



Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association, c/o Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232
<http://www.sullivansgulch.org>

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Location: 1548 NE 15th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97232

Attendance

Attendance	Name	Position and Committees
Yes	Dave Brook	Chair NECN representative
Yes	Mary Beth Christopher	Vice Chair
Yes	Dan Lerch-Walters	Treasurer (Sullivan's Gulch Trail)
Yes	Michael Brown	
Yes	Brian Hoyt	
Yes	Kathy Hansen	Land Use and Transportation
No	Mike Purvis	Communications (webmaster)
Yes	DJ Heffernan	Chair, Land Use and Transportation

1. Announcements/Public Comment

Invite to Fontaine was reiterated at one of their most recent board meetings and presenter was shouted down by older board members saying the SGNA board did not want Fontaine membership or attendance. Wasn't aware of history with board.

2. Old Business

There are quite a few draft minutes that needed to be approved and posted to the SGNA website.

- a. October minutes – November meeting did not have a quorum. Approved
- b. November minutes – Approved.

3. New Members – New member, Brian Hoyt

4. Officer selection.

- a. Chair – Dave Brook (continue)
- b. Mary Beth – Vice Chair (continue)
- c. Secretary – not currently assigned
- d. Treasurer – change from Mike Brown to Dan Lerch-Walters

5. SGNA bank account: authorized signers on this account shall be: Dan Lerch-Walters, Treasurer; David Brook, Chair; Marybeth Christopher, Vice Chair. All other names shall be removed. Unanimous approval.
6. Committees – Discussion of various committees, their current status and history. Encourage people to consider chairing or joining at least one board.
7. Pending events
 - a. Yard sale plan for 2020 - Suggest changing yard sale to Saturday and Sunday next year rather than just one day. Make Sunday a 'free' day with refreshments, entertainment. Items remaining from sale on Saturday are free. On Monday higher a truck to pick up remaining items and take them to Goodwill.
 - Target 2nd weekend of July 11-12
 - Concern about an entire weekend, both days. Focus maybe on just one day to get critical mass. Have pickup later in the afternoon on one of the days.
 - Ideas to generate interest beside Facebook. Including Nextdoor, Gulchnet. Advertise a "crap & craft" event? Curt to engage with crafting community.
 - b. Porch Fest and Placemaking Grant – should see if the event would be eligible for grant. Kurt against idea; believes event should be free. Consider that we could get more activity or interest from musicians if they are paid. Hence the placemaking grant that would provide a token amount for musicians and cover costs for services.
 - i. Schedule separately from yard sale. Late August in an afternoon on a Sat or Sun. Based on Summerville in Boston divided into 3 time zones with designate playing time. Idea is to get people wandering through the neighborhood. Potentially tie with other events? Or replace Gulchorama which usually took place on 2nd weekend in September. Weather would be good and school is back in.
 - ii. To encourage other neighborhoods to attend, bring in larger band for an evening concert? Need to check if amplified music is permitted or if there will be any issues or would music have to be acoustic. Make it a progressive with assigned bands linearly. Will there be stages or will homes provide chairs and power.
 - iii. Ideas – rent movie theater parking lot, rent skates and have main band? What about Holladay Park?
 - iv. Only uncertainty is mic stands, amps, etc. Placemaking grant would help cover those costs. If SGNA provides equipment, the locations could be transitional/progressive. Musicians will adapt to location.
 - v. All locations scheduled, no open mic. Like the idea of location running East -> West along pedestrian corridor. But need to include both sides of neighborhood to prevent hurt feelings.
 - vi. Should reach out of musician community including the union on 20th south of Sandy. Encourage local interaction and visiting local businesses.
8. Land Use & Transportation Committee –
 - i. Residence Inn redevelopment application. DJ has been talking with LLC/Grand Peaks. Requesting removal of requirement for extended stay and allow apartments.
 - ii. Neighborhood has requested an agreement for crosswalk alignment and bus stop consolidation. Hearing is next week. Crosswalk only, no hawk lights. Dedicated crosswalk at 19th would remove street parking, but change of bus stop locations would add more parking. All in agreement to sign letter of support. No nays.

