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SWNI Board Meeting Minutes January 25, 2016

MAC Room 30, 7:00 pm

Submitted by Carol Porto

## Attending

**Officers:** Sam Pearson (President), John Gibbon (1st Vice President), Fran Laird (2nd Vice President)  
Carol Porto (Secretary), Lee Buhler (Treasurer)

**Staff:** Sylvia Bogert (Executive Director)

## Neighborhood Associations:

Debbie Griffith (Arnold Creek),  
Michael Kisor (Ashcreek),  
Becky Lilliquist (Bridlemile),  
Elise deLisser (Collins View),  
Tony Hanson (Crestwood), absent  
Virginia Hendrickson (Far Southwest),  
Tom McCarley (Hayhurst), absent  
Glenn Bridger (Hillsdale),  
Jackie Phillips (Homestead),  
Stephan Lewis (Maplewood),  
Kim Herron (Markham),  
Vacant (Marshall Park),  
Leslie Hammond (Multnomah),  
Lynn Pearson (South Burlingame),  
Nancy Seton (Southwest Hills Residential League),  
Len Michon (South Portland),  
Ryan Blum (West Portland Park),  
Vacant (Multnomah Village Business Association),  
Vacant (Hillsdale Business and Professional Association)

## Committees:

Equity and Inclusion Committee: Glenn Bridger, interim  
Land Use Committee: Jan Wilson  
Parks & Community Centers Committee: Fran Laird  
Public Safety Committee: Donna Herron, interim  
Transportation Committee: David Martin  
Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel (excused)  
Watershed Committee: Jill Gaddis  
Communications Committee: Lee Buhler

**Other:** MaryAnn Santana

**Voting members = 22** (some late arrivals)

Call to order

**Motion: approve Agenda**

**Status:**

Lee moved, Carol second

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Introductions

**Motion: Approve SWNI Board Dec 16, 2016 Minutes**

**Status:**

Lee moved, Carol second

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Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 4 Leslie, Stephan, Jackie, Becky

## SWNI Executive Committee Report

- President's Report Sam Pearson
  - Executive committee met Dec 21, 2016 to consider
    - Transportation Committee motion to send letter to state representatives. Recommendation for the 2 million dollars from the state for Capitol Hwy improvements
    - Yard Debris for spring cleanup was considered. Executive committee recommends not to include Yard Debris due to \$1K + costs.
  - SWNI requires all NA's and BA's to file attendance sheets and meeting minutes according to ONI guidelines. SWNI reports quarterly to ONI.
  - SWNI office closed 5 days due to incimate weather. The staff via the cloud conducted work on the newspaper, which was submitted on time. Thanks Staff!
  - There is a letter from Chloe Eudaly included in meeting packet.
- SWNI Vice President John Gibbon: Spring Retreat ideas
  - John noted that the Executive Committee discussed equity and diversity issues as a possible topic for retreat.
  - Portland Maps report came out with new functionality, will provide training. John would like to see all members of the SWNI board have experience with Portland Maps. Ashcreek NA would like a stand-alone session for members of NAs as well.
  - Contact John if you have ideas for retreat
- SWNI Treasurer Lee Buhler
  - December Treasurer's Report
  - **Motion: WMSWCD Partnership Funding Grant proposal**  
Moved: Lee, Seconded: Carol  
Yes: 17  
No: 0  
Abstain: 5 - Dave, Kim, Jackie, Donna, Michael  
Storm-water workshops have been very successful; we plan on doing 6 this year. The grant would make the position to be a 20 hr./week. The grant has been submitted, we find out about grant on July 1st.

## SWNI Executive Director Report: Sylvia Bogert

- ONI Budget Update: For info on ONI proposed cut packages, see Sylvia's report. Sylvia was encouraged by Commissioner's response.

Sam passed around information about the Community Collection Event. This is posted on website under January Board meeting materials

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- 16 applications were submitted for small grants. We have \$10,996 in funds to distribute and over \$25,000 in requested grant funding.
- Intertwine Cohort Meeting selected a training facilitator.

