

# SGNA Board Meeting

## Meeting Details

Have a question, suggestion, or idea? Email us at [hello@sullivansgulch.org](mailto:hello@sullivansgulch.org)

**Date and Time:** May 19, 2025, 7-8:30pm

**Facilitator:** Matt Zajack

**Note taker:** Susan Bickerstaff

**Board of Directors Attendance:**

Name, Duty	Present	Absent	Excused
Babs Vanelli, D2NC Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dave Brook, Treasurer	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lynne Coward	<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	<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/No		

**Neighbors Present in-person and virtual:** Jillian Jackson, Mary Kinnick

# Agenda and Notes

## Welcome

1. Public Comment: Jillian Jackson is a resident of Sullivan's Gulch. Invites neighbors to consider hosting an international study this summer. Employee of ACES, a PNW-based non-profit that partners with local universities. Host families provide students 3 meals per day (breakfast and lunch may be self-serve) and provide transportation to and from the airport. Students use public transportation to get to the university. ACES provides orientation, a small stipend, and 24/7 support. (Link to [Jillian's slideshow](#))

## Standing Items

1. Approval of [March](#) and [April](#) minutes
  1. Minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's report (Dave)
  1. Currently \$2851 in the checking account.
  2. Dave Brook is looking to step down from his role as treasurer. Dave describes the role, which includes updating CT-12 document annually and paying for the website and other periodic expenses.
  3. As chair, Matt also has access to the checking account and can assist, as needed.
  4. Pete Sheehey is willing to serve. Virtual nature of work should not conflict with winter travel schedule.
    1. Motion to nominate Pete Sheehey as treasurer is approved unanimously.
3. NECN report: Babs is absent, but will send summary of this week's planned NECN meeting.
4. Follow-up to March requests from Greg Bourget regarding homelessness and clean air advocacy
  1. Keith A emailed Greg to follow-up, but hasn't heard back.
  2. Discussion: homeless program is a priority for the city council and mayor, who are currently in the midst of a budget battle. There are some political

differences of opinion about how the money should be spent. The research from Greg may intersect with this.

3. Keith I can follow-up with Greg on clean air issues. Diesel rules may be changing. Keith I will check with DEQ.
4. There are still opportunities to give feedback on the budget.
5. Watch City Council meetings on channel 330 or on YouTube
5. Tree Team: Update and next steps (Mary and Ted)
  1. [Written update from Mary](#)
    1. [Street Tree Report 2013](#)
    2. [Street Tree Report 2023](#)
  2. There are several interested neighbors; initial meeting scheduled for June 4th. Only a few active Tree Teams in Portland.
  3. Question about getting an official email for Tree Team business?
    1. Matt can set up treeteam@sullivansgulch.org
6. Technology update
  1. <https://mail.sullivansgulch.org> for Board Directors to access new organizational email
  2. Pete will need to work with Matt to get access to the treasury mailbox and official Zoho email for treasurer business
7. NET updates (Ted)
  1. Trained NETs can participate in a city-wide exercise in June
  2. Summer deployments will include shifts at cooling stations
8. Revisiting meeting locations (Keith)
  1. Seeking to create opportunities for more in-person engagement, by holding additional meetings that are open to the public in person. We could add an additional neighborhood meeting (Fall, Winter, and Spring?). Or offer more social opportunities.
  2. Sue and neighbor Kelly will host a block party that will be open to the neighborhood on June 29th. Could be an opportunity to connect with neighbors. Could have Tabling for Tree Team, NET, the board, etc.

## **New Business**

1. Upcoming event hosted by Lloyd EcoDistrict: Quake Night at the Park: RUMBLINGS Movie Screening, Community Picnic, and Emergency

Preparedness Fair, Sunday, June 22nd, 6PM to 8:45PM; Holladay Park

2. Save the date for the **Yard Sale, July 12, 2025, 9am-4pm**. HPP plans to participate. (Sue)
  1. Sign-up here by June 29th to have your sale featured on the map (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrtWoDezMv9FM3fA3gem5l095k-TB8YKBy8l8j7nGCwjXGRQ/viewform?usp=header>)
  2. Connect with Sue if you have ideas or want to help with planning and publicity. A team of volunteers will be needed to post lawn signs
  3. Ted says that HPP has requested permission to park during the sale at Lloyd Center.
3. [Gulch-o-Rama interest form](#). (Sue)
  1. For the past several years, board members have been interested in relaunching Gulch-o-Rama but failed to gather enough volunteers to make it happen. This interest form is intended to gather a larger group of volunteers who can dedicate small or larger amounts of time.
  2. Please provide feedback on the form; Sue will disseminate it to the neighborhood later this week
  3. We could post flyers Broadway businesses to advertise for these summer events (Yard Sale and GulchoRama). Could be a way to reach people who are not on GulchNet.
4. Interest in restarting a Neighborhood Garden (Matt)
  1. There has historically been a neighborhood garden at 26th and Multnomah, behind the American Property Management building. Approximately 10,000 square feet. A neighbor has access to it; looking to coordinate a larger group effort to restart it.
  2. Would need to provide some funding for water.
  3. Suggest connecting with Trip, who has information about people in the neighborhood looking to garden. The community garden on Weidler at 17th is affiliated with a group called Foundseed.
  4. Ted thinks HPP residents would be interested.
  5. There might be an opportunity to apply for a grant to get things started.
5. Other business
  1. Keith A: In July and August, the Fontaine will be redoing their parking lot, which will be disruptive for residents who park there. Ted has a contact at

Lloyd Center, could put Keith in touch.

## **Motions / Nominations / Resolutions**

1. March and April 2025 minutes approved.
2. Pete Sheehey elected to serve as treasurer in place of Dave Brook who is stepping down.