



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

### **Minutes Biannual Neighborhood Meeting and Election**

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Meeting Day, Date & Time: Tuesday, August 8, 2017

#### **Attendance of Members of the Board of Directors – Quorum of 12 of 16**

Present: Andrea Meyer, Chris Tanner, Dan Lerch-Walters, Daniel Pirofsky, Jack Frewing, Julie Hoffinger, Kari LaForge, Kathy Hansen, Kelly Francois, Linda McDowell, Marty Rowe, Michelle Johnson.

Absent/excused: Dave Brook, Deb Bridges, Michael Brown, Ron Boucher

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

II. 7:05-7:20 Open Mike: time for members of our community to raise concerns/questions.

A neighbor registered concern about people going through trash and recycling, taking it from bins in the yard and spreading it around. Several others agreed this is troubling behavior. Another neighbor noted a recent rise graffiti tagging. Kelly Francois noted that the Safety and Livability committee is proposing a discussion to share effective safety practices around neighborhood. Linda McDowell wondered whether the neighborhood association could go on record in support of existing housing structures. Chris Tanner responded that the Land Use and Transportation Committee is working on update to plan, will address this. Deanna – referring to the graffiti suggested that neighbors can report incidents to the city using “PDX reporter” which is available as a phone app and website.

III. 7:20-7:25 Approval of July 18 Minutes and August 8 Agenda

Kathy Hansen made a motion to approve the July 18 minutes. Daniel Pirofsky seconded the motion. All voted to approve. There were no changes to the agenda.

IV. 7:25-7:30 Update – Turner Construction and discussion with neighbors

Marty Rowe provided a brief construction update from Nik Gervais of Turner Construction. Turner is working on wood framing through the end of the month. Next they will complete wood on levels 1 and 2. After that, will come roof shingles. They will be working on utilities and then will start interior work. Nik sent an email to the closest neighbors noting that work on the sewer will commence on August 7, closing off a section of street for approximately one week. Utilities should not be affected by the work.

V. 7:30-8:15 Old Business & announcements

Discussion of Bylaws Revision: Daniel Pirofsky. The working draft of proposed by-laws is nearly complete. Based on new info from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement on membership, the board needs to reexamine the membership section as it might impact procedures at meetings. The change is a



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legal issue based on state law. Otherwise the by-laws document is ready to be shared with membership and receive comments. Daniel proposed publishing a draft for discussion with a 60-day comment period and hoped to finalize the draft and vote to proceed at the October 10 meeting. According to this plan, the by-laws would be presented for a vote at the general meeting in November. The Executive Summary lists the problems with the current bylaws and summarizes proposed changes. He plans to post the draft documents on the website ASAP and also include the Executive Summary in the next newsletter. Andrea Meyer asked whether the 60-day comment period is required and wondered whether it might be better to give ourselves more flexibility by not committing to a strict review period. Daniel responded that there is not a required review period. Michelle Johnson proposed we publish the end date of the comment period only, so that people know the deadline to submit their comments. She also asked how people will submit comments. Daniel responded they can be submitted via the "contact us" form on website or via email to Daniel's address. Andrea Meyer recommended inviting oral comments at the next board meeting and suggested that we should have a range of options for commenting publicly or privately. Julie Hoffinger noted that there are still some questions the committee has not yet resolved and wondered how to best to address these. Daniel proposed that the board discuss them as a group at the September meeting. Daniel made a motion to publish the draft by-laws for comment. Andrea seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Chris Tanner thanked the by-laws committee for their hard work on the revisions.

Gulch-O-Rama update and request for volunteers: Chris Tanner noted that Gulch-O-Rama will be held on September 9 from 4:00-9:00pm this year and that there have been several meetings of the Gulch-O-Rama Committee: Kari LaForge, Kelly Francios, Emily Young, Chris Tanner, and Helen Kennedy, with Stepan Simek helping with organizing the entertainment. Volunteers are needed for various tasks on the actual day, including: set up, noon-3:30; Welcome Table, Food (from 3:30 set-up until food gone. The food opens at 5:00 – there will be contests for the best salad and best dessert); Recycling crew needed from 4pm; Clean-up from 9pm. Chris circulated a list to all board members and asked for sign-ups.

A NECN representative is still needed. The representative attends monthly meetings with NECN, keeping track of and discussing shared issues with similar neighborhoods. Providing a representative to this body increases our ability to speak to the city with a greater collective voice. The commitment is approximately 1.5 hours per month plus committee participation. Contact Chris or Daniel if interested.

#### VI. 8:15 – 8:30 New Business

Land Use and Transportation Committee: Chris provided an update from DJ Heffernan and passed architectural drawings from Lloyd Center, East and West ends. DJ and Kathy Hansen met recently with the team from Cypress Development. Most relevant to Sullivan's Gulch will be the new East exit, between the existing Marshalls and Sears buildings. The committee is hoping for a logical path through to neighborhood, but it may be difficult, as it will have to go through a residential section in the front. Kathy Hansen noted that the proposed plan has interesting cut outs in walls and will look like the building



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is floating on glass. In reference to the proposed street enhancement project, Kathy noted that the streets are so narrow west of 21st, it is hard to know how to do an enhancement. The city is in favor of forging a connection between Lloyd Center and Fred Meyers. Jack Frewing asked about the issue of night time lights in the new design and Kathy responded that it does not look like light pollution should be a problem, but that this issue has been raised. Kari LaForge asked when construction will start at 21<sup>st</sup> and Multnomah. Julie Hoffinger responded it should be later this fall. Chris Tanner had a meeting with the developer of the vacant lot behind Forever Pets on Weidler. He is planning a building with 20 units and 19 parking spaces. The Land Use Committee is planning on submitting a grant proposal for PDX streets and is looking for volunteers to help with the grant writing. DJ proposes proceeding with painting zebra streets. Linda McDowell suggested that the blackberry design would be distracting. Dan proposed incorporating art into crossing flags at the intersection. The grant application is due on Aug. 31. Julie Hoffinger, who attending an information meeting on the grant process, circulated a sample picture of an artistic crossing. Kathy Hansen made a motion to move forward with DJ's proposal for a zebra crossing at 21<sup>st</sup>. Kelly Francois seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Community Solar: Chris Tanner has had one meeting with Eco-Lloyd to track discussions about community solar - where communities invest in solar technology and get credits. The issue is currently stalled because of push-back by utilities. She asked for a volunteer to track issue, looking for someone with interest in solar. Dan Lerch-Walters volunteered.

Resignations from the Board: Chris Tanner suggested that given the recent resignations of Miles Crumley and Stepan Simek from the board, the board could consider appointing replacements before the November elections. Chris asked that everyone think of people who might be interested, looking particularly for youth and renters. Chris happy to talk to any potential members as well. Andrea Meyer noted that Gulch-O-Rama would be a good opportunity for outreach.

#### VII 8:30-9:00 Late Breaking Committee Reports and Refreshments

Safety and livability committee reported that their recent block party was wildly successful. It was easy to do and would be easy to replicate. The event broadened engagement with neighbors who may not be connected to soup night and other groups. However, the barricades are in bad shape and there are not enough of them. Kelly Francois recommended that the neighborhood invest in new ones for future events. The most minimal set would cost \$200; Ones with lighting would be more. Also the Safety and Livability committee had a discussion about homelessness. Montavilla neighborhood has issued a letter welcoming all neighbors, with and without homes. There is a YIMBY group –Yes in my backyard – exploring how to be supportive of all neighbors. They are not yet ready to make any recommendations. Deanna noted that it is important for everyone to get involved in conversation in order to have the broadest range of perspectives.

#### VIII 8:20 Adjournment