



Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association, c/o Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232  
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### **Minutes Biannual Neighborhood Meeting and Election**

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Meeting Day, Date & Time: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

### **Attendance of Members of the Board of Directors – Quorum: 16 of 18**

Deb Bridges and Stepan Simek excused

- Welcome and roll call.
- Open mic: Jack Frewing: street light at 16th and Weidler is pointing toward the sky - causing light pollution. Suggestion from board: 823-4000 is City info number, and can connect to the appropriate office to respond to the issue. Miles Crumley: Report the yellow identifier number on the pole when calling in.
- Jack Frewing also introduced Susan Platte, the new Executive Director of Holladay Park Plaza, who wanted to be learn about issues important to the neighborhood.
- Guest - speakers: Haley Rayburn, Deputy District Attorney for the neighborhood (haley.rayburn@meda.us) brought crime statistics for Sullivan's Gulch from the Portland Police Bureau and will forward neighborhood watch training program link. Michelle Johnson: Are crime levels higher, lower, or about the same these days? Haley Rayburn: Guessing, about the same. Fewer police are available to respond to calls. Kathy Hansen: No police officer is specifically assigned to this neighborhood. Kelly Francois: Remember that not everyone feels safer around police. Audience member request to define larceny. Response, theft. Dave Brook: Is it possible to pull reports for Kerns and Irvington as well? Daniel Pirofsky: What about last year's numbers vs. this year's? The safety and livability committee will reach out to Haley to coordinate requests for comparative statistics - present vs. past in Sullivan's Gulch and Sullivan's Gulch vs. nearby neighborhoods. Haley noted that her office is not responsible for maintaining these statistics or running the reports, but she is happy to help coordinate the flow of information.
- Approval of October 18 minutes. Michael Brown moves to approve. Kathy Hansen seconds. Daniel Pirofsky abstains from vote. All others approve, motion carries.



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- Approval of December 13 agenda. Add intersection painting to new business. Also an update from Turner Construction. Andrea Meyer moves to approve agenda as amended. Dave Brook seconds. All approve, motion carries.
  
- Christian Wasilk and Allen Blood, Turner Construction: Turner Construction is breaking ground January 9 on the site at 17th and Clackamas, currently the Holladay Park Plaza East parking lot. Construction activity to start at 7am, not before, and stop at 4pm - including deliveries. Neighbors should contact them with any reports of noise violations outside of this window. The parking lane on 17th between Clackamas and Wasco will be closed for deliveries which will take place behind the construction fence. Workers and contractors should be parking at the Safeway parking lot. Miles Crumley: Will there be flaggers to control traffic at Clackamas? Yes. Turner Construction handed out two traffic control drawings. Two concerns were expressed by the audience — 17th and Multnomah (visibility issues) and 16th and Clackamas (sharp corner with big trucks an issue) Turner will investigate. Contact: Christian Wasilk, Field Engineer, [cwasilk@tcco.com](mailto:cwasilk@tcco.com)

**Old Business:**

- a. Welcome to new Board members and discussion of committee assignments: Miles Crumley has already volunteered for the Land Use and Transportation Committee. Safety and Livability, and Communications Committees would welcome new members. Safety and Livability Committee is open to any activity that makes neighborhood more livable. Previous activities have included trash pick up, and discussion of neighborhood watch. Ron Boucher and Kelly Francois will join Safety and Livability. Linda McDowell will take the lead on garden activities and would like to get a blurb on the website eliciting participation in the garden - maybe in January. Kelly Francois is also willing to join the Communications Committee to do Facebook and Nextdoor messaging.
- b. Revisit PPP's regarding written committee reports: Chris Tanner: Most committees have not been writing reports. Do we want to revisit the PPP requirement for written reports? Dave Brook: Maybe we should amend PPPs to suggest that reports be necessary when a decision is reached, recommendations made, or there is information to share. Minutes can be substituted for a formal report.
- c. Letter to to Vic Remmers - status update: Letter has been sent and a copy shared with the board
- d. Follow-up on request for letter of support for equitable access to solar power. The organization has asked Chris Tanner to draft a version specific to Sullivan's Gulch. Chris declined to do so.
- e. PPP on board approval of letters: Amendment addressing letters for review - Andrea Meyer: can we find an alternative to "post?"
- f. Bylaws Task Force: Last summer's review of PPPs identified some issues requiring a change of bylaws. Julie Hoffinger, Daniel Pirofsky, and Dave Brooks will represent an ad hoc committee to review



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this language. Andrea Meyer will provide editorial support. The goal will be to complete the review in March in advance of the May general meeting.

