

**SWNI Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, October 25, 2017**  
**Multnomah Center, Room 30 in Senior Center, 7pm**  
**Submitted by Lee Buhler**

*Attending:*

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

*Neighborhood Associations:*

Grethe Larson (Arnold Creek),  
Bruce Koester (Ashcreek),  
Becky Lilliquist (Bridlemile),  
Fran Laird (Collins View),  
Tony Hanson (Crestwood), absent  
Virginia Hendrickson (Far Southwest)  
Leslie Hammond (Hayhurst),  
Glenn Bridger (Hillsdale),  
Jackie Phillips (Homestead),  
Ron Burian (Maplewood),  
John Baker (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),  
         Vacant (Multnomah Village Business Association),  
         Vacant (Hillsdale Business and Professional Association),

*Committees:*

Equity and Inclusion Committee: Glenn Bridger  
Land Use Committee: Jan Wilson, excused  
Parks & Community Centers Committee: Steve Mullinax  
Public Safety Committee: Carol Porto, excused  
Transportation Committee: Dave Martin  
Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel  
Watershed Committee: John Gibbon, acting chair, excused

Guests/Visitors: Chris Loacke, Laura Loacke, James Peterson

Voting members = 22

Call to order: 7:02 pm

First Vice President, Leslie Hammond, chaired the meeting as President John Gibbon was out of town. Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

**Motion: Agenda approval**

Moved: Lee

Seconded: Ryan

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Introductions

**Motion: Approval of Minutes for September 27, 2017**

Moved: Lee with corrections

Seconded: Sam

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstain: 5: Martie, Ron, Nancy, Jackie, Glenn

SWNI Executive Committee Report

- President's Report: Leslie Hammond
  - Leslie pointed out that the annual fundraising letter is published in the November newsletter. Contributions are tax-deductible. Sylvia pointed out that some employers will match donations. Ron said some employees will take donations off income so the employee is not taxed on that amount.
- Treasurer's Report: Lee Buhler
  - September's Treasurer's report shows we are on budget
  - Lee presented the Annual 990 Tax return completed and reviewed basic differences from last year in terms of revenue and expenses. Revenue higher than the previous year due to grants. Everyone was encouraged to share the Schedule O reports with their neighborhood associations as it highlights all the work being accomplished in the coalition and neighborhoods. The 990 Tax Report needs board approval and must be submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Finance Committee will review final return. The only anticipated tweak will be a small one for a payroll adjustment

**Motion: 990 Tax Return Approval with final review and changes by Finance Committee**

Moved: by SWNI Finance Committee

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain: 0

#### SWNI Executive Director Report: Sylvia Bogert

- John and Sylvia went to the citywide coalition chairs and directors' meeting. The new ONI Director Suk Rhee said we need to tell the success stories about coalition and neighborhood accomplishments. Sylvia said Suk has a strong nonprofit background and will be a strong advocate for the program.
- Leslie asked about the definition of stories. Sylvia said we do a good job sharing our accomplishments in the newspaper. However, we need to add our success stories on social media. Suk knows the importance of social media trainings. Sylvia said Suk came to our office. Ryan said the West Portland Park Neighborhood Association gives food to the school and that type of thing should be included in the stories. Sylvia said she currently includes that story in the Quarterly ONI Performance Indicator report, but not many people see that report. Sylvia said the electronic newsletters are a great place to include neighborhood stories.

#### Committees Reports:

- Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel
  - They had a Resource-Full Fall gathering event at Stephens Crossing. It was an opportunity to meet others. The event went very well and they had a lot of volunteer help. They used some of the SWNI Neighborhood Small grant money. Sylvia said they also used Peachjar, PPS's electronic notification network, and now each neighborhood association can use that communication tool to get the word out to schools. The activities must be free and kid focused.
- Parks & Community Centers: Steve Mullinax
  - There will be a community planting on Sat November 22 in Albert Kelly park
  - They are starting to work on the Parks Budget Advisory Committee. Steve would like someone to serve on this committee. They will advocate for enhanced security in parks and that equipment that was removed due to lead abatement be replaced. Len said there is a fabulous playground in Lents Park.
- Transportation: David Martin
  - David explained the motion from the Transportation Committee on the Barbur Demonstration Project.

#### **Motion from committee: Barbur Demonstration Project**

That SWNI support reallocating funding from the Barbur Demonstration Project to construct SW 26<sup>th</sup> (from I-5 to Taylors Ferry Road) to meet the needs of all vulnerable road users. The project design must include sidewalks on one side of the street, bicycle paths on both sides of the street, and stormwater management facilities that support current and future populations.

