghouse of the North Portland ResponseTeam** Concerns with houseless campers in our neighborhood
  + May report camps to [https://pdxreporter.org](https://pdxreporter.org/) (deals with abandoned cars and many other issues also, or 311.They will send people out to report back to police as warranted, and prioritize sweeps where there are large numbers of campers.
  + Police get involved with high crime issues which tend to co-occur with large numbers of campers. Those impacted are offered shelter services, but without the stability of a place to sleep, most just move somewhere else.
  + If there is immediate danger to campers or others, call 911, they triage to StreetResponse for most camper related issues
  + Police are not able to deal with street racers.
  + Meals on Us is another local resource <https://www.mealsonuspdx.org/>
  + The larger issue seems to be affordable housing.

3. Elections

* Who is a member of the SGNA?
  + All residents– everyone who lives and works within the boundaries of SG
    - rent/own
    - Businesses or NPO’s
  + Board member requirements –
    - Have to be a member of SGNA
    - Voted in during yearly membership meeting or appointed by Board
    - 19 max.
* New Candidates for the Board introduced themselves
  + **Susan Bickerstaff**
  + **Michelle Sekara**
  + **Pete Sheehey**
  + **Suzanne LaGrande**
  + **Jesse Paquette**
* Projects on agenda going forward
  + Decoupling Weidler and Broadway
  + Houselessness
  + Air quality
  + Annual leaf sweeping – Friday, Dec. 2, 2022
* All 9 board members, returning and new, unanimously voted in. An additional 5 are starting their second year of a term.
* Considering whether to do hybrid meetings in the future.
* Dave asked people on Zoom if the hybrid model worked well:
  + *Sean Green: I came to hear the guest speakers and it worked well.*
  + *D Hunt: Works for me and Bart, but some difficulty hearing people speaking at the back of room.*
  + *Fred: It worked well for the most part.  I liked having zoom as I am immunocompromised and avoid crowds of unknown vaccine status*
  + *Betsy: overall great, I appreciate the camera moving to capture what's going on there.  thank you*
  + *Stephanie: I think it all worked pretty well, audio and video were decent. Thanks Ryan!*