



Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association, c/o Encorepreneur Cafe, 1548 NE 15th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232
<http://www.sullivansgulch.org>

Meeting Minutes of the SGNA Board of Directors March 12, 2019 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM

Board Members Present: Dave Brook, Dan Lerch-Walters, Ron Boucher, Michael Brown, Julie Hoffinger, Martin Rowe, Paul Comery

Board Members Excused: Chris Jensen, Mary Beth Christopher, Mike Purvis,

Board Members Unexcused: Jack Frewing, Kathy Hansen

Guests and Neighborhood Members: Heather Cook (16th Avenue Farmers Market), Chris Tanner, Lynne Coward, David Peterson, Bart Jackson, Deanna Hunt, Raymond Allen, Christopher Redhead, Donald Isaacson.

All motions and votes are marked in underline and italics.
All votes were completed by show of hands.

Meeting Start at 7:13 pm

- Meeting currently is lacking a quorum, so we will start with Open Mic.

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

- Heather Cook, 16th Avenue Farmers Market. A new name for the Irvington Farmers' Market. Now under new management. Previous management's website indicates the market is closed but that is not the case. The market will have a community table. Volunteers are welcome. Tell your neighbors and encourage them to shop. Will remain small until the market builds momentum. Question: when will the market open? June 2nd. Street will be shut off Sunday morning at 8:30am to 2:30pm. Looking to involve the community more. Heather's farm is Briarpatch Botanicals in Boring, Mary whose flowers are hand grown are from Damascus, other farms are in Boring. Dan suggested the name Sullivan's Gulch would be available for the Farmers Market. Lynne is particularly interested in a focus on fresh produce, Heather: market is also a CSA pickup location. Lynne suggests getting the word out, to NextDoor and other locations. Heather: there will be veggies, berries, fresh flowers, honey, coffee, many staples, as a micro-market. A goal is to attract other vendors. Music will be kept low-key. Encouraging kids and non-profits. If you are in the area, come on by. Dave: Email list (couple hundred), Facebook (about five hundred), NextDoor (over a thousand locally). Chris Tanner asked about the CSA? BriarpatchBotanicals.com. Visit the market website 16thAveFarmersMarket.com.
- Dave Brook: update on future developments
 - Movie Theater Parking Lot Apartments, the developers thought it was not a good market to introduce rentals, and so the space is back on the market.
 - Music Venue – may be rethinking their planned location at the mall.
 - Chris Tanner and Deanna mentioned an article about a mall that converted to affordable housing.
- Parking Permit
 - Response rate on parking permit canvassing is not nearly enough, the parking permit plan is dead. Michael and Dan asked if there was an opportunity for more time to canvas? Dave: not likely, at only a 26% response rate, and need 60%.

Question from a long-time resident about parking being 24 hours, but vehicles sitting there for months. It can take two weeks to get someone out to look at an abandoned vehicle, and when they do come by, they ticket, come by in two weeks, give a ticket, come by in a few weeks, give a ticket. Michael: want to see not the tickets but the green notice sticker, if you can demonstrate the vehicle is abandoned. With flat tires, is proof it is abandoned.

