



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

## Meeting Minutes of the SGNA Board of Directors November 13, 2018 7 - 9 PM

Board Members Present: Dave Brook, Mary Beth Christopher, Ron Boucher, Jack Frewing, Julie Hoffinger, Daniel Pirofsky, Dan Lerch-Walters, Chris Tanner  
Board Members Excused: Kathy Hansen, Martin Rowe, Kelly Francois, Chris Jensen  
Board Members Unexcused: Mike Brown, Linda McDowell, Kari LaForge  
Guests and Neighborhood Members: DJ Heffernan (SGNA LUTC Chair), David Peterson (SGNA LUTC Member), Tommy Castellano (PSU School of Urban Affairs)

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

### Meeting Start and Roll Call at 7:10 pm

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

- Jack asked about the retail use at Gabriel's Bakery. Daniel recollects history is space is zoned commercial, and there was discussion about the striping for bikes to get past. DJ says LUTC's letter had asked for flashers for when trucks are backing up, which the city did not include in their approval; this is a legacy use. Jack recollects discussions about this tenant being night-time use, and baking. DJ can look into this.
- Ron asked what is going in where Starbucks right down the road just closed, right by the beauty shop that has closed. Dave commented Peet's has not yet re-opened from their renovation.

#### Business Items – Dave Brook

- **Removal of Kari LaForge from the board.** Dave notes her term expires in another year, and it could be beneficial to remove her and free up a space on the Board. Ron asked if she sent a letter to resign? Letter not found. Dave commented she has not responded to any emails; Chris noted we have been trying to reach her since January. Jack moves to terminate Kari LaForge's membership on the Board, Chris seconds, no further discussion, motion passes unanimously.
- Jack asked if we have a quorum. Julie replied that we do have a quorum.

#### Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- **October Meeting Minutes.**  
Julie asked about the vote on the previous meeting minutes.  
Dave called for the question, and October meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- Chris asked if we had the public comment period. Dave replied that it did occur.

## **New Business - Dave Brook**

### **• Planning for Leaf Sweep**

- Good news, leaf sweep will be free this year. In the past Chris or Dave has contacted Fred Meyer and Grace Church, to drop off a letter, talk to the manager or assistant manager to ask permission to park cars overnight, and remind them we have done this in the past. This will be the night of December 6<sup>th</sup>, and most of the day Friday. Grace Church is open Tuesday through Friday, requires a registration process for car, make, model, color, license plate, and owner to contact if needed, with something to display on the dashboard, and email coordination. Dave has sample letters. Any volunteers? Chris Tanner volunteers.
- Chris asked if someone should let the workers at TwentyTwenty know. Julie had sent Andersen Construction an email, but with hours she thought she saw on the City's website; she will let the superintendent know the correct hours, and remind them about the map that is essentially the whole neighborhood.
- Chris asked about the Lloyd cinema parking lot. Mary commented the site is for sale. DJ asked about SGNA's request to harvest some plants, so far received no response. Dan commented the site originally was to be a hotel in 1929.

### **• Planning for Fall Membership Meeting**

- Nominations – 11 board seats will be open. Several people will be re-running but not all have responded to Dave's email. Dave encourages board members to get the word out. Dan knows someone who may be interested.
- Elections committee – volunteers? Mary and Chris, since neither are running for re-election, might be available, and possibly someone in the audience will volunteer to help. Dave will work on the form for those authorized to vote.
- Committee reports can include committee chairs, and Dave can report too.
- Meeting promotion: sign crew. Corners will not be assigned and will be first come first served. Chris commented it would be nice to get the signs up at least a week before the meeting. Possibly include a small reminder about Leaf Day.
- Daniel: for nominations, there will be one more open seat. Effective after this meeting, he is resigning from the Board. He is not able to serve on committees at this time. A number of his goals when joining the Board are accomplished, in regard to board and LUTC leadership (thank you to DJ for stepping up), the communications committee, the SGNA website overhaul, four editions of the newsletter, thank you to Chris for stepping up to lead the Board at the time, thanks to the Bylaws Committee (Daniel, Chris, Dave, Julie, and Todd Coward). He hopes others will step forward to take on the tasks of the Communications Committee (thank you to Dave who was instrumental to the Communications rebuild, and thanks to Emily who worked on the Communications rebuild from the beginning). Daniel's tenure has come to an end, and he thanks everyone for their interest and work. He hopes others will step forward to volunteer for the board and committees, otherwise it is disappointing to see. DJ commented part of the issue is demographic, where our neighborhood has a 70% rental residency, and the 97232 zip code has the highest percentage of millennials in the state.
- Major Speakers.
  - Permit Parking? Mary remarked this was discussed in the last meeting, and there were concerns it would take over the meeting. Mary will have a better sense of this after Monday's Eliot meeting.
  - Unhoused population. Chris has one speaker confirmed, Jan McManus, Home Forward. They create opportunities for people to rent rooms who can't otherwise afford housing. Jan and her director have both agreed to

