



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

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Meeting Day, Date & Time: Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Attendance of Members of the Board of Directors – A quorum of board members was not

achieved. Present: Andrea Meyer, Chris Tanner, Daniel Pirofsky, Dan Lerch-Walters, Julie Hoffinger, Kelly Francois, Michelle Johnson, Stepan Simek. Absent: Deb Bridges, Dave Brook, Jack Frewing, Kathy Hansen, Kari LaForge, Linda McDowell, Michael Brown, Marty Rowe, Ron Boucher. Note that Miles Crumley has resigned from the board.

- I. Welcome, roll call of Board members, introduction of guests
- II. Open Mike: time for members of our community to raise concerns/questions

Eugenia Parude: wished to raise a complaint regarding damage to the walls of her house which she attributes to Holiday Park Plaza's (HPP) construction, noting that she has reached out directly to Turner and HPP but neither has responded. She wished to know what assurances are in place to make sure this kind of damage is going to be addressed, now and in future and she requested support from Board in resolution. Chris noted that she had organized a mediated meeting two months ago at which noise and construction start time were addressed and then followed up with an offer by the mediator for walk-throughs. The neighborhood association can offer expert mediation from NECN. Christian from Turner Construction responded that complaints are moving through system to higher ups. Stepan suggested that it would be under our purview to inquire with Turner, formally, as an association to find out about the systems that are in place.

Kelly also raised a question about sidewalks recently damaged by the construction process. Christian responded that the sidewalk was damaged by a contractor, and they tried to provide a temporary fix, but it doesn't seem to have resolved problem. He suggested that they may take the sidewalk out of use due to safety consideration and would wait until the end of project to replace it. Andrea raised concerns about options for pedestrians with the sidewalks closed. Christian noted that it wouldn't make sense to fix now as it would likely be damaged again. Stepan suggested that Christian request Turner management to get make more of an effort at communication and Andrea clarified it would be helpful to have respectful communication of updates or changes to plans.

- III. Approval of May 9 Minutes and June 13 Agenda



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Because there was no quorum of members, it was not possible to conduct official business at this meeting.

Andrea suggested we should not be taking detailed notes of discussion at the neighborhood meeting, noting we should not provide such a detailed discussion of a guest speaker's comments without checking with the speaker for accuracy. Daniel felt that the general meeting summary was useful.

IV. Updates from Turner Construction: Christian reported they are completing level one building – transitioning from the parking garage to the residential level. They are looking at the process of moving from the concrete operation to wood framing.

V. Old Business & announcements

Discussion of Bylaws Revision – Insufficient numbers of board members were present to complete the bylaws discussion. This discussion will be raised again in July.

“Good in the Hood” parade and festival - Dan Lerch Walters – plans to March in the “Good in the Hood” parade and would like to bring goat if can find a volunteer to help with clean up. Stepan and Chris are also going – Chris hopes to bring Sullivan's Gulch banner and recruit additional marchers.

The neighborhood Garage Sale will be July 15. Date and details have been posted. Chris and Emily are points of contact. People starting to register.

Low turnout at Neighborhood meeting - Stepan suggested the best method is to do personal outreach to get people to come but he wondered if we are doing anything that anyone in neighborhood cares about. Michelle responded that if no one is interested enough to give input the things they care about and would like the board to engage with, there is a limit to how much we can do as a board to solicit that. Kelly proposed block by block parties to engage on smaller level.

Intersection painting update and procedural clarification - Kelly noted that all paint is paid for but additional funding is still needed to throw the event, including supplies and a speaker. She is still looking for additional \$500 for the actual event and additional funds for repainting. This includes the additional \$250 pledged by SGNA. Chris noted that the e-mail vote carried support for the project. Andrea suggested that voting for project included tacit approval of design so an additional formal discussion of the design was not necessary. Chris noted that initial vote stands.



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NECN Representative still needed. Chris hopes to be able to put this issue to email vote in the coming weeks.

Gulch-O-Rama update – Helen Kennedy has agreed to coordinate Gulch-o-rama and she and Stepan have met and transferred materials. She will convene subcommittees to take on specific projects. Stepan asked about the budget and Chris responded that it will be the same as budgeted last year. It was also suggested that we could ask for donations at welcome table. Stepan agreed to put some language together for this request. Stepan will identify artists again this year. Emily will work with local businesses on fundraising.

Adjournment