

**Revised DRAFT SWNI Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

7pm Multnomah Center, Room 30 in Senior Center

Submitted by SWNI secretary, Carol Porto

*Attending*

Officers: John Gibbon (President), Leslie Hammond (1st Vice President), Ryan Blum (2nd Vice President) Carol Porto (Secretary), Lee Buhler (Treasurer)

Staff: Sylvia Bogert (Executive Director)

*Neighborhood Associations:*

Debbie Griffith (Arnold Creek), excused  
Michael Kisor (Ashcreek),  
Becky Lilliquist (Bridlemile),  
Fran Laird (Collins View),  
Tony Hanson (Crestwood),  
Virginia Hendrickson (Far Southwest),  
Leslie Hammond (Hayhurst),  
Glenn Bridger (Hillsdale),  
Jackie Phillips (Homestead), absent  
Stephan Lewis (Maplewood),  
Kim Herron (Markham),  
Vacant (Marshall Park),  
Martie Sucec (Multnomah),  
Sam Pearson (South Burlingame),  
Nancy Seton (Southwest Hills Residential League),  
Len Michon (South Portland),  
Gary Runde (West Portland Park), absent  
Vacant (Multnomah Village Business Association),  
Vacant (Hillsdale Business and Professional Association),  
Vacant (South Portland Business Association)

*Committees:*

Equity and Inclusion Committee: interim Glenn Bridger  
Land Use Committee: Jan Wilson  
Parks & Community Centers Committee: Fran Laird  
Public Safety Committee: interim Donna Herron  
Transportation Committee: Dave Martin  
Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel  
Watershed Committee: Vacant  
Communications Committee: Lee Buhler

*Visitors:* Kathleen Elliot, Marianne Fitzgerald, Will Fuller, Steve Mullinax, Kay Durtschi, MaryAnn Santana, Paul McKay

Voting members = 23

*Call to order*

**Motion: Agenda approval**

Moved: Sam Second: Lee

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

*Introductions*

**Motion: Approval of May 24, 2017 Minutes**

Moved: Lee, Second: Marti

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Discussion: 3 corrections; Transportation motion discussion, one mention of Lynn's name was missing 'n', treasurers report typo and Michael wanted to add his objection to the Transportation motion that there was no guarantee that the funds will be spent in the SW.

*SWNI "Executive Session"*

Call to Order

Review June 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes from SWNI Special Board meeting

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*Regular Session Back to Order*

**Motion: Approve Minutes from June 19<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting and Executive Session**

Moved: Carol Second: Leslie

Yes: 14

No: 0

Abstain: 9 Marti, Glenn, David, Stephan, Jan, Len, Tony, Kim, Donna

*SWNI Executive Committee Report*

- *President's Report:* John Gibbon
  - Hillary Hunt accepted our offer, starts Monday July 3.
- *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report:* Leslie Hammond
  - Committee Action Plans for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 due July 26, 2017
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report:* Ryan Blum
  - Report on Celebrate Our Success Event held on Monday, June 5, 2017. This was a big successful event, spearheaded by Fran. Details are also mentioned in Sylvia's report. The music, food and casual atmosphere were well liked. The posters were a hit.  
Marti congratulated Fran, Jan, and John Tappero on the Land Use Committee's Poster. All posters were great and can be put on the website. Fran thanked everyone.
- *SWNI Treasurer Lee Buhler:*
  - May Treasurer's Report - see treasurer's report
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Review of Draft Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018  
Neighborhood printing and postage were cut from the budget. Use of City Printing facility through SWNI is available to NAs if they want to use their own NA funds. The annual all-household newspaper mailing (produced in June for the July issue) is not included in the proposed budget. There will be a \$16K deficit by July 2018. Lee thinks costs will not reach \$16K and that increased fundraising could make up the difference. A number of outside grants are spending down this year.

Discussion about budget cuts to neighborhood printing and postage funds (approximately \$600 a year - \$300 for printing and \$300 for mailing). Kim Herron why the board is

being asked to cut the only thing that SWNI provides to the NAs? NAs will still be able to use the SWNI monthly newspaper, Constant Contact electronic newsletters, website and Facebook as communication tools. Other services include SWNI staff support, fiscal management, and access to event supplies.