come. Chris also has spoken with Keith Jones from Lloyd but he has not confirmed; he has done huge amounts of work with R2D Too and might bring someone to help discuss how to make this sustainable. Daniel estimates a half hour for the election. Chris suggests we have the speakers come at 7:30pm.

- TriMet. DJ notes TriMet is willing to come and discuss potential bus stop closures along the whole network and the lines that feed through the neighborhood, and take input from the neighborhood. They are coming to the next LUTC meeting to talk about how to present this information. The Streetcar will not be on their agenda, but possibly routing for Line Y, the future cross town bus line, might be a part of the conversation. 28<sup>th</sup> might not be viable, but 21<sup>st</sup> goes a little farther.

## Committee Updates

- **Land Use and Transportation** – DJ Heffernan
  - **TriMet** will come to the next meeting. Yesterday DJ also spoke with Jim Howell, a long time transportation planning advocate, and discussed developing a framework, but also the future and what might enhance livability in the neighborhood. Jim had three suggestions. He said the Streetcar is not a good idea here on Broadway, where we already have bus service; streetcars get in the way of bus service. If anything, advocate for the frequency of the 77 line for better North-South connectivity; same with the 70 and 17, because frequency enhances ridership. MAX carries 100,000 passengers, which could possibly boost to 400,000 if it can get to 10 minute headways. What prevents TriMet from that is the Steel Bridge; so, propose a subway under the river through downtown, with stations downtown, at Lloyd, the Rose Quarter, Pioneer Square, up to PGE Park; these would be the only stops between 21<sup>st</sup> and the tunnel; 4 stops instead of many more; safer in a big earthquake; ties in to 21<sup>st</sup> street because of the commitment from TriMet to not close the bus stops at 21<sup>st</sup> & Clackamas. LUTC will review the map and suggestions for other closures and what we would like to keep open at the meeting. Thank you to Lynne who organized this.
  - **Design for the crossing at 21<sup>st</sup> & Clackamas** - PBOT has a work order, design, candlestick locations, etc. PBOT thought SGNA was doing the artwork now, but there is no time because of looking into the thermoplastic option; PBOT should go ahead build the crosswalk, and we will paint the art in the Spring. Eugenia will come up with the design; we might be able to review very conceptual images at the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. PBOT should be doing the work in the near future. Money is for concrete pads for loading base at the bus stops. Dave suggests limiting the crosswalk discussion to 10 minutes. DJ will work with Eugenia to make displays. Dave will look at the meeting timing. DJ thinks 10 minutes would be fine.
  - **Parking zone on west end** – Mary Beth Christopher
    - Mary has been talking to Jay Rogers at the City. Addresses to include are being finalized, and next is door to door canvassing to distribute flyers. Canvassing could be in December. At the meeting we will be looking for volunteers to help and distribute flyers over a couple of days. Dave commented on the workers from TwentyTwenty. Dan notes they drive big trucks. DJ had trouble getting out of his driveway the other day. Mary asked about interior finish work with more contractors. Julie said it is possible but she does not know. Mary notes there also is other

construction, and there are still commuters who find it cheaper to park in the neighborhood and then walk. Dan commented that might change with the weather. Mary will attend Eliot's neighborhood meeting in connection with the parking permit zone. A city process mailer goes to every mailing address in the zone selected, and they need to receive mailed responses. Dave asked Jack if he had a sense of how many residents at the Fontaine park on the street. Jack thinks about 20. Dave commented on talking to Marty about Holladay Park employees parking on the street.

