

Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association, c/o Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232 <u>http://www.sgnablog.blogspot.com</u>

## Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Meeting Day, Date & Time: Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 7:00PM-9:00 PM (extended meeting) Attendance of Members of the Board of Directors – Quorum of 12 out of 14

**<u>Present:</u>** A. Alvis (AA), D. Brook (DB), M. Brown (MB), Sa. Chase (SC), St. Chase (StC), J. Frewing (JF), C. Gosset (CG), K. LaForge (KL), D. Lerch-Walters (DLW), M. Mutschler (MM), C. Nyschens (CN), C. Tanner (CT)

## Excused: M. Cannon (MC)

## Unexcused: B. Lopez

Note: Written ballots were used at this meeting and will be kept on file for six months.

- 1. Welcome, identification of SGNA Board of Directors and introductions of neighbors and visitors. -Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.
- 2. Police Report If present.
  - -Representative not present.
- Pursuant to our By-Laws, Article IV -- Board of Directors, Sections 2 & 3 Election of Board Officers and Directors-at-Large.
   -Elections of Board Officers are as follows, Stephen Chase Chair–Unanimous, Craig Nyschens Vice Chair (9/12 votes), and Chris Tanner Treasurer–Unanimous, Andrew Alvis Secretary– Unanimous.
- 4. The meeting is transferred to the newly elected Board Officers.
- 5. NECN Announcements/Notices If representative present.
  - -Report from Britt Brewer (BB) and KL, SGNA Delegates to NECN. Comments provided to NECN on topic of By-Laws and board composition. BB Currently 32-37 seats at NECN, suggested reducing by 12. Define At-Large Members represent those who are not members, those with expertise or act as advisers, serve as chair of committees or on committees, recommendation of restricting the executive committee. BB SGNA should continue working with NECN to rebuild/restructure By-Laws and Board Duties, SGNA might also be interested in pursuing Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition (CNN) where we share many of the same neighborhood issues/topics.
- 6. Discussion on subject of Board Retreat, welcome of new members to Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association, discussion of time, and date.
  -StC annual Board Retreat of great importance to maintain a strong, connected, hard working Board of Directors. November 2015 picked as month to host retreat, board will discuss openings though email.
- 7. Treasurer's report Update of NECN's new policy on "Coalition Funds" disbursed twice per year.

-Umpqua Balance \$6741.04, NECN new policy "Coalition Funds" allows the SGNA to spend funds on various activities to promote the community, communication, and livability. Coalition



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funds dispersed twice yearly in two \$500 checks. Goal is to streamline the neighborhood funding process – Adam Lyons (NECN).

8. Events Planning Committee Report – Gulch-O-Rama planning, looking forward to next year of events.

-Gulch-O-Rama 24<sup>th</sup> and NE Clackamas, 4-9pm, 9/12/15. Looking for local artists and vendors. MB – may goats be present at GOR parade? StC – yes, but not within NE Clackamas between 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Public comment about tables and chairs, StC – tables and chairs provided by Grace Church, SGNA contributes to food for potluck.

- 9. Safety and Livability Committee Report Report on committee activities. -Clean up on NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave was a success, good amount of garbage cleaned up from street and embankment. Boise Neighborhood Alley Allies, 200 volunteers and 6 goats clean up overgrown alleyways. Camper vehicles parked throughout neighborhood, low priority for vehicles parked longer than 24 hours. Trash has been left behind when campers leave. MB – is there a designated officer for Sullivan's Gulch? Yes.
- Tree Committee Report Report on committee activities.
   -No report, JF commented that Irvington Neighborhood is doing a tree inventory as SGNA did previously. Neighbor commented on large trucks on wielder knocking down limbs.
- 11. Land Use and Transportation Committee Report Report on committee activities, 11 Neighbors, and 3 board members have requested discussion of a Neighborhood Meeting to comment on the Portland Comprehensive Plan.

-Karen Hansen Land Use Committee member, light at 21<sup>st</sup> and Multnomah is old and scheduled to be updated. Theater site development, 980 proposed units, design commission met on 07/30/15, recommendation was to reduce units or change 5 over 1 design. Grant Park Village phase 3 Seasons retirement housing. 109 proposed assisted living units, Phases 2 and 3 will be coordinated together. Neighbor comment on parking concern, DB proposes motion to send letter to city on concern of parking, motion withdrawn after discussion.

CG deconstruction presentation made to Land-Use at 09/01/15 committee meeting.

Deconstruction allows for reuse of materials and proper disposal of hazardous materials not addressed with traditional demolition. CG stresses need for a communications chair. CG nominates Heidi Seger, DLW can non board member be a committee chair? StC yes. Heidi Seger Unanimously elected to Communications Chair.

DB comments to Land Use Committee and the Portland Comp Plan. SGNA should make comments on specific issues within the Comp Plan. CG Multiple presentations on the comp plan were given at Land Use Level, Board Level, and Charette Level these include representatives from the city and state bureaus responsible for section of Comp Plan. DB no specific comments were made. CG the Portland Map App was created for public comments on the specifics of the Portland Comp Plan.

JF Motion that the SGNA hold a general membership meeting to discuss specifics in comp plan, SGNA should send concerns on specifics to the city. Discussion on motion, revised motion creation of ad-hoc committee to schedule a 1 hour meeting at regular board meeting to discuss comp plan. Motion to vote, 5 for, 5 against, tie motion does not carry.



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Neighbor comments on Mini-Parking district within Sullivan's Gulch, CG neighbor was on August and September Land Use agenda but did not show. SGNA may submit a letter of support for the mini parking district, additional details needed.

12. Concluding Remarks.