

DRAFT - SWNI Board Meeting Minutes February 22, 2017
Submitted by Carol Porto

Attending

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

Staff: Sylvia Bogert (Executive Director)

Neighborhood Associations:

Debbie Griffith (Arnold Creek) excused,
Michael Kisor (Ashcreek),
Becky Lilliquist (Bridlemile),
Elise deLisser (Collins View),
Tony Hanson (Crestwood) absent,
Virginia Hendrickson (Far Southwest),
Janet Hawkins (Hayhurst),
Leah Klass (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)
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Committees:

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

Visitors: MaryAnn Santana, Kay Durtschi

Voting members = 21 (some late arrivals)

Call to order

Motion: approve Agenda

Carol moved, Ryan second

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Introductions

Motion: Approve SWNI Board Jan 25, 2017 Minutes

Michael moved, Fran second

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstain: 2 - Maripat, Leah

SWNI Executive Committee Report

- **President's Report: Sam Pearson**

Sam and Sylvia attended a meeting with Commissioner Chloe Eudaly which went well. Chloe expressed interest in going to all NAs in Portland. Sylvia did a good presentation.

- **1st Vice President Report: Sam Pearson** – SWNI Spring Retreat: Saturday, April 8, 2017, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (location: tbd)

- **2nd Vice President Report: Fran Laird** – Celebrate Our Success Event: Monday, June 5, 2017, 6:30 pm
New theme for event and the date is moved up. Instead of recognizing a single individual this year, we would like to acknowledge the efforts that go into a neighborhood or committee event, a project, an accomplishment. We will have easels placed around the room with a storyboard accounting a single event that promoted success in your neighborhood or committee. No dinner will be served; instead we will have a buffet of finger foods, dessert and a beverage. Light music will be a background feature and a slide show of the pictures provided by your neighborhoods will run continuously. Each neighborhood and SWNI committee is asked to submit a 300 word description/story and 4 to 5 photos of a project or accomplishment that deserves recognition by April 28th to Sara at SWNI office. Fran is happy to answer any questions.

- **SWNI Treasurer Report: Lee Buhler excused- Sylvia**

- January Treasurer's Report – Sylvia pointed out a new Restricted account on the balance sheet for the Connect SW PDX project, which is a reimbursable grant from West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District.

- Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) Budget Update –Sylvia listed four add packages Commissioner Eudaly submitted with the ONI Budget request: New Portlander Program Specialist, Accommodation Fund, Portland United Against Hate, and Noise Control Administrative Support.

- Fiscal Sponsorship Account Request from Ashcreek NA – AshCrest CEP

Establish a community emergency preparedness fund, primarily within the neighborhoods of Ashcreek and Crestwood, through the Ashcreek/Crestwood NET. Funds may be used to support A/C NET activities such as NET cache buckets, central cache supplies, radio equipment, tools, education, community outreach activities, and educational events, portable power equipment, printing, and related supplies.

Motion Sponsorship Account Application from Ashcreek NA

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion: Approve Grant Awards as recommended by the Grant committee (see the March SW News (SWNI newspaper) for a list of all grant recipients and a brief description of each project)

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstain: 2 - Michael, Maripat

Questions on award process, Grauer Back to School Project, and next grant cycle.

SWNI Executive Director Report: Sylvia Bogert (see submitted report)

Sylvia spoke of the ONI Budget Advisory Committee meeting, a meeting with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability regarding grant amendment to increase SWNI's funding to pay for tipping fees at cleanup events, and reminded everyone about the Community Recycling Event scheduled for March 18.

Committees Reports:

- **Schools Committee:** Maripat Hensel

Committee is grateful for the Small Grant Award. Committee will have article in Newspaper with information and dates of events. The Committee is gathering data from neighborhoods.

- **Parks & Community Centers:** Fran Laird

There was no meeting in February due to bad weather. Rachel Felice from PPR will answer questions for the first half of the March meeting and Maija Spenser will talk about phase 2 of the Parks Replacement Bond (\$20million dollars). There will be an open house on March 20th 6-7:30 with Amanda Fritz. Hutchinson Meadow wasn't purchased in Multnomah area. Martie asked why PPR doesn't look to the 2020 plan for suggestions. The sentiment expressed was that the public participation is being ignored. City wants to hear what are our priorities. PP&R's list is longer than they can accommodate. Come to meeting and talk to Maija. See the Newspaper article for information.

- **Transportation:** David Martin

Motion: SWNI comment on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)'s draft 2018-21 State Transportation Improvement Project (STIP) project 20438, OR 99W (Barbur Blvd) at SW Capitol Highway, to ask ODOT to further analyze options for redesigning the Barbur/Capitol Highway (West Portland Crossroads) intersection and analyze impacts on pedestrian and bicyclist safety and neighborhood livability, and discuss these options in more depth with the community before deciding on a redesign for the intersection. ODOT must construct safer sidewalks and bike lanes (or pedestrian and bicycle facilities) along SW Capitol, SW Taylors Ferry and SW Barbur along with the motor vehicle travel lane changes to make it safer for everyone and encourage more walking and biking in this town center.

Moved: David

Seconded: Michael

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Discussion: The I-5 entrance at Barbur Foods is proposed to be counter clockwise. ODOT did not do traffic study. Since \$10Million dollars will be spent on Capitol Hwy, we want them to study and do the right things. The Sellwood and Mountain Park communities may use this entrance also. A previous I-5 entrance that was proposed near the Pancake House was not done when the Terwilliger Bridge was rebuilt. Michael felt a left turn signal should be requested. How does this change fit in SW Corridor Plan? This is proposed as a short-term fix/solution for safety. A board member suggested improved traffic patterns in LO might generate more funds.

