



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

SGNA Board Meeting

August 4, 2020 via Zoom

(No record of attendance)

1. Public comment period and Info sharing

2. Leaf Blowers — Discussion of endorsement of QuietClean PDX - the anti-gas-powered leaf blowers advocacy group in Portland. (<https://www.quietcleanpdx.org/coalition-to-eliminate-gas-leaf-blowers/>)
— Dave to draft letter and circulate to Board for approval. Letter attached as approved by the Board via email on Aug. 17.

3. Fire Alarm Telegraph Building Gardening Group — Linda McDowell proposed forming a group to do some beautification of this historic site, just across the Gulch on 21st. Marybeth will follow up with property owners for permission.



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Endorsement of Quiet Clean PDX

The Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood is valued by residents for its gardens, quiet streets, and walkability as well as a thriving, family-friendly business district.

The use of gas-powered leaf blowers spoils the livability of our neighborhood because they:

1. Create high intensity, intrusive noise that disturbs residents, passersby and shoppers.
2. Cause environmental damage by eroding the soil and disturbing the ecosystem of valuable pollinators and other insects.
3. Cause significant air pollution by the emission of smog-forming chemicals and the dispersal of fugitive dust particles (allergens, molds, dried feces, herbicides, pesticides and other debris).
4. Create health risks to the operator from the emissions of toxic substances that can cause cancer, heart and lung disease and can lead to permanent hearing loss if precautions are not taken.
5. Require fossil fuels (gas and oil) for operation and thereby emitting carbon dioxide, which contributes to dangerous climate change.

The Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association endorses the efforts of Quiet Clean PDX (quietcleanpdx.org), to promote alternatives to gas-powered leaf blowers, including battery-operated blowers and the use of manual tools, as well as encouraging a healthier and simpler approach to lawn and garden care that reduces the need for gas-powered equipment. Neighbors are encouraged to educate themselves about gas powered leaf blowers and discuss options to them with their contractors and with each other.

Adopted by SGNA Board by email vote on August 17, 2020.