○ **Subway** – DJ Heffernan

- Also with a subway, we can reduce cars on Broadway. DJ talked to Patricia Gardner, who will set up an eastside-westside neighborhood communication. DJ sees commonality in parking, homelessness, and a number of issues we probably can work together on. Dave commented this might be a different form of coalition. DJ remarked the coalition boundaries make no sense. Creating a set of one-off ad hoc forums for neighborhoods with common issues to solve problems might be the way.

○ **Grace Church letter**

- When Lloyd was being developed, the City took/bought property from Grace Church. The city's boundary at the right-of-way is actually 10' into the church parking lot. At the time, they thought 16<sup>th</sup> street would continue north and need to be wider, and they never gave back the right-of-way. This proposed change would be a more rational property boundary line, which would help because Grace Church is planning to develop their property with affordable housing and new offices. David P. asked where Grace Church would park for Sunday services. DJ said that is being discussed, with options such as parking and shuttling from Lloyd. There is tension because driving parishioners want a parking space. Underground parking is not tenable at \$70,000 per space. Daniel commented the City should support this change because of the affordable housing. DJ said the plan is to build 2-3 bedrooms, but under inclusionary zoning these are treated the same as a studio, and this is being looked at by the City. David P. commented about another affordable housing project.
- DJ notes Dan had asked about the Marriott inquiry. 450 rooms would be an increase from 160, with 3 hotels instead of 1, and they would tear down and build something new, and would go up. Currently 2 stories, DJ thinks if they go below ground, they could get it done under their 45' height limit. This was a pre-advisory meeting to find out more. Dave commented the Lloyd Cinema site is a good location for hotels. DJ commented the city was talking about the trail as if it would be dedicated and built, but what would the rest of the trail look like? Dan commented with every new project SGNA needs to make sure the trail is part of it. DJ said Kathy said it really confused the Marriott when the trail was brought up. Dan commented we need to be advocating for trail funding.
- Jack asked about the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge over the Gulch. DJ and Dave responded that it is designed.
- Daniel commented the trail could go right above the subway. DJ commented the portal at Lloyd Center could be an issue. Dan heard about a high speed rail tunnel going north-south too. Daniel suggested if Seattle has finished their project, we could borrow their equipment.

- Dave turned the attention back to the Grace Church letter.
- DJ notes the letter should say, a 10' strip of Public Right of Way, instead of Easement.

*Dan moved to approve the Grace Church letter with those changes, Jack seconded. The letter with amendments was approved unanimously.*

- **Other Topics**

- Dave commented about an Air BnB renewal application. AirBnB would like a streamlined process, where the City gets an application and it is approved if the owner/manager lives there 270 days of the year; the City didn't do this. AirBnB would like a self-certification process. The City is demanding AirBnB not list in Portland without a certificate showing a license to operate; an auditor found a number without these still.
- Jack asked about scooters and any accidents? Chris said yes in the pilot there were accidents, with another report coming up. The pilot is ending. Dan asked how many scooters ended up in the river. Daniel heard maybe three as a protest, but this is a vague recollection and he is not sure.

**Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.**

**Relevant Documents**  
(see attached)





Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association, c/o Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland,  
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October 16, 2018

Bureau of Development Services  
City of Portland

Subject: Support for Proposed Lot Line Adjustment

To Whom It May Concern:

The Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association (SGNA) would like to go on record supporting the request by the Grace Memorial Church to the City of Portland to reclaim a 10-foot wide section of public right of way fronting the Church property on NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NE Halsey Street and NE Weidler Street. The right of way is a vestige from the 1940's when it appears the City was considering widening NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We believe that there is no need for the public to retain this strip of land, which presents an inconsistent lot frontage for the property.

Sincerely,

DJ Heffernan, Chair  
Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

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