



Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association, c/o Encorepreneur Cafe, 1548 NE 15th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232
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Meeting Minutes of the SGNA Board of Directors

February 12, 2019 7---9 PM

Board Members Present: Dave Brook, Chris Jensen, Mary Beth Christopher, Mike Purvis, Dan Lerch-Walters, Julie Hoffinger, Paul Comery

Board Members Excused: Ron Boucher, Kathy Hansen

Board Members Unexcused: Michael Brown, Jack Frewing, Martin Rowe

Guests and Neighborhood Members: Percy Hawkes (Neighborhood Resident), David Peterson (:LUTC Committee), Masaki Fujimoto (The Encorepreneur Café), DJ Heffernan (LUTC Chair), Cory Kolbeck (Neighborhood Resident), Robyn Klopp (Neighborhood Resident), and Charlie (Neighborhood Resident)

All motions and votes are marked in underline and italics.

All votes were completed by show of hands.

Meeting Start at 7:07 pm

Open Mic: Time for members of our community to raise concerns/questions

- Masaki Fujimoto, The Encorepreneur Café, the Portland Japanese Film Club will be presenting a free movie screening of Tampopo, A Ramen Western, on February 20th at 5:30 p.m. at 1548 NE 15th Ave., Encorepreneur Cafe. In addition, a Mah Jong Meetup event will occur on February 27th at 5:00 p.m.; there will be an instructor attending, and all are welcome.
- Dan Lerch-Walters mentioned there is an African Film Festival coming up as well.
- As of 7:15 p.m., 6 members are present; no quorum. DJ will discuss LUTC.
- **DJ Heffernan, Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee:**
 - LUTC meetings will be occurring on the Third Tuesday of each month, after the upcoming meeting on the 28th. This accommodates Grant Park's schedule, and hopefully broadens the conversation.
 - The owners of Axcess Apartments propose to close and gate the Halsey walkway through the property. Kathy attended the meeting, DJ will debrief us.
 - LUTC upcoming meeting on the 28th, DJ is trying to ask the Broadway business alliance to participate. They have not been interested in communicating. DJ would like to have a meeting to talk about their priorities. The group on the LUTC agenda - the developers of the Pepsi bottling site, at NE Sandy and 27th; it is a very good design development team out of Seattle that tends to develop and hold their buildings. They have a master plan, this meeting will focus on what the Phase 1 buildings will look like. They go before design review in early March. They wanted to be able to meet the affordable housing requirements in this phase and bank that for the future. They are going to keep the domed building. Ideas are community or flexible space. Last item on meeting agenda will be the neighborhood plan. Land Use and Urban Design and Housing chapters were reviewed last time, and LUTC will be going through the Transportation and Parks

- and Open Space chapters at the meeting, and hopes to come back with proposed language in March.
- Axcess Apartments request was not well received by the City. At the time of development in the 1990s, a super block was created and Halsey was closed to vehicular traffic. This was a big deal at the time, for a development such as this to occur outside the Central City. The City, neighborhood, and design commission had insisted on having a permanent public easement where Halsey was closed, intended as a plaza with a water feature and clear sight lines, much more of a public space than it is now. DJ met with the new property manager, she hadn't heard about the history behind this. The City pretty much said they will get a staff report that says no, an order saying that the easement can't ever be private. Design review commission rejected the proposal to close the easement during certain hours. DJ hopes what it means is that they will drop the application. The new owners are from Arizona, and things are different there. Dan commented on a local access way that was supposed to stay open to students, that didn't last. Chris asked why they wanted to close it? DJ: the planters are latrines, and the owners cited police reports citing issues with homeless people, to which the city answered, that is everywhere. DJ asked Percy if he was aware of what is going on. Percy has called security re drug use, some break-ins, so the new management hired a security guard to patrol at night.

Roll call at approximately 7:30 p.m.

