

DRAFT SWNI Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 24, 2017

7pm Multnomah Center, Room 30 in Senior Center

Submitted by SWNI secretary, 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) excused,
Michael Kisor (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),
Stephan Lewis (Maplewood),
Kim Herron (Markham),
Vacant (Marshall Park),
Martie Sucec (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),
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 Heron
Transportation Committee: David Martin
Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel
Watershed Committee: Jill Gaddis
Communications Committee: Lee Buhler

Visitors: Mary Ann Santana

Voting members = 23 (2 came in later)

Call to order

Motion: Agenda approval

Moved: Lee second: Ryan

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Introductions

Motion: Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2017 Minutes

Moved: Lee Second: Carol

Yes: 20

No: 0

Abstain: 1 Stephan

SWNI Executive Committee Report

- President's Report: Sam Pearson
- 1st Vice President Report: John Gibbon
 - Report on SWNI Spring Retreat/Action Plans for Fiscal Year 2017-2018
Retreat notes have been posted to the website under board meeting materials
Action Plans asked for by June meeting (due in July to ONI).
- 2nd Vice President Report: Fran Laird
 - Celebrate Our Success Event: Monday, June 5, 2017, 6:30 pm
Poster boards are in process, Meals on Wheels is catering. David Austin and Chloe Eudaly will attend. The event details have been posted on the website.
- SWNI Treasurer Lee Buhler:
 - April Treasurer's Report
 - Draft Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018
Health insurance costs have gone up. Previous program manager did not need SWNI health insurance. A 3.3% COLA was applied to wages.
Approximately \$65,000 is in reserve, current proposed budget has a deficit and finance committee is concerned about taking \$25K from reserves. Finance committee is recommending a \$15K draw from reserves instead. It is not sustainable over time to draw from reserves. Budget cuts can be seen in contracted services for interpretation, child-care, etc. The new budget allocated funds to ONI to help coalitions pay for these services. Recommendation is to eliminate neighborhood printing \$300/NA and \$300/NA postage. We will do our all-household July newspaper that will promote NNO events and free movie/concerts in the parks events. Social media tools are also available.
Board should approve budget in June.

Discussion:

- Postcards cost: 11 cents per piece to print and 25 cents per piece to mail
- Long-term solutions include request more money from ONI, external grants, and increased fundraising efforts.
- SWNI board needs to balance budget, and has to make cuts. NAs have strength and numbers and may be looked to for fundraising. Priority should be to get the organization self-sustaining.
- Contracted services are haulers for cleanup, port-a-potty, tents and equipment. Cleanup expenses are offset by our grant with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.
- Professional fees: accountant, preparation of 990-tax report, financial review. Last year professional fees also included the retreat facilitator.
- SWNI Storage locker is full – event supplies: tents, chairs, signs, coolers
- Equipment rental is the office copier
- All but a small amount of neighborhood printing has been spent this fiscal year 2016-2017. All NAs that requested a postcard mailing received funding for summer events in 2016. The cut would mean no printing and mailing funds for the 2017 summer season.

Action Item: Take budget info back to NAs.

- **Motion: Hayhurst NA Request for Sponsorship Account**

Discussion: purpose of account is for Land Use Issues.

Motion to Approve Moved by: Lee

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 2 - Michael, Donna

SWNI Executive Director Report: Sylvia Bogert

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Spring Cleanup was very successful – 75 awesome volunteers, \$2,977 raised. 392 cars came. Only 1 car showed up with yard debris. 12 boxes of bulky waste, 4 tons of scrap metal. 42 pickups for seniors.

Committees Reports: (refer to reports posted on the website)

- **Transportation:** David Martin

There will be monthly meetings of Transportation Citizen Advisory boards.

Motion: That SWNI oppose a cap on the Local Transportation Infrastructure Charge (LTIC) and recommend the LTIC more accurately reflects costs to fund improvements in SW Portland, which may be higher than the current LTIC.

