



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

## **SGNA Board Meeting**

***March 2020; 7:30 pm Via Zoom***

Participating: Kathy Hansen, Brian, Mary Beth Christopher, Michael Brown, Mike Purvis

Guests: Curt Hayashi, Karen Spencer (Metro District 5 candidate)

Excused: D.J. Heffernan; Absent: Dan Lerch Walters

After spending some time learning the mechanics of using Zoom, the meeting began.

Discussion of upcoming spring SGNA Events:

PorchFest — Do not have to decide today. Curt said decision date would be mid May

Neighborhood Garage Sale — Curt said decision date would be mid June

Earth Day Gulch Trash Removal — agreed that it was not likely to happen. Dave to contact Dan

Neighborhood Clean Up — postponed (by the city) until fall

Spring General Meeting — Cancelled. Hopefully by the fall we can meet in person for election of Board members.

Visit by Karen Spencer, Metro District 5 candidate — Says her big 3 issues are: housing (homeless), housing (affordability) and housing (quantity). See her website: [VoteforKarenSpencer.com](http://VoteforKarenSpencer.com)

Neighborhood Support — Discussion about whether there is a need to organize to help seniors and others in the Gulch with grocery shopping, getting prescriptions, etc. Marybeth said she was already doing it for several people on her block. After discussion no one seemed to feel there was a need to set up a formal effort here.

Neighborhood Newsletter — Dave proposed the Board work on a printed newsletter to be hand-delivered to as many addresses as possible in the neighborhood. Mike said he appreciated seeing a printed newsletter when he first moved here and that even a 2 page newsletter would be useful. Dave asked Board members for help writing articles (and said he would be glad to edit them) as well as help distributing them door to door. Article ideas include reminders that traditional spring neighborhood events (Clean Up & General Meeting) are cancelled, restaurants open, social distancing suggestions, etc. Dave will contact Board members and others soon about helping out as it would be useful to get it in peoples' hands by the end of April, early May.

Community Garden — Dave mentioned that Marissa Perez contacted him wondering if the vacant lot at NE 17th & Weidler could be used as a community garden space, an idea that has come up before, with

no success. He put her in touch with the property owner (Alex Cooley) and with Linda Macdowell, of the Gulch Garden behind the apartments at NE 25th & Multnomah.