- **Dave Brook: let's pause and take Roll Call. A quorum is present.**
- **DJ Heffernan, LUTC Chair, continues:**
 - To the owner's credit, they wanted put in BBQs, additional seating areas etc. for their residents, and they feel they can't do that in a public space. David asked about the day care center in the building, said if the walkway is closed it would be a great place for children to play. DJ: long and short, a cold reception from planning and transportation. DJ hopes ownership is not too off put by the news; the neighborhood supports the owner but would like to see the easement stay open because it was the agreement to do so.
 - Also, we were supposed to have a gather around the new crosswalk and talk about the art that is going there at NE 21st & Clackamas. Dave commented he and his wife both were wearing black one night, stepped into the protected area, and cars stopped. DJ: the meeting was canceled due to weather, will occur later. Paul asked, is it the whole intersection or just in curb extensions? Dave clarified, street painting is planned inside the protected curb extensions DJ: curb extensions, inside the white candlesticks. \$8,500 approximately; affordable, and really will enhance safety. Mike P. asked about the bus stop. DJ: boardings are not high enough for anything more, maybe a bench, certainly not a shelter. Mike: Parking to be removed? DJ: Bus stops will be moved slightly, with concrete landing strips poured for the front and back of bus, so the parking on the SE corner of intersection, and on the NW corner, those areas where bus stops will be, at the approach to intersection, will be removed.
- Resident introduction. Percy is primarily interested in the community, events, inclusivity, getting people involved, also safety, neighborhood events, and would like to participate. Dave: we have committees and some need chairs; we can accommodate interests. Not clear how much info gets relayed to the residents at Axcess, we can provide Percy with flyers he can leave for other residents. DJ: it is easy to say renters are not interested, but

if renters do not know about the meetings? Percy: saw the notice in the gym. Sees the importance of long term relationships. Charlie: heard about the meetings the first 6 months he was here. Here 3 years ago; used to be a pile of newsletters in lobby, hasn't seen them. Dave: The newsletters were not being produced for a time.

- Dave will get the new members set up with GulchNet.

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Dan moves to approve the January meeting minutes, Paul seconds. No discussion, Dave called for question. Motion passes unanimously.

Business Items

- **Parking District – Mary Beth Christopher.**

- She has been working with City parking coordinator Jay, attended Eliot's parking meeting. Now has approval of map, addresses, and letter. Would like people to look at the map, and also volunteers for canvassing. Need to canvas the area; 60% of the addresses have to return a response (either Yes or No), and 50% of those must be a yes to get this process started. Then a City mailer and they need to get a 50% Yes response. Dave: similar to a ballot process, because in canvassing people might not be home. Mary Beth handed out a map. City does not have addresses for apartment buildings, only an address for the main building but not individual apartments, and the same with condos, so we usually can't get a response. Dave: addresses on the handout with lines in front of house will be part of the district. The current working idea is \$75/year/vehicle, which allows parking all day long M-F, or else is restricted to either 2 or 3 hours, yet to be decided. Visitors, construction workers could not park there, unless they move cars every 2-3 hours. Guest permits are available; a resident can buy a book of hangers. A book of 10 for \$15, write date on it and scratch off.
- Goal: patrols 3 times/week. Reality: because of staffing (as an enterprise office, their income supports their office), probably 1-1/2 times/week.
- Robyn: any limit on the number allowed in a household? Mary Beth: no limit.
- Dan: question about a street without parking? Mary Beth: City said to include the street, because those residents will still need to park in the neighborhood.
- City also said it does not need to include 21st. Dave: a challenge to meet approval standard with the canvassing process, so the plan specifically excluded big buildings, where we would have a hard time getting to residents.
- City has a very simple process for annexing in. Mary Beth: any block adjacent, if it wants to be in the parking district, just needs go to the addresses on the block, needs 50% signatures; annexing will not require ballot mailing. Once the district is established, it is very easy to build on to it. The biggest issue is not people saying no; it is people not responding. E.g. Mary Beth lives near the Fontaine, where there are 80 addresses; if there are no responses they are alone almost 50% of the addresses right there on the block; she hopes to work with them on her block after establishment of the parking district to annex on.
- Question: will there be the ability to give or gift parking passes to businesses, or can they go through the process to annex on? There will be a committee that manages some of these issues/questions; it is not established yet per the recommendation of the City. Each neighborhood has different logistics, and the City will recommend the time and hours for each individual parking district. Paul: for non-permitted vehicles, do they pay or just park the time limit? Just the time limit, to the 3 hours. Dave added that the applicable hours haven't been decided yet. Mary Beth: this will be part of the feedback from the City. Enforcement hours

for the parking district to be checked are smaller; they usually do not start until 9am, ending by 4pm, for example. Eliot will go to 8pm because of the Moda Center. Enforcement does not have people working nights, weekends, etc. Dan: is the committee for our district only, and is it part of this board? Yes.