- **7:36 p.m. Board member quorum present.**
- Parking discussion continues
 - Lynne, a car was stolen. PBOT and the police never communicated, someone else told the owner their car was there. Michael saw a green tag on a car, and the next day someone was stealing the car. Martin: can call Non-Emergency Police with a license plate, and be told right away if the car is stolen. Question from audience member asked about car sharing. Yes, there are apps for this. Question from audience member, any monitoring of homeless people, tents are getting closer, people are taking trash out of cans. Dan: they are cleaning out the Gulch by going after property owners primarily, telling them they will get fined if there are campers on their property. Audience comment: it is the blue cans, and the closed trash bags. Paul: consider putting the things homeless people want such as things they can get cash for, and leave them in a bag next to the can in an obvious location. Audience member: she used to do that, but then the homeless people would move the items and place them on top of her car. Dave: there is a program with green bags for non-profits, where the non-profit gets the benefit of the recyclables. Dan: curious about those in favor of parking permit? Dave: 2/3 of what was received was in favor, 1/3 was not, 1 person did not care. Lynne: what locations were most interested? Dave: Clackamas was all for the permit parking. Halsey was a lot less enthusiastic. Not as many on Wasco. Further south there is more pressure on parking. Some were concerned not about the commuter parking, but rather wanted to get rid of the overnight parking. Audience member: he has seen homeless people parking their cars and camping in their cars on Multnomah, closer to the Residence Inn. Michael: there are people at 23rd & Weidler that have been there for years, they have been tidy. The newer ones with the vans with piles of stuff are the problem, because when they leave, they tend to leave some of their inventory. Lynne: are any of them interested in helping to keep things clean? Michael: they do not seem interested in getting involved. Lynne was thinking of Dignity Village, which is different.
- Chris Tanner – represents Sullivan’s Gulch at the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, wants to let people know a new representative is needed. NECN meets the third Tuesday of every month, 6:30 – 8:00pm. They always finish right on time, Mariah Dula is chair of board and she is very dynamic. Keith Jones from Lloyd District is on the board, the board has gotten involved in helping with meals at shelters. There was a City Club-sponsored event on Alberta, discussing changing the structure of city government, eliminating the bureaus and bureau chiefs, and having city council liaisons elected by districts. Currently, they are assigned to the bureaus, and don’t necessarily know about bureaus or are prepared to manage a bureau. More of a City Manager model was discussed. The conversations are just starting. Michael: any conversations about reorganizing neighborhood associations? Chris: ONI is now Community and Civic Life. Paul: number of districts? Chris: They seemed to land on 12 for now, learn more on the City Club website. Lynne: there is a YouTube presentation that was given beforehand, and she understands it is very good. Deanna has been attending PSAC, they used to hold monthly meetings in various locations, now have consolidated a large part of N and NE and are meeting quarterly now; it seems not as functional now. Some are interested

in involvement on a more local level; it used to be a way to interact with the local police about questions. There are issues with a need for City Manager roles, organizational silos result from the departments not talking to each other. Lynne: people have seen a dysfunctional system, she believes in grass roots, proportional representation; would like to see a strong ombudsman who can give us facts, create this from the ground up not just waiting for the city to address things. Chris: NECN Board nominations are coming up for elections in June, if anyone is interested please let SGNA know. NECN is a really great organization, very strong.

- Dave: LUTC is now meeting the third Tuesday of the month, and will meet next Tuesday the 19th, at 6:30 pm at Holladay Park Plaza in the board room. One major topic is the PDX pedestrian plan that just came out; it does identify issues at Broadway and Weidler; unfortunately it does not identify Broadway as a pedestrian corridor; up to 15th only. Lynne: LUTC voted at the last meeting, and wanted to complete the plan, but the part about Broadway was needing more. Just outside the boundaries of the Central City, so it is not included; the Broadway Corridor plan would like this moving along. Another topic, the 5-acre development on the Pepsi site, a major redevelopment. These are two major items, not just getting some more traffic lights on Broadway. Paul: how much coordination has there been with the NE Broadway Business Association? Lynne: not much success so far, the neighborhood has been in favor of decoupling Broadway & Weidler, but the head of the business association opposes it; we need people talking together to solve the issues. Dave: Grant Park has been helpful, cooperative. Lynne: also we should work more with Lloyd. Paul: works for GoLloyd. Lynne: if the chair of the business association has some data supporting his opposition, it would help to see.
- Michael: was the church at 28th purchased? Audience member: someone heard a rumor it was two out of state people who would like to open a pub.

Adjournment 8:04 p.m.

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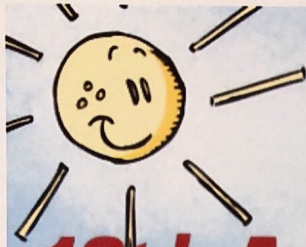
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