

SGNA Board Meeting - 2025-08-18

Have a question, suggestion, or idea? Email us at hello@sullivansgulch.org

Date and Time: August 18, 2025, 7-8:30pm

Physical meeting location: N/A

Virtual meeting link: <https://meet.zoho.com/ihgv-elu-zxb>

Board of Directors Attendance

Facilitator: Matt Zajack

Note taker: Susan Bickerstaff

Name, Duty	Present	Absent	Excused
Babs Vanelli, Neighborhood Coalition Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Brook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Adamson, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith Iding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zajack, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sheehey, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Bickerstaff, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ted Schenck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quorum (5 required)	Yes		

Neighbors Present

1. Mary Kinnick
2. Ryan Richter

Agenda and Notes

Welcome

1. Public Comments
 1. A lot of construction continuing on Broadway; NEBBA is promoting businesses, with a featured business every other week
 2. Watch GulchNET for general business announcements
2. Calendar of events
 1. SGNA Gulch-o-Rama, Sep 13, 2025; in the Clackamas-Halsey Alley between 24th and 26th
 2. Lloyd Ecodistrict Events (in Holladay Park and elsewhere), <https://www.ecolloyd.org/events/>
 3. Depave 7th and Washington Street Plaza, <https://www.depave.org/future-green-plaza-events-2025>
 4. Montavilla Jazz Festival August 29th-31st in and around Mt. Tabor
 5. Tomorrow 4-6pm Ben Woodman will perform at Holladay Park, <https://www.ecolloyd.org/events/live-music-tuesday/>

Standing Items

1. Officer Updates
 1. Secretary: Approval of [recent minutes](#)
 1. Unanimously approved
 2. Treasurer (Pete)
 1. \$2800 in the account; going to pay \$20 soon to renew the domain name
 2. Have not seen the \$1000 deposit from NECN communications grant for this year
 1. Babs will ask tomorrow; the date may be pushed back this year
 3. Setting up electronic donations via Venmo, Paypal, Donate button on website for Gulch-o-Rama and going forward
 1. Matt and Pete will work on this
2. Committee Updates
 1. Executive

1. Fall meeting schedule: Where do we want to meet for these upcoming meetings? At Steeplejack in July there were audio issues on Zoho. Matt has a second mic that he could bring. We could try to book a different room. Keith will inquire with Steeplejack. Proposed schedule:
 1. Sep 15, 2025 - Board meeting in-person Steeplejack - Keith will book the room
 2. Oct 20, 2025 - Board meeting: in-person at HPP and/or virtual only, to be reconsidered after September
 3. Nov 17, 2025 - In person general meeting at Encorepreneur to include Director elections and speakers/topics for neighbor engagement
 4. Dec 22, 2025 - Board meeting: internal meeting to elect officers and plan for the upcoming year
 2. Future meeting speakers/topics:
 1. Quake night in Gulch?
 1. Emergency response efforts; invite NET and others to present. Connect with Joshua Baker to plan. Lloyd EcoDistrict has intern support until the end of September.
 2. Portland [Central City Code Amendments Project](#) (CCCAP)
 1. Kevin Bond, Portland City Planner is available to make a presentation at our September meeting
 3. QuietCleanPDX speaker (Gas leaf blower phase out, Oct??)
 3. Consider adopting the [Neighborhood Sustainability Policy Template?](#) To be discussed at a future meeting
 4. Reviewing bylaws - any interest in reviewing and reworking in any fashion?
 1. No volunteers at this time
2. Communications
 1. Technology - New website, due October 2025
 1. <https://sullivansgulch.zohosites.com>
 2. Matt has a few front-page options; putting together a form

to ask for preferences on options

3. Land Use and Transportation:

1. Developments, construction, permits:

1. Lloyd Center Redevelopment - big demolition at the old Nordstrom building at 9th and Multnomah. Ted has heard rumblings that Lloyd Center is not renewing leases past January 2026. Stay tuned.

1. Public notice for a meeting on September 19th or 13th meeting. Developer is asking for a change to developer requirements for windows and solar panels.

2. Gordon's Fireplace - Building is up for sale again

2. NE Broadway and Weidler Paint and Pave

1. Business asking for support doing this time; NEBBA and ProsperPortland.us selecting businesses weekly to feature/promote

2. Have heard good feedback about the redesign from residents at 24th and Weidler

4. Safety and Livability:

1. Tree Team - Mary/Ted update

1. Applied for an East County Conservation grant and received it. Will have \$1100 to spend. Still working out how to transfer the funds from NECN to SGNA. Will be used to make our presence known in the neighborhood. Have a group of 12 dedicated people. Building from the ground up. Have been focused on preparing for Gulch-o-Rama to get the word out. People can register for reminders for requesting free yard trees. Will have information about that at Gulch-o-Rama. Urban Forestry has marked areas for street trees.

2. Matt: Wants to lower barriers to entry. Even the thought of submitting a permit request can be too much. How do we make it easier and help them know which programs are available?

3. Idea: showcase a different tree at SGNA meetings and historical story
 4. Matt will look into a collaboration platform for the Tree Team.
2. Diesel Particulates Abatement (Portland Clean Air research) - Matt update
 1. Talking with Greg Bourget at Portland Clean Air. They are looking to engage with large polluters; have someone to represent Portland Clean Air among the stakeholders. Keith also plans to follow-up.
 3. Gas Leaf Blower Phase Out - Dave Brook - Starting in January 2025

New Business

1. Events planning updates / ad hoc committees
 1. Gulch-o-Rama updates (Sue)
 1. Tabling:
 1. Babs has connected with city councilors' staff member: Jennifer Stewart who works for the city as an admin specialist. She can get info to all 3 city councilors about attending Gulch-o-Rama.
 2. Does NECN want to have a table? Babs is going to their meeting tomorrow night. Will bring up the idea of them having a table at GoR tomorrow.
 2. Vote to approve the use of \$600 for band
 1. Unanimously approved
 2. HereTogether Coalition (<https://heretogetheroregon.org/community-conversations/>)
 1. Pete to look into the organization and report back at the next meeting
2. Wondering from Ryan. At the last meeting, he connected with someone who didn't have a car. Is there a way that people can opt into putting their contact information? Like a neighborhood directory. Ryan to mull it over.

Motions / Nominations / Resolutions

1. Vote to approve July 2025 Minutes
 - a. Approved unanimously
2. Vote to approve \$600 for Bloco Alegria band for Gulch-O-Rama
 - a. Approved unanimously