- Paul: any discussion about what the revenue will used for? Mary Beth: the \$75 cost is set by the City, and covers payroll and admin. Neighborhood could set it higher e.g. \$85 to fund things in the neighborhood, but so far we keeping it at the minimum. Concern: NW was \$180 at first, \$360 for the second; it is a pilot program by City ordinance, and has nothing to do with the district we trying to establish here.
- David P.: why is the south side of Wasco not included? Mary Beth: need a critical mass of addresses; with the Fontaine, Weston property, Lloyd Center condos, if we add them and the apartments, it is almost 50% of the addresses. They mostly have their own parking, so are less likely to respond.
- Paul: for neighbors just outside of the boundary, can they purchase a parking pass? Mary Beth: no, they can't.
- Limit to 120 days a year of guest permits; 12 books to an address. Air B'n'B businesses can apply for a business parking permit, which is the same as the neighborhood's but is not allocated to just the district, but is for an address, not limited to a specific vehicle.
- Paul: how many total addresses? Mary Beth: 158, not including some smaller apartments with just one address, so plus a few others. David: explain about 21st? Mary Beth: it is not a required part, not recommended because of changes to 21st e.g. the new crosswalk, also lots of apartments and condos there too.
- Robyn: wanted to say thank you to Mary Beth. Robyn would be happy to help volunteer to canvas.
- Dave: at what stage is the public meeting where the City comes? Mary Beth: once we get 50% addresses signed.
- Canvassing will be modeled heavily after Eliot. They broke it out by street, picked a week day, a week night, and a weekend, canvassed each row a couple of times to make sure they got the neighborhood canvassed. Looking for at least 6 teams to go door to door; with a little script, write-up, and list of questions that have come up all ready to go.
- Chris: Holladay Park Plaza parking is \$85/month; do people understand what a good deal this is? Mary Beth: \$100 per month at Axcess too. Mary Beth: some feedback Eliot received, is that it is not actually that expensive, relatively. One positive, this will address abandoned vehicles, expedites removal really quickly, if they don't have a permit and have been there a week, it probably would be gone.
- Paul: is there literature to leave at doors in canvassing? Mary Beth has a handout. For each address, need one signature and date. Paul: one suggestion to improve the response rate, is to have a mailer to leave at the door, letting the resident know we'll be coming around to speak to you, and if interested please reach out. Mary Beth: would like to do a follow up survey on the GulchNet list too. Dave: possibly a way to have a vote at the bottom of the page, and leave it at the door with instructions to drop it off at someone's house.
- Charlie: why is 16th not included? Mary Beth: setting it up per recommendation of the City, a part of it is metered parking, and leaves some open parking in the neighborhood. Eastside of 16th at church parking lot, Mary Beth can add to the map. Dave: Castle Manor included? Mary Beth plans to call Jay and ask. An HOA board can sign off on behalf of a condo building? In an apartment building, if the manager or owners sign off, does that count?

- There is a minimum required number of addresses, this map barely meets it. Dan: does a regular ADA placard holder need to buy a permit but not the holder of a wheelchair placard? Mary Beth: pasted directly from the city. David: in canvassing is there some form they sign? Mary Beth has address list sorted by street, to be signed with name and date, Yes/No, or did not get a hold of. Will have a pre-canvas meeting, and include contact info for questions. Dave: this is similar to the petitioning process to get this on a ballot. DJ: when will the canvas occur? Mary Beth hopes the week after next, the week of 25th, wants to avoid early Spring Breaks.
- David P.: asked about Church's property question, where the City owns ROW that extends into the church parking lot? An unused ROW from the 1940s, church needs the land back to develop property. Doesn't affect parking on 16th.

