

SGNA Board Meeting - 2025-07-21

Meeting Details

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

Date and Time: July 21, 2025, 7-8:30pm

Physical location: Steeplejack Brewing on Broadway

Virtual meeting link(s):

<https://meet.zoho.com/ysxw-eyj-gig>

Join using your phone

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Access Code:1042787883 #

Facilitator: Matt Zajack

Note taker: Keith Adamson

Board of Directors Attendance:

Name, Duty	Present	Absent	Excused
Babs Vanelli, D2NC Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Brook, Treasurer	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lynne Coward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:

Agenda and Notes

Welcome

1. Welcome and Introductions (<5 min)
2. Public Comments (5-10 min)
3. Calendar of events (<5 min)

Standing Items

1. Speaker(s)
 1. **Transition Projects, Kelsey Stark:** Banfield Shelter Motel (NE 37th and Broadway) in the area: Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood is home to our Banfield Shelter Motel, a 60-bed shelter for medically vulnerable men, women, and couples experiencing homelessness. (10-min)
 2. **PBOT Update and Q&A with Briana** (10-min)
2. Officer Updates (10 min)
 1. Secretary: approval of [June minutes](#)
 2. Treasurer
 3. D2NC/NECN
3. Committee Updates (15 min)
 1. Executive
 1. Consider adopting the **Neighborhood Sustainability Policy Template**
 2. Communications:
 1. Technology -
 1. reminder, check your @sullivansgulch.org emails
 2. Review new website: <https://sullivansgulch.zohosites.com>
- Matt to workshop a couple options, get a preference (15-min)
 2. Newsletter
 3. Land Use and Transportation
 1. Broadway Pave and Paint updates - Local businesses feel an impact (mid-Sep end date) - Have a [1-pager from NEBBA](#)

2. Gordon's Fireplace - any updates?
3. Lloyd Center Redevelopment - Public Hearing on mid-September (sign posted on Lloyd Center) - Wants to reduce solar / green infrastructure requirements(??) Keep an eye on it
4. Safety and Livability:
 1. Tree Team
 2. NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team)
 3. North Portland Public Safety Action Committee (Ted)
 4. Diesel Particulates Abatement (Portland Clean Air research) (Keith A)

New Business

1. Events planning updates / ad hoc committees (15-min)
 1. Gulch-o-rama (planning) was on July 13 meeting recap - Matt/Keith
 2. Block Party on NE 21st and Wasco (recap) was on July 2 - Great to be out with neighbors. New neighbors met. It was the third annual. It was enjoyed by all, free, and a good model for hosting block parties! We can help with other micro-neighborhood parties.
 3. Yard sale (recap) was on July 11 - 36 sales were registered (highest in nearly a decade!!)
2. *Deferred from 2025-06* - Start an e-newsletter?? (5-min)
 1. Need to find an interested party to take this up...
 2. We have over 900 people signed up via our website since 2020 and have never sent an e-newsletter
 3. What kind of schedule?
 4. What kind of content?
3. *Deferred from 2025-06* - Neighborhood Garden updates? (5-min)
 1. Need to find an interested party to take this up... Requires new folks
 2. SB: There's been some discussion about this on the SGNA FB group this week
4. *(Maybe postpone) Deferred from 2025-06*, SGNA revenue -generating activities
 1. Do we want to activate these?
 2. How do we want to use those funds?
 3. How do we want to collect these funds? (Treasurer)

1. Electronic - Venmo, Paypal, etc? Brooklyn has done this (Keith A)
2. How does it work with NECN and their 501c3?
4. What activities do we want to do?
 3. Yard sale adverts, sell local biz space, charge money for sellers to be listed (e.g. suggested \$10)
 4. SGNA New Member Welcome Packets, sell coupons/biz space
 5. Neighborhood History Walks (Doug Decker from Alameda?)
 6. Raffle tickets - during Gulch-o-rama
 7. Cascadia Community Energy for Oregon Community Solar Program
 8. ...Others??

Motions / Nominations / Resolutions