## Committees Reports:

- Watershed Committee: Jill Gaddis
  1. Al Iverson letter. Al is an experienced engineer and we are fortunate to have benefit of his experience. In His letter, he mentions unpaved roads need to be looked by the city. Al is the SWNI rep to DEQ. Storm-water needs to be treated before entering creeks or state waters.
  2. People are asked to report to watershed committee any storm-water issues. Examples of such issues are nonfunctional culverts or springs popping up in streets. We want to map all storm-water issues. Glenn had a sewer issue to report. John reported that there was raw sewage running on Barbur Blvd due to storms. It showed SW Portland does not have an adequate storm-water system.
- Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel (excused) see chart submitted in packet.
- Parks & Community Centers: Fran Laird
  1. Albert Kelly Park in Bridlemile got a new whirly installed. Previous one was pulled because of lead paint. Playground equipment before 1980 had lead paint in it.
  2. On Feb 2, Parks committee will have Maija Spencer, Property Mgt. Specialist to speak on the Replacement Bond. Parks committee wants to talk about rangers, homeless, lead abatement, bridge, and urban forestry storm cleanup issues.
- Transportation: David Martin
  1. Ask for people to bring transportation issues due to storm to committee.
  2. **Motion: "SWNI recommends PBOT take advantage of the opportunity to leverage funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements associated with the paving project on SW Vermont."**  
Yes: 22  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Project will take place this summer.
- Public Safety Committee: Donna Herron interim
  1. The last meeting had a good turnout. Neighborhood Watch is topic of next meeting. Speakers are lined up include topics of Home Safety Audit Program and Wilderness Survival. The last meeting was recorded.
  2. The committee is working on their Action Plan. The Traffic Safety Vigils will not be done as in current plan; committee is working on Vision Zero instead.
  3. Contact Jenny Pullman or Mark Wells at PDX for help to establish a Neighborhood Watch program.
  4. The question was asked if the Safety committee has done anything to help the Police recruit new officers? Answer was No. It was suggested that there is a need to ask new mayor to increase budget to attract recruits. City of Portland is aware of this problem.
- Land Use Committee: Jan Wilson

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1. The committee has missed a few meetings. The letter sent in the fall about the Residential Infill Project IP was well received. Inclusionary zoning was adopted. The committee is working on the Comp Plan. The committee is busy with recruiting new people into Land Use. All NAs are encouraged to have a designated Land Use person. Jan 31, 2017 is date of "ABC's of Land Use" Workshop. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> is second workshop, "Advanced Land Use".
- Communications Committee: Lee Buhler
    1. The next meeting is Feb 6. Committee is working on a Resource Page
  - Equity and Inclusion Committee: Glenn Bridger
    1. Committee is revisiting their action plan. They are looking at a 2020 plan and planning progressive steps to get there. An Equity Sign for businesses was shown. Committee members will be meeting with Multnomah NA members. Multnomah NA already has a business equity program and sign. The committee is looking for all NAs to have a designee to attend meetings.

## **New Business**

### **Motion: SWNI does not include Yard Debris in the SWNI Spring Cleanup.**

Motion from the Executive Committee

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Yard Debris costs SWNI over \$1000. Metro now lists yard debris as unacceptable for Portland Cleanup events, and wants people to recycle yard debris in curbside containers. SWNI is working with the Rebuilding Center to possibly take some materials at our spring Cleanup. Information is on the website.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Update: Neighborhood Small Grant proposals
  - 16 applications submitted for total ask of over \$25K. We have \$10,996 to award. Grant awards will be made by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Announcements/Suggestions for the good of the organization**

- Community Recycling Event – Saturday, February 4, 9 am to noon, St. John Fischer parking lot, entrance SW 45<sup>th</sup> Ave at SW Nebraska Street (new location)
- Land Use Training – Monday, February 27, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Room 30 of the Multnomah Arts Center
- Fix Our Streets Meeting - March, 2017 (Date/Time/Location TBD)
- If anyone has ideas on how to reach out to unincorporated areas that adjoin our NAs, contact John Gibbon. Those neighborhoods need to get involved since city decisions apply to them. Their only way to comment on these things is through SWNI into the city processes.
- All NA's need to look at purpose statement changes in the SWNI Bylaws draft proposal. These are posted on website. We have to comply with new ONI guidelines, Oregon State and IRS regulations.

## **Adjournment**