Letter should be addressed to PBOT

Moved: David

Yes: 19

No: 2 - Michael, Kim

Abstain: 2 - Donna, Leslie

Discussion:

Stephan recommends this motion. LTIC funds are collected and distributed citywide.

But the distribution of funds has not been decided, but equity is big in the equation. Multnomah NA voted against the cap and thinks equity is important in distribution. NAs can get in a queue to get the city to do studies, which will help get monies to be spent in SW. Second motion below addresses that we want monies raised here to be spent here.

Motion: To resubmit 3/29/2016 LTIC Letter

letter should be addressed to PBOT

Moved: David

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Discussion:

Board has previously approved this letter.

Motion: to support PBOT's proposal that offers a rate incentive for developments in centers, per the Transportation Systems Development Charge (TSDC) rate proposal. (8%)

Letter should be addressed to PBOT

Moved: Dave

Yes: 0

No: 18

Abstain: 5 - Leslie, Ryan, David, Stephan, John

Discussion:

Multnomah, Hillsdale and West Portland Park are town centers. This motion is to encourage transportation in the town center. However, we have not seen infrastructure follow investment in Multnomah.

Motion: PBOT to include Neighborhood and Business Associations within decision making process prior to assessing LTIC, building improvements or granting a waiver.

letter should be addressed to PBOT

Moved: David

Yes: 20

No: 1 - John

Abstain: 2 - Jill, David

Discussion:

Glenn says Hillsdale and developer have a good relationship. Developer agreed that Idaho street improvement should go from a sheep track into a real street. PBOT told developer not to work on Idaho street. City did not involve Hillsdale NA. Developer will improve Idaho street. NA's need to be at the table. Builders have no conscience, suggestion raised that the waiver be taken away.

- **Public Safety Committee:** Donna Herron interim
Hundreds of Vision Zero signs have been given out.
Committee will vote to incorporate hosting community policing meetings, either every other month or quarterly. Currently Portland Police Bureau does not have the staff to send officers to NA meetings every month; instead, PPB is proposing to attend the Public Safety meetings (either every other month or quarterly) with command staff and invite all residents to discuss concerns.
- **Land Use Committee:** Jan Wilson
City design staff, Better Housing by Design, is holding an open house in SW (downtown) folks are encouraged to attend. This is about new multifamily housing event. They are far into the process, this is the second outreach to SW. Parking was asked about; 30 units and more require parking, less than that require no parking.
- **Communications Committee:** Lee Buhler
Surveys are being tabulated. The Committee is considering a change to its structure.
- **Equity and Inclusion Committee:** Glenn Bridger interim
Finalized Action Plan for coming year and should be ready by June.
Jan advised the committee about Better Housing by Design.
The committee welcomed Girl Scouts of America, which have a staff of 80 people in SW. They are also working on an equity and inclusion program.

- **Watershed Committee:** Jill Gaddis
Committee has been collecting information on storm water issues.

Motion: The Watershed Committee is requesting the SWNI Board send a letter to the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), the Portland Utilities Board (PUB), and Portland City Council asking that they amend the City's current stormwater plan to track cumulative impacts of development, tailor structural solutions for local geology, and fund additional stormwater capital improvement projects (CIP) specifically in Southwest Portland, that reduce flooding through conveyance systems.

To whom letter should be addressed: Michael Jordan, Director, Bureau of Environmental Services, 1120 SW 5th Avenue, Room 1000, Portland, OR, 97204

Main talking points to include in letter:

1. The expansion of impervious surfaces, associated with existing and future development has become a major threat to Southwest Portland's watershed due to undeveloped conveyance systems.
2. Existing conveyance systems are not adequate to protect SW Portland's watershed and pose a serious threat of flooding and erosion to properties, homes and other structures.
3. The current stormwater manual guidelines are not adequate for SW Portland, as its existing conveyance systems are inadequate to prevent downstream impacts (such as flooding) as a byproduct of upstream development.
4. A holistic approach to the stormwater system plan for Southwest Portland is needed to guide the case-by-case review process that is currently in place.
5. Review of new development needs a comprehensive approach that considers the impact of the loss of natural buffers and water storage resulting from draining/filling marshes and reduced evapotranspiration with fewer trees.

