

# SGNA Board Meeting - 2025-06-16

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**Date and Time:** June 16, 2025, 7-8:30pm

**Meeting location:** HPP Conference Room and hybrid on Zoho

**Facilitator:** Matt Zajack

**Note taker:** Susan Bickerstaff

## Board of Directors Attendance

Name, Duty	Present	Absent	Excused
Babs Vanelli, NECN 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 checked="" 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, 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 in-person and virtual

1. Mary Kinnick, Peg Johnson, David Mandlbat, Darnelle Mandlbat

# Agenda and Notes

## Welcome

1. Public Comments
  1. David M: "Now/What?" weekly demonstrations on NE 16th and Multnomah
    1. Live here in the neighborhood; feel like we need to do something about what's happening in the country. Been meeting Saturdays at noon at 16th and Multnomah. Usually have about 40 people in attendance. This past weekend, 200 people showed up. We are being encouraged to keep it big rather than smaller. Want to invite the neighborhood to come and join us.
      - a. Question: What else is going on in the neighborhood related to "resist" movement in the neighborhood?
        - i. Third Act Oregon has community meetings around the area; frequently at Steeplejack.
    2. Resident contacted the SGNA about hanging ODFW [Coyote Signs](#) around the neighborhood. Printed signs are available for those who would like to post them
    3. [Seattle-to-Portland \(STP\) Bicycle Ride](#) organized by the Cascade Bicycle Club in Seattle - The riders will be finishing at Holladay Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13. This will include road closures: NE Multnomah between 11th and 12th, and NE 11th Street between Holladay and Multnomah streets. Holladay Park has been reserved for the event and there will be fencing around much of the park. Over 5,000 riders are expected, most arriving on Sunday.
    4. Reminder about the Buy Nothing group on Facebook and the Wisebuys shop at HPP.
  2. Calendar of events
    1. [Recycling event at FM](#), June 28, 11am-2pm
    2. Yard Sale, July 12
    3. Block Party on NE 21st and Wasco, June 29, 2:30-5:30pm

## Standing Items

## 1. Officer Updates

### 1. Secretary: Approval of [recent minutes](#)

1. Approved unanimously

### 2. Treasurer: \$2831.62 in the bank

1. We have been getting \$1000 from the city previously for the communications grant. We applied for that for this year. Last payment was in August 2024 so this year's payment may be forthcoming. Babs will follow-up to see about the availability of funds moving forward.

### 3. D2NC/NECN

1. Babs: NECN monthly meeting is tomorrow. As far as I know, the NAs will continue to receive financial support from the city. Final vote on the budget is this Wednesday during their PM session beginning at 6pm.

1. NECN had difficulty getting organized on specific tasks/committees; not a groundswell of activity. A lot of discussion on the mission statement; had a training from a consultant on organizing effectively.

2. Ted: The district 2 coalition is a blending of two previously existing neighborhood associations. Two groups of people are trying to figure out how to work together. Leadership of district 2 has been struggling to pull the group together. Because of the uncertainty around the budget; there's a bit of angst about the future. There's been some hesitancy about jumping in to doing things.

3. Babs: I've formed a good bond with the co-chair. There will be elections coming up. I could assume the role of parliamentarian. There is a training coming up. That would give me more of a voice. Stay tuned for more developments.

## 2. Committee Updates

1. Executive (Keith A): Interested in exploring alternative meeting locations that will allow community members to attend in person (at HPP, non-board members must attend by Zoom). Emailed Steeplejack. One of their rooms holds about 30 people; has AV capabilities; Wifi. They don't charge for non-profits.