**New Business:**

- a. Election of Board Officers: Current executive committee was re-elected unanimously by written vote.
- b. Discussion of Proposal for NECN Grant Here is the NECN page describing the grant program: <http://necoalition.org/projects/grants/> Note the following objectives:
  - Involve and benefit a diverse, broad group of people
  - Build leadership, identify, skills, relationships and partnerships – especially with and among historically underrepresented populations; and
  - Increase community capacity to influence public decisions and shape the future.

The grant is \$2000. The NET team is interested in applying for broader engagement in emergency planning and preparation as community building for resiliency. Linda McDowell has a contact at American Property Mgt who can perhaps facilitate communication with managers. Chris Tanner will confer with Land Use and Transportation Committee to see if they have any additional grant proposal suggestions. Kari LaForge: Emergency preparedness would benefit everyone in the neighborhood. Chris Tanner proposes that the NET team have a draft concept to present to the Board in January meeting.

b. Forum on Homelessness: Dave Brook's planning contact at Westminster Church is no longer responding and Dave may have to start planning process again. Linda McDowell suggested that Augustana church could be an alternative.

c. Contribution to Janus and Grace Memorial Church: Dave Brook makes the motion "In appreciation for their generosity to SGNA and the neighborhood, I move that SGNA donate \$ 250 to Grace Memorial Episcopal Church." Michael Brown notes that there is currently approximately \$7500 in the SGNA bank account. Members note that the board has made this contribution in the past and that the church also makes parking available during the annual leaf sweep. Kathy Hansen seconds the motion. Majority approval with one abstention. Dave Brook also proposes a contribution to Janus youth project house at 22nd and Clackamas which is a major non-profit in neighborhood doing good work. Chris Tanner notes that the Office of Neighborhood Involvement feels contributions fit broadly into mandate of doing good in neighborhood. Board members feel this case is different from Grace Memorial, as Janus is not based in or working directly with the neighborhood residents. Dave Brook Declines to follow through with motion.

d. Kelly Francois: The street painting project has had an initial planning meeting. They have identified the intersection at 19th and Clackamas. Four people attended first meeting. They will need to come up with a design by 01/12/17 and plan a meeting this coming Sunday to discuss the design. The cost of the



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project will be \$650 and organizers require that Survey approval from residents on the immediate corners as well as surveying those within a two-block radius. Kari LaForge has concerns with how quickly the painting and design have degraded in other projects and opposes project in general. Miles Crumley suggests that we revisit the timing in favor of next year given the Turner construction project one block away that could subject the design to more wear and tear. He also notes that the project planning would benefit from longer time frame. Kelly Francois feels like there is momentum now. Michael Brown agrees that timeline seems rushed. Chris Tanner: the project doesn't seem to need Board approval although the Board might contribute financially at a later point. Kelly Francois will try to get more information for the board, including: how much of the fee is due when, what will the design look like, and how will the process and timing of survey of neighbors work.

e. Chris Tanner: Land Use and Transportation Committee has requested a discussion about the Portland Streetcar's possible expansion from 7th to Hollywood on Broadway/Weidler. This could allow for a revisit of the 1987 neighborhood plan, including possible decoupling Broadway/Weidler as leverage for the neighborhood's support of plan. Kathy Hansen: Small businesses along Broadway could be endangered by 12-18 month interruption of business during construction. Members also troubled by possible 77 bus elimination or reduction if the streetcar took over that route. Miles Crumley: The streetcar expansion would be unlikely to affect bus route, but the streetcar on the eastside in general is underutilized and wouldn't benefit us in the neighborhood. Daniel Pirofsky how would it help us as residents? How would two-way traffic, increased bike lanes, pedestrian traffic, etc. all work together? Linda McDowell: Would this entail taking money out of bus system? Chris Tanner: No, they are separate funds. Linda McDowell: Why add more traffic onto the streets carrying the most congestion already? Dave Brook: Businesses can make their own case for the benefit of the streetcar to them; it is unclear what benefit to residents would be.

Miles Crumley: Motion to adjourn.

Concluding Comments from Chair: Meeting adjourned, 9:00pm