

**SWNI Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, September 27, 2017**  
**Multnomah Center, Room 30 in Senior Center 7pm**  
**Submitted by Carol Porto, Secretary**

*Attending:*

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

*Staff:* Sylvia Bogert (Executive Director)

*Neighborhood Associations:*

Debbie Griffith (Arnold Creek), excused

Bruce Koester (Ashcreek),

Becky Lilliquist (Bridlemile),

Fran Laird (Collins View),

Tony Hanson (Crestwood), absent

Virginia Hendrickson (Far Southwest)

Leslie Hammond (Hayhurst), excused

Eric Wilhelm (Hillsdale),

Ed Fischer (Homestead),

Ron Burian (Maplewood),

Kim Herron (Markham),

Vacant (Marshall Park),

Martie Sucec (Multnomah), excused

Sam Pearson (South Burlingame),

John Neumann (Southwest Hills Residential League),

Len Michon (South Portland),

Gary Runde (West Portland Park),

Vacant (Multnomah Village Business Association),

Vacant (Hillsdale Business and Professional Association),

*Committees:*

Equity and Inclusion Committee: Laura Campos

Land Use Committee: Jan Wilson, excused

Parks & Community Centers Committee: Steve Mullinax

Public Safety Committee: Carol Porto

Transportation Committee: Dave Martin

Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel

Watershed Committee: John Gibbon, acting chair

Guests/Visitors: Terry Black PWB, **Nicole Adams, Colleen Johnson**, Samuel Isidiguch PCA

Voting members = 18

Call to order

**Motion: Agenda approval**

Moved: Carol

Seconded: Sam

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstain: 0

## Introductions

### **Motion: Approval of Minutes for August 23, 2017**

Moved: Ryan

Seconded: Lee

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstain: 0

## Presentation of Portland Water Filtration Plant

By **Nicole Adams** and Terry Black from Portland Water Bureau,

- Meetings with the public like these are a push from the city to get community involvement. Bull run water is treated. It is filtered by the enclosed forest and facility areas. Disinfection happens within the forest at a facility. Corrosion control (lead) is at a facility. Lead is not in Portland water however the high PH of our water dissolves lead in pipe joints.
- In 10-12 years, the filtration plant will be built to removing organic material and sediment. The LT2 federal regulation to Clean Water Act says to treat cryptosporidium requires the filtration plant. Portland argued in court that our water is purer and got a variance for 2012- 2017. After the rains of last winter cryptosporidium was found in water.
- In 2008, there was uproar over a filtration plant at city council meetings. In 2017, commission voted yes unanimously. Water department says they involved a lot of public comment and put amendments to protect Bull Run into the law.
- Water bills will go up. Based on \$5M estimate, in 2028 monthly water bill will increase by \$12.55 and by 2033 increase of \$15.24. By 2018, there will be an 82 cents increase.
- There is a low-income assistance program.
- OHA will soon require information by Oct 11, 2017 of the treatment technology, schedule, interim crypto detection measures and testing procedures.
- By Nov 22, the variance will be removed. There will be opportunity for public input during different phases of this project.
- Portlanders are using less water overall than in the 1980s.

## SWNI Executive Committee Report

- **President's Report: John Gibbon**
  - The EIS for the SW Corridor Project is finishing. Decisions considered this month were primarily the Barbur Blvd vs. Naito issue, access to OHSU and the Terwilliger Parkway. The October decision point will be the Barbur Blvd. or I5 alignment for the light rail. John has concerns that SW doesn't have enough existing economic development or density to meet the federal standards.
  - Executive Committee has discussed fundraising activities.
- **SWNI Treasurer: Lee Buhler**
  - August Treasurer's Report. We are on budget. Please check the restricted funds after summer events. We are ahead in donations thanks to Steve Mullinax and Ryan Blum.

- Fundraising Goal target is \$25K (\$14K deficit and to bring back the neighborhood mailing \$10K). Suggested activities include silent auctions, business sponsorships, increased advertising, concerts, and to improve the annual appeal. Laura mentioned ideas of walking tours and story telling. John also would like fundraising materials at all SWNI events, so that we have something to hand out all the time rather than just at the end of year.
- Intel matches volunteer hours; other employers may do the same.

#### SWNI Executive Director Report: Sylvia Bogert

- Fundraising presentation by Nonprofit Association of Oregon may help us.
- Suk Rhee is on board with the ONI mission. ONI has re-organized and has 6 new people. Diane Riley is in charge of neighborhood associations taking Brian Hoop's place.
- There is a new SWNI temporary part time position open for a WRC Stormwater Specialist, which is being funded through a West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District grant, deadline for applications is Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> is SWNI's fall cleanup, 9 am to 1 pm. We need more trucks and volunteers to assist with picking up collection items from seniors and disabled residents.
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Stormwater Stars event/tour will be at 1 pm in the Hillsdale Library.
- Refer to Sylvia's report online and handout in board packet.