- iii. When HPP built the East Building, asked the city to allow garbage area to be enclosed. City will not permit unless the property adds required 170 bike parking spaces. Currently has 40 space. SGNA and LUTC are missing information in order to respond to a request for support from HPP. Would like to know
 - If there is a plan in place to encourage employees to use public transportation
 - How many of the bike spaces are actually being used.
 - This discussion needs to be tied to code and HPP needs to provide more detail. Kathy to communicate with Marty/HPP about decision needing more information. Too short of notice, we don't know the code requirement. SGNA LUTC is happy to discuss but need until January and needs detail.
 - Expressed concern by the board that HPP should not be able to dodge requirements this time and should not get a waiver since they are not accommodating to employees or neighborhood.
- iv. Updated on Broadway Weidler Study. City is going to start in mid-Jan and the neighborhoods have a small window between now and January to get in front of the city's process. Would like SGNA to work the Hollywood Farmers market (and possibly grocery stores) to do a survey similar to what was done at the general meeting. DJ sending an email to request help.
- v. Meeting Dates. DJ would like to move the SGNA and LUTC board meetings to be on the same night. People expressed 4:30 – 7 or 6-9 and have the meeting in the 1st Tuesday of each month. Would need to be at Encore café. Dave to call NECN about changing meeting date.
- vi. Additional items. The following is a letter to City Commissioner Nick Fish supporting improvements to Holladay Park was approved by the Board via email vote on Nov. 18, 2019, 4 in favor, 1 opposed. Also, letter in support of conversion of Residence Inn to apartments approved by email vote.



Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association

Commissioner Nick Fish
Portland City Council
1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 240
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Commissioner Fish,

Holladay Park is one of the city's lovely old parks in Portland. With magnificent trees and strolling paths, it's an oasis in the middle of a commercial area. Yet, until recently, there's never been very much to actually "do" there. And being between Lloyd Center and a MAX light rail station, Holladay Park has also gotten a reputation for crime.

For the 3,800 residents in Sullivan's Gulch, as well as many others in Lloyd and Irvington, Holladay Park is our path to a short walk to take light rail downtown, to the airport and points east and west. Providing a safe and welcoming route to the train is essential. We occasionally hear from residents that they don't ride MAX because "Holladay Park is too dangerous", especially in the evening.

Adding a fountain 20 years ago was a major improvement but, like the rest of the park, it has been under appreciated and underutilized until the Holladay Park Safety Plan brought more activities and people to park. Since then, the police have documented significant reductions in crime in the park and surrounding area.

The Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association wholeheartedly supports efforts to make Holladay Park a more vibrant community park. We have seen the benefits from implementing the Holladay Park Safety Plan during the past 2 years and believe that it demonstrates that not only continuing the Safety Plan, but also installing permanent infrastructure such as basketball courts and a pet "off leash" area will further increase the use of this beautiful park, and thereby increasing safety for everyone.

We join with our neighbors asking you to support efforts to make Holladay Park safer and more attractive for residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Brook".

David Brook
Chair, Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association



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Land Use Hearings Officer
Portland Development Services
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 3100
Portland, OR 97201

Subject: Residence Inn Redevelopment Application – LU 19-223221 CP ZC

Dear Hearings Officer:

The Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association extends our strong endorsement for the subject map amendment application to allow conversion of the extended stay hotel at 1710 NE Multnomah Street to residential apartments. This project is consistent with our neighborhood's long-standing support for quality affordable housing. The project will provide market-based housing with units that may be available to families. We appreciate the addition of bike parking on site, which will reduce the project's transportation impact. We also appreciate the development teams stated flexibility for locating the Sullivan's Gulch Trail easement.

We especially appreciate the development team's pledge of support for our efforts to improve transit infrastructure and pedestrian safety in Sullivan's Gulch. The pledge includes support for relocating the #70 west-bound bus stop on Multnomah from near NE 21st Avenue, where it creates turning movement conflicts, to NE 19th Avenue. This will consolidate the #70 east and west bus stops at a common intersection, and enhance the prospect for a pedestrian crosswalk at NE 19th Avenue. Currently there are no crosswalks on Multnomah Blvd. between NE 16th Ave and NE 21st Ave.

We welcome its approval and look forward to the new neighborhood residents at this transit and bike friendly residential development.

Sincerely,

David Brook, Chair
Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association