Letter CC(s) to;

Portland Utilities Board (PUB)

Mayor Ted Wheeler 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 340 Portland OR 97204

Nick Fish, Commissioner 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 240 Portland OR 97204

Amanda Fritz, Commissioner 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 220 Portland OR 97204

Chloe Eudaly, Commissioner 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 210 Portland OR 97204

Dan Saltzman, Commissioner 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 230 Portland OR 97204

Moved: Watershed Committee

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Discussion: West side geology is different than on the East side. More information is available and given to the land use committee. Becky reported a flooding issue reported.

- **Schools Committee:** Maripat Hensel

Action Plan is being worked on.

Wilson Robotics team worked with committee at the Tech Equity event. Event had great family attendance. There will be summer planning and Aug 1 or 2nd will be another event.

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

Off road mountain biking was discussed.

Unfinished Business

- **SWNI Bylaw Committee – Second Reading of proposed amendments**

Motion: approve SWNI Bylaws

Second Jill, Lee

Yes: 20

No: 3 - Michael, Kim, Donna

Abstain: 0

Discussion:

John gave legal information about the legal authority of the board and how it affects committees.

Committees may not exercise major authority such as appointing their chair and cannot fill a vacancy on the board.

Is there any legal ramification if an organization does not obtain its purpose? No.

It is our goal. There is information available from city to help us reflect the makeup our community.

- **Election of SWNI Executive Officers**

- Nominating Committee Report: Fran Laird, Carol Porto, Jill Gaddis

President: John Gibbon

1st Vice President: Leslie Hammond

2nd Vice President: Ryan Blum

Treasurer: Lee Buhler

Secretary: Carol Porto

- Nominations from the floor - none

Motion: Approve by Acclamation

Moved: Carol

Second: Jan

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

June 1st midnight, new officers assume officer

Motion: Election of officers: John, Leslie, Ryan, Lee, Carol as stated above

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

New Business

Announcements/Suggestions for the good of the organization

- Celebrate Our Success Event: Monday, June 5, 2017, 6:30 pm
- Better Housing by Design: Thursday, June 1 from 5:30 pm at 1900 SW 4th Ave.
- Southwest Corridor Open Houses – June 2017 TBA

Sam said goodbye as SWNI President. He will assume South Burlingame representative. Sam and Lyn will have jury duty this summer. Sam thanks chairs and board members. Sam welcomes new members. Sylvia presented a salute and gift to Sam for 3 years of service and fine leadership. Sylvia presented Lynn, Fran and Carol with roses.

Budget discussion continued.

How much of newspaper is paid for and can we reduce the cost? The newspaper helps us meet Oregon Public Meetings law requirements and OBI grant agreement requirements. Newspaper comes from general fund; other parts are picked up by advertising and grant contracts. We have contracts with bureaus and advertisers. Our newspaper is our best communication tool. Need for fundraising discussed. NAs may have more resources for fundraising. Insert from each NA was discussed but it is not feasible given expense of producing 17 printings, and separate mailings. We need fun ideas for fundraising. If NAs know what SWNI does for NAs, NAs would be happy to contribute. Money is needed to raise money. Development of a fundraising committee was suggested.

Adjournment

Meeting Reminders:

SWNI Public Safety–Thurs. June 1, 7:00 pm

SWNI Parks & Community Centers – Thur., June 1, 7:00 pm

SWNI Communications – Mon., June 12, 7:00 pm

SWNI Newsletter Deadline- Wednesday, June 15, 5:00 pm

SWNI Transportation – Mon., June 19, 7:00 pm

SWNI Land Use – Tues., June 20, 7:00 pm

SWNI Watershed - Thursday, June 21, 7:00 pm

SWNI School Committee– No Meeting in June

SWNI Equity & Inclusion: Monday, June 26, 4:30 pm

SWNI Board –Wed., June 28, 7:00 pm

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