

SGNA Board Meeting - 2025-12-15

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

Date and Time: December 15, 2025, 7-8:30pm

Physical meeting location: Holladay Park Plaza Club Room and hybrid on Zoho

Agenda link (this document): _

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Facilitator: Matt Zajack

Notetaker: Sue Bickerstaff

Board of Directors Attendance

| Name, Duty | Present | Absent | Excused |
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| Babs Vanelli, Neighborhood Coalition Rep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 (4 required) | Yes | | |

Neighbors Present in-person and virtual

1. Trip Longworth, Mary Kinnick, Lauri King, Nico, Vijay, Robinson Ford, DJ Heffernan

Agenda and Notes

Welcome

1. Public Comments (none)
2. Calendar of events
 1. Dec 4 - 31 - Broadway Bingo, visit local establishments to collect
 2. Dec 17 and 18 - Neighborhood Volunteer Corp leaf raking
 3. Dec 19 - Leaf Day (from Portland.gov) - seeking parking permission from Fred Meyer and Grace Memorial
 4. Jan 19 - SGNA Board meeting (MLK); at Steeplejack, featuring Elena Pirtle-Guiney
 5. SOLVE April Cleanup (seeking someone to coordinate this in April 2026)

Speakers

1. Portland DSA Immigrant Justice Working Group presentation/workshop: Nico Gouveia, Vijay
 1. Background: ICE is a relatively recently formed agency with recent budget increases in the current administration
 2. Goal is to help communities feel empowered. There have been ICE actions, primarily in Beaverton and also in Portland. Have been enforcement activities in schools in Hillsboro and Beaverton
 1. Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition has created a hotline. Can send a text or call PIRC. Trained individuals come on site to observe and can provide resources.
 2. How are people communicating that ICE is in the neighborhood? Can use whistles.
 3. Providing mutual aid for families and businesses that have been impacted by ICE.
 3. Matt has 3-D printed whistles available at his house. Reach out to get some.
 4. Defensive rights for your home or private space. Signs are available for businesses to demarcate private areas)
 1. Right against unreasonable searches
 2. Right to remain silent

3. Right to record ICE (focusing the video on the officers rather than the person being detained)
 4. Judicial warrants are required to enter private areas (will include the word "Court" on it). Administrative warrants are not sufficient for entering private areas.
 5. Offensive rights, how to protect yourself
 1. Carry valid documents, not copies
 2. Make a family emergency plan; keep school emergency pick-up list up to date
 3. Consult a licensed immigration attorney; intake appointment should be no more than \$200
 6. Call the PIRC hotline: 888-622-1510
 1. Count - how many officers?
 2. Location - where exactly?
 3. Equipment - uniforms, vehicles
 4. Activity - stakeout? driving? actively detaining?
 5. Report time - exactly when you saw?
 7. Lynne's question: How do I apply this as an individual?
 1. Could get more involved with DSA and PIRC
 2. Immigrant Justice Sanctuary is another organization where you can volunteer; fund raises and delivers food
 3. DSA is doing business canvassing; could bring these materials to local businesses
 4. National Day Laborer Organizing; have a training where you can bring coffee and food
2. CEI Hub Task Force: Lauri King ([deck](#))
 1. CEI Hub is vulnerable to a natural disaster: majority of tanks are from prior to 1970, liquifiable soil, toxic fumes
 2. State legislation: Fuel Tank Seismic Stability Program; most sites are not yet compliant with the first step
 3. Task force has had successes in raising awareness about this among the public and elected officials in 2024 and 2025
 4. Zenith Energy transports fuel by rail and stores fuel in Portland, but the fuels are mostly not used here. Zenith has positioned itself as pivoting to

renewable fuels. CEI Hub is not the place for storing fuels of any kind, whether renewable or not.

5. CEI Hub Policy Project - the final draft goes to the city council for a vote in early 2026. Current draft is an improvement but still has large loopholes.
6. This is going to the planning commission meeting tomorrow at 4-8pm. Rally prior at 3pm. Opportunity for public testimony.
7. Discussion:
 1. Has there been consideration of moving CEI hub east where there is less risk seismic risk.
 2. Does the city have the power to get rid of the hub? They would have to work with the state, but yes they have a lot of power.
 3. <https://xrpdx.org/rumble-on-the-river-28-whats-the-deal-with-data-centers/>
8. Written testimony can be submitted until December 19th.
9. <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/planning-commission/events/2025/12/16/planning-commission-meeting-december-16-2025>