As funding allows, the next priority projects are:

SW 24/SW Hume/SW 25<sup>th</sup> between Barbur Blvd and Multnomah Blvd;  
SW 40<sup>th</sup> and Huber Rapid Flash Beacon crosswalk  
SW Custer between SW 13 and SW 17<sup>th</sup>.  
SW Capitol Hill Road, Safeway to Christian School (200 feet)  
SW Miles from Barbur (Community Garden) to Fulton Community Center

Yes: 20

No: 0

Abstain: Martie, Grethe

- David said a PBOT representative came to the last Transportation Committee meeting to talk about unimproved streets that might be improved
- Public Safety Committee: Carol Porto excused, Kathleen Elliott reported
  - Committee and community members met with Portland Police Command staff at the first Public Safety Action Committee meeting facilitated by Jenni Pullen and it went well as there were good questions asked. This group meets quarterly with command staff.
  - The Community Policing Reception will be tomorrow night (October 26<sup>th</sup>) Please bring hats, gloves and scarfs for the police to distribute to community members in need.
- Land Use Committee: Gary reported for Jan Wilson  
Gary presented a motion from the Land Use Committee  
**Motion from Committee: Residential Infill Discussion Draft public comment**

SWNI Land Use Committee requests the SWNI Board of Directors ask the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to extend the Residential Infill Discussion Draft public comment period from November 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 to November 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 or later.

Sylvia said the extension was because neighborhoods needed more time to review draft documents. Also the Land Use Committee was not aware that the SWNI Board would actually meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in November, which is the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Land Use Committee is considering holding a special meeting on Thursday, November 9, to draft a motion or motion for the SWNI Board to consider at its meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Martie said Multnomah will be very dense and they need much more time to form responses. Leslie said the citywide land-use committee would also ask for an extension. Ryan said the SW 40<sup>th</sup> and Huber project was important. David said there needed to be projects that connected to Barbur. Martie and Leslie suggested asking for another meeting with project manager Morgan Tracy.

**Motion to Amend: to request the comment period be extended to January 31, 2018.**

Moved: Martie

Second: Glenn

Vote on Amendment to Motion:

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Amended Motion: SWNI Land Use Committee requests the SWNI Board of Directors to request the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to extend the Residential Infill Discussion Draft public comment period from November 20, 2017 to January 31, 2018 or later

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain:0

- Equity and Inclusion Committee: Glenn Bridger
  - The Housing Impact Study for the Southwest Corridor was held to discuss the impact on affordable housing in the corridor. There was good attendance. There are only 26 affordable housing buildings in southwest Portland. This project will also go through the Tigard triangle, which is an urban renewal project and there may be funding for affordable housing.  
The Portland mayor suggested \$100 Million from the TriMet Bond Measure be used for affordable housing. This is a controversial statement and some suggested that state law would not allow it. John said that the funding could come from Federal money. Sheila Greenlaw Fink will discuss affordable housing at the next SWNI Equity and Inclusion meeting. November is National Native American Heritage month. Becky said affordable housing defined as 30% of income being used for rent. She said that it could take up to ten years to get into affordable housing units. Affordable housing does not necessarily mean subsidized housing.

#### **Watershed Committee:**

There was an update on the Stormwater Stars program and there will be an open house and tour of three participating homes in Hillsdale on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Leslie moved the meeting into executive session at 8:12 pm

Leslie moved the meeting back into regular session at 8:17 pm

**Motion: SWNI recommends hiring the Stormwater Program Specialist in the ranking assigned by the hiring committee: #1 Lorena O’Neill, #2 Matthew Kimble, and #3 Brittany Saeman**

Moved Lee:

Second: Sam

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**New Business**

Announcements/Suggestions for the good of the organization:

Community Policing Reception: Thurs., October 26, 6:30 pm, MAC Auditorium  
Residential Infill Open Hours: Mon., October 30, 5:00 to 7:30 pm  
Multnomah Trick or Treat Event: Tues., October 31, Time TBA  
SWNI Fall Cleanup: Sat., Nov. 4, 9 am to 1 pm, Portland Christian Center  
WRC Stormwater Stars Workshop/Tour: Sat., Nov. 4, 1 pm, Hillsdale Library  
Neighborhood Small Grants Workshop: Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7:00 pm  
Capitol Highway Open House: Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

**Adjournment: 8:25**

**Meeting Reminders:**

SWNI Equity & Inclusion - Mon., Oct. 30, 4:30 pm  
Public Safety Action Committee—Thurs. Nov. 2, 7:00 pm  
SWNI Parks – Thur., Nov. 2, 7:00 pm  
SWNI News Deadline- Wed., Nov. 15, 5:00 pm  
SWNI Board –Wed., Nov. 15, 7:00 pm (earlier due to Thanksgiving Holiday)  
SWNI Watershed - Thurs., Nov. 16, 7:00 pm  
SWNI School Committee –Thurs., Nov. 16, 7:00 pm  
SWNI Transportation – Mon., Nov. 20, 7:00 pm  
SWNI Land Use – Tues., Nov. 21, 7:00 pm  
SWNI Equity & Inclusion - Mon., Nov. 27, 4:30 pm  
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