1. Discussion:
  1. Had meetings at Steeplejack several years ago, it was hard to hear in that space.
  2. Babs has been to several events in there. They do a good job of welcoming in community groups. The acoustics are not that bad.
  3. Keith: Have been looking at neighboring NAs meeting schedules; they don't meet as frequently as we do. Can also have meet and greets in the summer at block parties
  4. Mary: Came from the Mt. Tabor NA; they had good attendance in the basement of the church. Should include a topic/issue in the neighborhood that would attract people to the neighbors. For July, it might be an update on Broadway Paint and Pave.
2. Resolution: Approve holding next meeting on July 21st at Steeplejack, invite a PBOT guest speaker
2. Communications (Matt): Website and email platform upgrades
  1. Haven't had a website redesign in 9 years; new website redesign with a new focus is on getting people involved. Also have an opportunity for a newsletter campaign.
  2. Preview new website: <https://sullivansgulch.zohosites.com>
    1. Current site - Weebly (Square) hosting: \$144 per year, renewed in Oct 2024; New site - Zoho hosting: **\$204 per year** with new capabilities
    2. Zoho Campaign (Newsletter engine): 1000 users with unlimited emails, **\$63/year** (might be able to use just the free plan)
  3. Resolution: Approve allocating \$204 to host website on Zoho for one year
3. Land Use and Transportation: (Matt)
  1. Lloyd Center Redevelopment: Demolition/construction has begun on an [entertainment venue](#) on the west side of Lloyd Center (old Nordstrom). Up to 2400 people. Developer is Monqui Presents. No knowledge of previous engagement with the neighborhood about

the project. We could invite Mike Quinn of Monqui (cited in news article) to speak at an upcoming meeting.

1. Matt is looking for someone to bring these up every month to keep the board up to date
  1. No volunteers identified during the meeting
2. Keith A noticed a sign posted on a fence at Lloyd Center for Public Hearing in mid-September; may be related to solar / green infrastructure requirements.
3. Broadway Paint and Pave: Update from PBOT on 6/11:
  1. ADA curb ramp construction continues this month on NE Broadway at 15th, 16th, and 21st Avenues. In addition to curb ramps, PBOT is constructing two new transit platforms at 16th and 21st avenues (working with TriMet). Paving will begin on NE Weidler in early July and paving will begin on NE Broadway in mid-July. Additional safety improvements will be constructed in August and September. PBOT will share additional details in the coming weeks.
4. Safety and Livability:
  1. Ted has been liaison to North Portland Public Safety Action Committee; they meet by Zoom once a month. This was a vehicle for maintaining communication for neighborhoods.
  2. Tree Team (Mary): 10 people met on June 4th. (7 from HPP and 3 from the neighborhood.) There's a neighbor with Urban Forestry who is interested. Someone in the group is a cartographer. Interested in planning tree walks across the seasons and other education opportunities. On Sat I will go to last meeting of Tree Steward program.
    1. We'll know on Wed about what's happening with budget for Urban Forestry. Urban Forestry has big goals. How we outreach and communicate to neighbors about spaces for new trees. Our neighborhood has 17% tree canopy. We're on the list for street trees. They notify neighbors about

availability for free trees. Will know more soon about the availability of these programs for next year.

2. Next meeting July 9th, Wed 7pm.
3. EcoDistrict lending library has materials for tree plantings.

## **New Business**

1. Events planning updates / ad hoc committees
  1. Gulch-o-rama - annual party held in early September, ranges from big with live music to pot luck; historically around neighborhood
    1. 7 people (including Ted and Matt) responded to the planning/interest survey
    2. Lloyd Ecodistrict would be willing to help if it were on NE 16th/17th Ave
    3. Sue will schedule a first conversation on planning the event (include Mary and Keith; reach out to Trip)
2. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

# Motions / Nominations / Resolutions

1. Approval of May 2025 meeting minutes
  - a. Motion passed unanimously
2. Hold July 21, 2025 meeting at Steeplejack; invite PBOT (or another speaker, council person) and neighborhood for that presentation; invite public with sign boards
  - a. Motion passed unanimously
3. Approve \$204 for Zoho webhosting
  - a. Passed unanimously