Talking points:

- SWNI needs more information about traffic impacts on local collector streets, especially SW Taylors Ferry Road and SW Capitol Highway, and whether the redesign will compromise safety for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling through West Portland Crossroads;
- Traffic studies should be done while Portland Community College is in session and not during spring break (March 24-31) nor summer break (June 16-Sept. 24) nor winter break (December 16-January 2).
- Analyses should look at both right and left jughandles and also consider additional traffic diverting onto other collectors (i.e. Capitol Highway/Lesser/SW 60th, or Pomona/SW 53rd).

- **Public Safety Committee:** Interim Donna Herron

- No last meeting due to weather. Next meeting will include: Neighborhood Watch presentation by Jenni Pullen, an ONI staff person to discuss the Cannabis program updates, and a Map Your Neighborhood Part 1 presentation.
- Portland Women's Strength class was well attended.
- Future things may include a Movie event, Jan Weston Bike Safety event, and Vision Zero awareness.
- Home Audit Speaker has not been determined yet.
- PBEM is giving a NET training in April.

- **Land Use Committee:** Jan Wilson

A few land use committee meetings were cancelled due to weather.

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly has been assigned to the Bureau of Development Service. The first ABCs of Land Use training was very successful. A lot of people came from all over the city. The second ABC of Land Use Training will include lot-subdivisions and multi-family housing.

Jan noted that once the City notice regarding the Comp Plan is released, there will not be enough time to come back to the board for a vote on the motion below.

Motion: Request that SWNI write a letter in support of Multnomah Neighborhood Association's objections to Middle Housing Policy 5.6 (Amendment P#45) to the 2035 Comprehensive Plan consistent with SWNI's prior letter, dated 4/28/2016.

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 1 Stephan

- **Communications Committee:** Lee Buhler – (excused)
- **Equity and Inclusion Committee:** Leah read Glenn's written report posted on the website. New "welcome" signs are available, contact the SWNI office. Glenn's report includes a Tri-Met Transit Equity Index as well as the Community and City Response to Hate - Joint Statement. Please take the Joint Statement back to the neighborhoods for feedback. The Equity Committee will bring a recommendation regarding the The Joint Statement to SWNI board next month. NA's and/or SWNI can endorse. All materials are on website under Board Materials. Portland United Against Hate meets every Friday. One board member stated there might be political overtones in the Joint Statement.
- **Watershed Committee:** Jill Gaddis
Committee asks folks to send photos, comments, and stories by March 16th about problems with stormwater. Southwest Portland has a lot of problems with stormwater and we need to document problems. Committee is going to get the city to pay attention to SW stormwater needs. Email watershedcommittee@swni.org

Unfinished Business

Bylaws committee would like to have first reading at April Board Meeting. Discussion of current changes will occur at March meeting.

New Business

Nominating Committee

Sam asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Sylvia provided a brief description of duties. The following individuals were appointed to serve: Fran, Jill, Carol.

Personnel Committee Update

The SWNI Communication Specialist has requested to work 20 hours per week and focus on IT, eliminating the newspaper responsibilities. A complete list of pending and ongoing IT tasks was shared with the executive director, personnel committee, and executive committee members. The current Communication Specialist job description was reviewed and possible options discussed. After discussion, the following motion was unanimously supported.

Motion: Rename the current Communications Specialist position to Technology at 20 hours per week. Create a temporary part-time position called Communication Assistant at 40 hours per month tasked with creating monthly SWNI newspaper on a trial basis until June 30, 2017. Give executive director hiring authority for the communication assistant temporary part-time position. See draft revised job descriptions posted.

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Temporary position does not have benefits. The Board will review the budget for next fiscal year to make sure money is available. Sylvia was asked to be sure the new hire was trained on how to produce electronic newsletters so visually impaired readers are accommodated.

Neighborhood Associations – Hot Topics

April Hill Park Celebration, April 9, 2017, 2 to 4 pm. Everyone is invited! Events and activities galore! Ashcreek is working on new bylaws and there is a boundary change with Crestwood. Ashcreek thanks the SWNI Board for the Small Grant awarded to Ashcreek-Crestwood NET.

Announcements/Suggestions for the good of the organization

- Land Use Training – Monday, February 27th from 6:30 pm, Room 30
- Community Recycling Event – Saturday, March 18, 9 am to noon, St. John Fischer parking lot, entrance SW 45th Ave at SW Nevada Street (new location)
- Fix Our Streets Meeting – Thursday, March 23rd, MAC auditorium 6pm – 9pm
- SWNI Spring Retreat: Saturday, April 8, 2017, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- SW Hope Feed the Hungry: Deadline for donations April 22, 2017
- BES Open House: Wednesday, April 26, 5:00-7:00 pm, Room 29 (before SWNI Board)
- SWNI Spring Cleanup: Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Celebrate Our Success Event: Monday, June 5, 2017, 6:30 pm
- Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting Feb 27th Rm 4 4:30pm-6:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting Reminders:

SWNI Public Safety–Thurs. March 2, 7:00 pm
SWNI Communications – Mon., March 6, 7:00 pm
SWNI Watershed - Thursday, March 16, 7:00 pm
SWNI Transportation – Mon., March 20, 7:00 pm
SWNI Board –Wed., March 22, 7:00 pm

SWNI Parks & Community Centers – Thur., March 2, 7:00 pm
SWNI Newsletter Deadline- Wednesday, March 15, 5:00 pm
SWNI School Committee– Thursday, March 16, 7:00 pm
SWNI Land Use – Tues., March 21, 7:00 pm
SWNI Equity & Inclusion: Monday, March 27, 4:30 pm