The postcard mailings are thought to be very effective. In addition, the lack of advance notice was difficult, as many NAs were counting on using the postcards to promote summer events. The point was made that unlike most nonprofit boards, board members have not been asked to help raise funds. The idea of “Ask what your NA can do for SWNI” was brought up. The South Burlingame board was in favor of the cut and would cover expenses from their account. A suggestion was made that the SWNI Fundraising annual appeal should have a larger target to address the deficit. It was noted by John Gibbon that SWNI also pays insurance and corporate filing fees for the NAs. Leslie suggested working collaboratively with NAs to fundraise so we don’t tap into the same donor bases.

A Bridlemile member wrote a letter disliking the dropping of the neighborhood printing but mentioned that Bridlemile can pay for mailing this year. It was noted that SWNI staff does a great job.

An increase in cleanup fees was suggested.

Maplewood NA agreed to mailing and postage cuts and instead is doing a door-to-door canvas.

It was said that fundraising is needed and the board needs to create a fundraising committee.

West Portland Park has a donor who will pay for \$300 mailing and \$500 for the Celebration of Success Event.

Sylvia found that when postcards were used, they were effective.

Sylvia talked about the need for a fundraising strategy.

It was noted that budget cuts could generate new ideas, which in turn may be beneficial long term.

Soliciting from businesses was suggested.

Concerts in the Park collections were discussed.

Crestwood is happy for the staff support for events such as their movie in the park event.

Crestwood only has one or two commercial businesses (Cannabis retail). Crestwood will come up with new ways for advertising and outreach. Crestwood NA works in partnership with Ashcreek NA to host events in Dickinson Park. Tony was grateful for Donna Herron’s assistance in sending the Movie promotion out electronically to PPS mailing lists.

**Motion: call question to vote on approving the 2017-18 Budget**

Moved: Michael Second: Lee

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Motion: Approve the 2017-18 Budget**

Moved: Sam Second: Lee

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

*SWNI Executive Director Report:* Sylvia Bogert (see written report on website)

All members of SWNI board were asked to sign annual Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower and Retaliation acknowledgement forms.

There is an online survey for people to comment on qualities people would like the new ONI director to possess. Commissioner Eudaly will appoint a person for position. All urged to give input on the 8-minute survey. The link to survey is in Sylvia's report.

*SWNI Committees Reports:*

- *Public Safety Committee:* interim Donna Herron  
The Oregon Resilience Plan lecture had 65 in attendance. On June 10th, four NETs (Markham, Multnomah, Maplewood, and AshCrest) had a successful Search and Rescue exercise. There will be another NET exercise held in August. For the July 9th Movie at Jackson Middle School, flyers were sent home with Jackson Middle School students and emails sent to PPS SW Portland parent list. Jan expressed kudos on how much the committee has done over the year.
- *Land Use Committee:* Jan Wilson  
An item on the committee's Action Plan was to get BDS to put information on Portland Maps. BDS finally did it and gave a presentation to the committee. Ask your Land Use person for assistance.  
BDS is looking for ways to improve its notification process both for developers and NAs. There is a BDS survey, 5 to 10 minute survey. Please have your land use person fill it out.

**1. Motion from the Land Use Committee: SWNI to send a letter to support Collins View NA's June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 letter in opposition to HB2007.**

It was reported that Bridlemile NA and Multnomah NA supported Collins View's letter. After discussion, Jan withdrew this motion.

Discussion: The representatives discussed the current bill before the house. The City had already approved multiple units in a single-family neighborhood. There was opposition because the bill took away local control. It was felt that the bill might die because it was one-size fits all statewide.

**2. The Motion: SWNI to write a letter in opposition of HB2007-A as currently amended.**

Moved: Leslie Second: Marti

Discussion: It was felt this substitute motion issued blanket opposition to the bill. Consensus was the letter should be sent to the committees that are currently assigned the bill, including the State of Oregon, Joint Ways and Means Committee and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Ginny Burdick and Peter Courtney.

**Sam Pearson called the Question:**

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain: 1- Marti

**Motion was repeated: SWNI to write a letter in opposition of HB2007-A as currently amended**

**Vote:**

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 2 - Glenn, Stephan

**3. Motion: To ask approval from SWNI Board for support of Hayhurst NA appeal to City Council of an 11-home development at 5920 SW Pendleton.**

Address letter to the Portland City Council

Moved: Land Use Committee

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 2 - Sam, Glenn

Discussion: NA wants the safe route to school woodland path, trees and wetlands preserved. Storm water is also an issue with the culvert development design of 36-inch culvert going to an 18-inch culvert. The City Council seemed to understand these issues at hearing. For political purposes, it is important to send the letter. Testimony can be submitted until July 6<sup>th</sup>. The City is pushing the through street; probably the developer would come up with something cheaper. BES may drive culvert design. The development plan proposes swales and redirected water into the pipe, which would make the wetlands, dry up albeit the city says it won't. Through streets can make a safer community, why is this one a bad idea? The city wants the through street to be put in now to open area up to future development. Requiring the street now is a burden on the developer. The hearing drew big crowds from Hayhurst and the development is widely opposed.