#### Committees Reports:

- Watershed Committee: John Gibbon
  - There was a report on the MS4 project. The MS4 areas are in SW and along Johnson Creek. Committee is ramping up on MS4 issues and will come to the SWNI board and NAs. Our concerns are where the city is spending money and what they are licensing.
  - The Pine Hill property developers in Markham did a study on the best way to handle stormwater, which turned be managing stormwater off-site. The estimate was more money than developer wanted to spend in areas near 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Taylor's Ferry Rd. Because the 26<sup>th</sup> Ave area is not private property, the city cannot make these requirements. SW has a woefully inadequate stormwater system.
- Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel
  - The committee started back up this month. They are working on items on their action plan. Committee members are developing relationships with Safe Routes to School people.
  - There is a Walk and Roll event on October 4th, see front page of SWNI News for details.
  - On Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, the Resource Full Fall Event will be held at Stephens Creek Crossing. The purpose of the event is to develop community involvement in schools and finalize the ONI Neighborhood Small Technology grant requirements.
- Parks & Community Centers: Steve Mullinax
  - Reiki School field celebration is on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am
  - The Albert Kelly Park Event to daylight Restoration Creek and plant native plants is on Sat Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This will be an improvement for water quality and habitat.

- The committee has discussed illegal activities in parks. They will try to push for more funding for rangers and more awareness on part of residents on what to do when they see illegal activities.
- Transportation: David Martin
  - The committee had a PBOT speaker on the Replacement for the Barbur Demo Project that was cancelled. They have proposed 4 projects dealing with access to Barbur; 2 projects from north and 2 projects from the South. Now is the time to suggest projects to Barbur, where research and discussion is needed, especially those on list already. It is a \$2M budget.
  - Biking to downtown, carpool and biking lanes on I-5 were discussed. This will prepare for higher density.
- Public Safety Committee: Carol Porto
  - October 26<sup>th</sup> is the Community Policing Reception at 6:30 pm; please bring gloves, scarves and hats for the police to distribute to those in need on cold winter nights. There will be hearty hors d'oeuvres and music.
  - The Public Safety Action Committee meeting will be held in place of the next public safety committee meeting on Thursday, October 5th. Jenni Pullen will run the meeting. All residents are invited to attend and to bring up any public safety issues.
- Land Use Committee: John and Gary
  - Committee discussed seeps and springs. Gary says committee is going to review city code language regarding seeps and springs.
  - Hayhurst development has been approved. Other neighborhoods have related issues regarding seeps and springs.
  - Jan went over the city map on the Comprehensive Plans. There are 14 sites within SWNI that are listed for development. Homestead has 7 of those sites. Traffic and parking are issues on Marquam Hill.
  - The SW Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy meeting will be on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Markham School from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. This issue is especially important if the light rail occurs since the tendency is to skyrocket the rent prices. The event requires registration.
- Equity and Inclusion Committee: Laura Campos
  - Committee had speaker, Pastor Dr. Allen Buck from Wilshire United Methodist NAF who gave feedback and ideas on and about the committee's Draft Racial Equity Policy. The committee felt this helped them a great deal.
  - There is a Celebration at Wilshire Church on Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - The committee will participate in Multnomah Halloween Event.
  - The committee is working on developing relationships with different communities.
  - The committee wants training on listening. They are thinking of submitting an ONI grant on story telling.
  - The committee will assume leadership of the Music concerts with Park Bureau in Willamette Park. A thank you to Lee Buhler for his 11 years of service in this regard was expressed.

- The committee members will attend the SW Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy Event on Oct 14th.

#### Unfinished Business

#### New Business

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

- Public Safety Action Committee with PPB, Thursday, October 5, 2017 6:00 pm (Meet and Greet), 6:30 pm Discussion and Meeting, Room 30
- SW Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy: Sat., Oct. 14, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (doors open at 9 am for registration, lunch served at 12:30 pm), Markham Elementary School, 10531 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97219
- Community Recycling Event: Sat., October 21, 9:00 to 11:30 am, at Greater Portland Bible Church, 2374 SW Vermont
- Community Policing Reception: Thurs., October 26th, 6:30 pm, MAC Auditorium
- Multnomah Trick or Treat Event: Tues., October 31, Time TBA
- SWNI Fall Cleanup: Sat., Nov. 4th, 9 am to 1 pm, Portland Christian Center

There have been speed-calming actions taken by the city in the SW.

#### Adjournment

#### Meeting Reminders:

SWNI Equity & Inclusion -Mon., Sept. 25, 4:30 pm

Public Safety Action Committee–Thurs. Oct. 5, 6:00 pm

SWNI Parks–Thur., Oct. 5, 7:00 pm

SWNI News Deadline-Fri., Oct. 13, 5:00 pm

SWNI Transportation –Mon., Oct. 16, 7:00 pm

SWNI Land Use –Tues., Oct. 17, 7:00 pm

SWNI Watershed-Thurs., Oct. 19,7:00 pm

SWNI School Committee–Thurs., Oct. 19,6:00 pm

SWNI Equity & Inclusion -Mon., Oct. 30, 4:30 pm

SWNI Board –Wed., Oct 25,7:00 pm

“SWNI empowers citizen action to improve and maintain the livability of Southwest neighborhoods.”