



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

Minutes — February 2017 Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 2017

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Approved:

Attendance: Board of Directors – Quorum met; 12 of 18 Board members attending

Attending Chris Tanner - Chair, Andrea Meyer, Daniel Pirofsky, Miles Crumley, Dave Brook – Acting Secretary, Martin Rowe, Michael Brown - Treasurer, Stepan Simek, Linda McDowell, Jack Frewing, Kathy Hansen, Ron Boucher

Excused: Dan Lerch Walters, Michelle Johnson, Kelly Francois, Deb Bridges, Kari LaForge, Julie Hoffinger

I. Welcome, roll call of Board members, introduction of guests

II. Open Mic: time for members of our community to raise concerns/questions

SG resident Keith Reinbold described a rash of petty crime incidents near his house (26th & Wasco) – car prowls, bicycles stolen off front porch (using bolt cutters), broken car windows, graffiti on doorstep. He wondered if SGNA might ask for increased police patrols at night; talk to the city about adding better street lighting in the middle of the block. Chris reported there were 58 incidents reported in the neighborhood (in addition to 25 at Fred Meyer) over 3 month period. Michael Brown suggested we establish contact with the right people in the Police Bureau responsible for our neighborhood. He will notify the Assistant District Attorney with responsibility for Northeast Portland to see what can be done. Keith said the city has responded to graffiti complaint. Daniel reminded the Board that this is third or fourth time the issue of crime has come before the Board in recent months. He suggested we work with the NECN Crime Prevention Coordinator (at ONI).

Other strategies suggested at the meeting: posting Neighborhood Watch signs as a deterrent, leaving porch lights on all night, installing motion sensor lights in dark areas, pruning shrubs away from porches and windows. Stepan reminded us that this is a city-wide problem and needs a city-wide solution. There was disagreement about whether the problem was homeless people.

Michael suggested the idea of installing a radio tracking device in a “bait” item in coordination with the police. Chris suggested having a police officer speak at the Spring General meeting.

III. Approval of January 10 Minutes and February 21 Agenda

Michael Brown noted that correct title for the minutes is Board meeting not General meeting. Moved and seconded. Unanimous approval

IV. Update – Holladay Park Plaza East, Nik Gervais , Project Manager Turner Construction

He said that excavation is about 90% complete and that a mobile crane would be moved in next. Expected project completion Dec. 2017 or Jan. 2018. Workers are parking at Safeway and walking to the job site. He said there has been illegal use of their dumpster and break in of the job site trailer. Miles asked what direction heavy trucks are accessing the site? Nik said they are using Multnomah and heading north on 17th. Reminder to everyone that Board member Kelly Francois is the SGNA liaison with Turner if there are concerns or problems.

V. Old Business

Neighborhood Clean-up — Dave reviewed two options: doing our own cleanup in the parking lot of the 2100 Building (on east side of 21st between Broadway and Weidler) date not set or doing a joint clean up event with Irvington Community Association on May 13 three blocks north at 21st & Tillamook. He said that reimbursement policies from the City were changing but that the amount we would be entitled to would likely be the same as previous years. He said a joint clean up would probably require fewer volunteers and be less work for the coordinator than doing our own. He suggested that there was interest from a number of people in doing another clean up of debris from areas of the Gulch slope in conjunction with the clean up. Suggestions were made to engage local businesses, such as Turner Construction and PHK in helping out with the clean up. Andrea moved and Michael seconded to do a joint clean up with Irvington. Motion passed unanimously.

NET NECN Proposal – Chris Tanner – The NET Team has prepared a proposal for an NECN Small Grant to demonstrate an intensive effort to organize several blocks of residents in emergency preparedness. David Peterson mentioned he was a reviewer last year and that partnerships and diversity were important criteria to include in the proposal. Stepan wondered why so much effort was being put into this when crime and homelessness are major issues facing the city. Daniel responded that the process to be used for organizing neighbors would have additional benefits of neighborhood solidarity and Chris mentioned the value of community engagement, as well.

Andrea moved that SGNA become a partner with the NET Team to submit the grant; second by Michael; 10 approve; 1 abstention.

VI. New Business

2017 Budget Proposal – Michael Brown submitted a draft budget for calendar year 2017 (see attached) based on information from various committees. Stepan commented that our neighborhood association is relatively well-off but we should consider using events to raise more money. Dave moved we accept the draft as a guideline for expenditures; Miles seconded; unanimous approval.

Chris moved that the NET budget \$687 for the purchase of two-way radios and required license be approved. Michael seconded; unanimous approval

Daniel said the Communication expenses included the printing of two 4 page newsletters per year, with one of them being mailed to every address in the neighborhood, and the other hand delivered to homes. Mailing would insure that those living in multifamily buildings with a locked front door (no way to leave newsletter) would be aware of SGNA and reminded of the

website and email notification. Andrea moved to accept the Communications budget of \$2,195; Miles second; unanimous approval.

Land Use & Transportation Committee update and pre application review for Lloyd Center/Sears lot- Kathy Hansen updated the Board on the proposed development in the parking lot in front of Sears; said that a placeholder design was presented to Design Commission in order to avoid having to meet future Inclusionary Zoning requirements. The proposal was for 520 units of “five over one” construction, similar to the approved development on the south side of Multnomah in the Lloyd Cinemas parking lot.. She expected it to change significantly when the developers are ready to build. She reminded the Board that current zoning would allow up to 10-12 stories, which the city would prefer.

VII. Reports and Committee updates: only late-breaking reports.

Linda McDowell mentioned that the Gulch Garden, off 25th and Multnomah, was again open for business and looking for new gardeners. It has 40 garden plots and raises produce for the gardeners as well as for a low income food program. If interested contact her at linjmc@aol.com or text her at 503-317-0118.

Chris said she will attend the next Trimet Board meeting along with Ken Peterson to discuss a possible MAX stop at 28th. Miles commented that adding another stop will slow down the overall travel times and said he would prefer the neighborhood support a north-south bus line on 21st-20th Ave. (Line Y on the 2015 Trimet North Central Draft Service Plan).

VIII. Adjournment – 9 pm

SULLIVAN’S GULCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DRAFT BUDGET CALENDAR YEAR 2017	
BALANCE 1/10/17 (Balance on 2/21/17: \$6,935)	\$7,470
EXPENDITURES/REQUEST FOR FUNDS: \$4,362	
NET	\$ 687 (RADIOS/LICENSES)
COMMUNICATIONS CMT.	\$ 2,195 (SEE REPORT OF 2/11)
SAFETY LIVABILITY CMT.	\$ 500
LUTC COMMITTEE	\$ 500 (LARGELY DEDICATED TO CHARRETTE)
DEPT. JUSTICE CT-12	\$ 30
INTERSECTION PAINTING	\$ 450
GULCH-O-RAMA municipal fees/table rental/sanitation/entertainment/food	\$ 2,400
INCOME: \$3700	
GULCH-O-RAMA sponsorships/raffle	\$1,700
NECN	\$1,000
CLEANUP/MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,000
AS SET OUT, AT THE END OF THE YEAR WE WOULD HAVE DIMINISHED OUR FUNDS BY APPROXIMATELY \$650. GULCH-O-RAMA IS OBVIOUSLY THE LARGEST AND MOST UNCERTAIN OF OUR BUDGET ITEMS. EXPENSES AND INCOME RELATED TO GOR WILL ULTIMATELY SHAPE OUR BUDGET FOR THE YEAR.	