Land Use & Transportation Committee – DJ Heffernan

- DJ pretty much summarized everything previously. He is working with Mike to get something on the website for the neighborhood plan.
- Paul: has the board taken a position on the walkway? DJ: not officially, LUTC has been taking our cue from standing approvals from the 90s. Percy added: there are already two gated areas at Axcess with BBQs etc. not much in use Charlie disagrees, they have been used by long-term residents, and management is re-doing them. Charlie is disappointed to see the neighborhood taking a stand against it. The notice he got was only to put gates on, what about closing it at night? Dan: the issue is because it is supposed to be public right of way. Charlie: litter, vandals, shoplifters from the mall closing up. Dan: the parties can get together and work on other issues that are in the same boat together in neighborhood. Charlie: thought the ownership would be making a presentation tonight. DJ: presentation was to the City; it was a pre-application meeting. The police did not want see it blocked off, because then they can't get through either.

Neighborhood Clean-Up – Dave Brook

- The neighborhood association rents dumpsters, coordinates recycling of things that can't be recycled curbside; the past couple of years, this has been in conjunction with Irvington neighborhood. Dave been trying to reach out to Irvington to ask about hosting jointly again this year. He is going on the assumption that the March 16th date is good. In the past, Irvington dealt with the solid waste, trash, etc. The Clean-Up usually is from 9am-1pm. This year, it is confirmed we can take electronic waste, metals, and any No. 6 plastic including white coffee cup lids, plastic forks and spoons (if it breaks when you bend it, it is probably polystyrene #6) etc. Also traditionally can take block Styrofoam, Styrofoam egg cartons, meat trays, colorful ones are not an issue. Dave will send something out via Gulchnet to summarize. David: Batteries? Dave: no, that is hazardous waste that goes to Metro. If we drive out to the transfer station with more than 35 lbs of hazardous waste, there are lots of forms to fill out. It is free though.
- Percy: to clarify, this is to drop off items, not to clean the neighborhood with brooms? Correct. Dan: there is a physical cleaning of the Gulch each year too; March might be too muddy. Will do the Gulch cleaning on Earth Day, mid-April. We can have one in March as well, can use the dumpsters March 16th.
- DJ: a question about Jack's pet peeve. By the end of winter, sidewalk approaches and nonskidded grates/yellow pads collect debris, mud, leaves, paper, waste, etc., Maybe we can have a day, and sweep those areas up, and scrub them down? He wonders if we can get the fire hydrants open to wash. Street sweepers don't catch those areas very well. Dan suggests a BBQ after.

- Paul: what kind of volunteers are needed on the 16th? Response: Irvington and Sullivan's Gulch usually needs volunteers help sort items, direct cars, collect donations. The metal station is fairly self-sufficient. Electronics will need a van to transport. Someone will need to go through Styrofoam and No. 6 plastic for Quality Control.
- Killingsworth store Reclaim It, may want come to the cleanup to see the Too Good to Toss pile, because otherwise what is left by end of day goes to the dumpster. Dan: and stuff on the street and in the Gulch. Paul: supplies? Dan: bags from SOLV, some gloves, people can bring their own gloves, grabbers but they get caught in the brambles. Maybe 2-1/2 hours; it goes pretty quick. David: issues re clogged drains and leaves? Dave: NET did this one time. Dan: individuals have been cleaning these themselves.
- Dan: wonders how many people were towed on Leaf Day? Dave: was not sent the info. Dan: would like to see the number of cars towed decrease every year.

Meetings – Dave Brook

- Spring and Fall, the SGNA holds its general meetings, usually with guest speakers. Dave has been talking with DJ about the possibility of a panel to come talk about retail in the neighborhood, maybe Broadway, maybe Lloyd.
- Dan: this year, he would like to see a single Gulch-o-Rama again, and will try to recruit some of the people who planned this before. Paul: when, where? Dave: Saturday after school starts, usually the second Saturday in September. Location: need residents' permission to close off street.
- Dave: wonders if parking permit signatures can be completed by the Spring general meeting, and we can have Jay from the City come out to the meeting. Mary Beth: that is the goal.
- Dan: would like to change the Board meeting time back to 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Dave: Seems to be a consensus, we will do that.

Adjournment 8:45 p.m.