Standing Items

1. Officer Updates
 - a. Secretary: Approval of recent minute
 - b. Treasurer: Bank balance is \$1543.75
 - i. NECN will provide a check request form so we can recoup the funds (~\$400) from Gulch-o-Rama. Babs will follow-up with Lydia at NECN tomorrow
 - ii. Pete completed the CT-12 form for the year. We'll be due to renew registration with the state for our public benefit in March
 1. We should use the NECN mailing address
2. Committee Updates (15-min)
 1. Executive
 1. We have created a Community Group and Social Moderation Standard Operating Policy (SOP) for GulchNET Google group and Facebook group
 1. We want to move towards more officially maintained resources like the Newsletter, etc.

2. Clarity on moderation, giving official support to our moderators but leaving control with them
2. Communications:
 1. Technology
 1. Retiring the BOARD_GOOGLE_GROUP and using board@sullivansgulch.org for internal comms
 2. eNewsletter - beginning Jan 2026
 1. Sue will start to kickoff - make a template in our Zoho mail client
 2. Will be looking to source content from the Board, Tree Team, NEBBA, and other neighbors
 1. Submit your ideas and entries to newsletter@sullivansgulch.org
 2. Deadline for submission will be the first Monday of the month
 3. Safety and Livability:
 1. Tree Team:
 1. Have a mission statement and goal adopted in November. Focus on healthy and sustainable urban forest.
 1. Goal: Plan and conduct education and outreach activities designed to motivate residents and property owners to plan trees
 2. Neighborhood tree walks are being planned for 2026
 2. Would like to bring up status of Tree Team at a future SGNA meeting
 3. Next Tree Team meeting is on Jan 12th at 7pm at Holladay Park Plaza
 4. DJ interested in learning about resources for landscaping the parking strip
 2. Volunteer Corp
 1. Introducing the Corp (Trip) - starting with the leaf raking
 1. Wed 12/17 at 4:30 at 26th and Wasco
 2. Thurs 12/18 at 10am at 26th and Wasco
 2. Street Painting
 3. Street Plaza - Starting up for 2027 plans - VC headquarters; talk to

NEBBA;

4. Neighborhood Gardens - Plans for future
 5. Opportunities for all abilities to get involved: coordination and snack management
3. Transportation
 1. Portland.gov Vision Zero Speed updates:
 1. 30 to 25 mph
 1. N Weidler Street from Ross to NE Grand avenues and 16th to 24th avenues
 2. N Broadway Street from Larabee to NE Grand avenues and 24th to 33rd avenues
 3. NW/SW Miller Road from NW Cornell to SW Barnes roads
 2. 30 to 20 mph
 1. NE Weidler Street from Grand to 16th avenues
 2. NE Broadway Street from Grand to 24th avenues

New Business

1. Events planning updates / ad hoc committees
 1. Looking for a leader for SOLV April Cleanup planning - need help advertising it, getting supplies (from SOLV), planning meetup and timing, ask SOLV what we need; Tap volunteer corp for help
2. Election of Officer Positions
 1. Matt Zajack, President
 2. Keith Adamson, Vice President
 3. Susan Bickerstaff, Secretary
 4. Peter Sheehey, Treasurer
 5. Babs Vanelli, Neighborhood Coalition Representative
3. Future Topics:
 1. Future topics: Community Justice Partnership (PCJP) - (Push off to Feb)
 2. Portland.gov Council President visits

Motions / Nominations / Resolutions

1. Election of Babs for another 2-year team
 - a. Keith motions, Ted seconds
 - b. All in favor and none opposed
2. Election of Officers (Matt, Keith, Sue, Pete, and Babs) to continue in their current roles into 2026
 - a. Ted motions, Matt seconds
 - a. All in favor and none opposed
3. Treasury: Request approval for funds for Gulch-o-Rama's \$450 port-a-potty fee (this has already been paid, out to Matt Z but was not officially approved)
 - a. Keith motions, Sue seconds
 - a. All in favor and none opposed
4. Treasury: Request approval for funds of \$102.69 for street painting supplies for NE 21 and Clackamas that DJ H did in Oct 2025
 - a. Ted motions, Keith seconds
 - a. All in favor and none opposed
5. Treasury: Request approval for funds for \$150 for Entrepreneur for November neighborhood meeting
 - a. Ted motions, Sue seconds
 - a. All in favor and none opposed
6. Secretary: Request for approval for October and November minutes
 - a. Matt motions, Keith seconds
 - a. All in favor and none opposed