- *Communications Committee*: Lee Buhler

**Motion: Dissolution of the Communications Committee**

Yes: 18

No: 3 - Donna, Michael, Kim

Abstain: 2 - Lee, Tony

Discussion: Committee doesn't to have a purpose or know what to do. There were 21 responses to its survey. There was a suggestion for committee to find ways to make the newspaper cheaper. Kim, the Markham rep to the committee asked who is on the committee. Making this committee a standing committee happened without much forethought. Making the committee an organizational committee would require a bylaw change. Low attendance at a lot of meetings is a problem. South Portland NA has called a special meeting to address attendance problems and will dissolve some of its' committees.

- *Equity and Inclusion Committee*: interim Glenn Bridger

Action plan is posted on webpage. Homelessness is an equity issue due to makeup of the homeless population. Committee will participate in the South Portland Concert in Willamette Park and in Multnomah Days. Next meeting features Pastor Mark Knudson, a national leader for social justice. The committee has gotten one new member, a follow up on last month issue raised about ways to encourage new members.

- *Watershed Committee*: No meeting was held in June
- *Schools Committee*: Maripat Hensel  
Committee worked on its action plan and will emphasize community involvement; School volunteers, Tech Equity Grant. PTAs, sun programs, neighborhoods, Stephen's Crossing and the library. There is a presentation to City about capital planning. There is a survey "what do you want to see in libraries". Everyone was urged to take the ONI survey mentioned in the ED's report.
- *Parks & Community Centers*: Fran Laird  
See SWNI newspaper parks article. Fran thanked everyone for their support and got a round of applause for her hard work chairing the committee.
- *Transportation*: David Martin  
Moved: Dave Second: Tony

**Motion: SWNI write a letter to PBOT (cc ODOT, Metro, TriMet)**

- 1. Expressing disappointment that PBOT has decided not to move forward on constructing the Barbur Demonstration Project sidewalk and bicycle safety improvements,**
- 2. Requesting the full grant funding be redirected to constructing similar pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements that directly connect with SW Barbur Blvd;**
- 3. Requesting meetings with SWNI and community members to discuss why the Barbur Demonstration Project will not will move forward and what potential projects will be considered for community input and recommendations.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Discussion: Marianne Fitzgerald spoke of all the work that went into this project. PBOT and ODOT decided they would not do the project after spending 2 million dollars.

Timing is of the essence because of federal grant deadlines. Marianne and John have been brainstorming ideas of ways of improving connections to Barbur Blvd. We want to keep grant money in SW Portland on projects for which we give input. Marianne was thanked for staying on top of this issue. At least four or five neighborhoods supported this work.

*Unfinished Business*

*New Business*

**Motion: Approval of Presidents Slate for Committee Appointments**

- **Public Safety Committee: Carol Porto Chair, Vicki McNamara Vice chair**
- **Land Use Committee: Jan Wilson Chair, Dixie, Dave Johnson VPs**
- **Equity and Inclusion Committee: Glenn Bridger Chair, Laura Campos Vice Chair**
- **Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel**

- **Parks & Community Centers: Steve Mullinax**
- **Transportation: David Martin**  
 Moved: Sam    Seconded: Glenn  
 Yes: 23

Announcements/Suggestions for the good of the organization

- Registration is now open for National Night Out parties
- Free concerts and movies in the park (See July SWNI Newspaper)
- Metro West Portland Cross-Roads Town Centers related to Light Rail, June 29<sup>th</sup>. SW Corridor Land Use issues. MAC room 30  
 6:30pm

Adjournment

Meeting Reminders:

- SWNI Public Safety–Thurs. July 6, 7:00 pm
- SWNI Parks – Thur. July 6, 7:00 pm
- SWNI News Deadline- Friday, July 14, 5:00 pm
- SWNI Transportation – Mon., July 17, 7:00 pm
- SWNI Land Use – Tues., July 18, 7:00 pm
- SWNI Watershed - Thursday, July 20, 7:00 pm
- SWNI School Committee– No Meeting in July
- SWNI Equity & Inclusion– Monday, July 24, 4:30 pm
- SWNI Board –Wednesday, July 26, 7:00 pm

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