

**DRAFT SWNI Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, August 23, 2017 -7:00 pm DRAFT**  
**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), excused  
Virginia Hendrickson (Far Southwest)  
Leslie Hammond (Hayhurst), excused  
Glenn Bridger (Hillsdale),  
Jackie Phillips (Homestead),  
Ron Burian (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),  
Vacant (Multnomah Village Business Association),  
Vacant (Hillsdale Business and Professional Association),  
Vacant (South Portland Business Association)

*Committees:*

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

Voting members =16, 19 with late arrivals

**Call to order**

**Motion: Agenda approval**

Ryan moved, Lee second

Yes: 16

No:0

Abstain:0

**Introductions**

**Motion: approve Minutes of July 26, 2017 Minutes**

Moved Sam, Second: Ryan

Yes: 14

No: 0

Abstain: 2 - Lee, Kim

## **SWNI Executive Committee Report**

### **President's Report:** John Gibbon

- SWNI's letter to BES regarding stormwater issues received a substantive but formulaic response.
- The letter to Commissioner Eudaly and interim director to BES about City's ability to regulate Month-to-Month leasing of "Corporate Lodging" has not yet received a response since it was recently sent.

### **SWNI Treasurer:** Lee Buhler

- July Treasurer's Report

Lee reported SWNI Watershed Resource Center received a grant from West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District for the Stormwater Stars program. SWNI will receive a fiscal administration fee of \$2k, which reduces SWNI budget shortfall for the fiscal year to \$14K. We received about \$1,600 in donations in July, which was more than anticipated. Fundraising efforts will commence and the committee welcomes all ideas.

### **SWNI Executive Director Report:** Sylvia Bogert

Martie called out kudos for Sylvia who was able to submit a medical plan that met PDOT's standards and thus the \$100/hour medical staff requirement for the Multnomah Days was waived.

Attendance at the summer events has been great this year.

Maripat remarked that the door-to-door delivery of the NNO flyers went well showing that the loss of the neighborhood mailing was negligible for her neighborhood. For larger NAs, walking flyers to all households is more difficult. NNO events hosted by SWNI neighborhoods had an estimated 1,800 to 2,000 attendance.

Movie in the Park events had exceptionally large turnouts. Electronic notices sent through the Portland Public Schools lists helped publicize the events. Donna established the authorization to use PPS Peachtree email notification to parents using SWNI's 501c3. SWNI can use this media on two criteria; if item to be publicized is children oriented and the event is free. This media tool can reach all PPS schools in SW.

### **Committees Reports:**

- **Equity and Inclusion Committee:** Glenn Bridger

Ryan Curren of the SW Equitable Housing Committee was the speaker at the last meeting. This related to the Southwest Corridor Plan project impacts on housing. The committee focus is on how do we keep and or increase affordable housing in the SW?

A Tigard and SW Portland listening meeting will be held at Markham School on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please register. An article will be on front page of SWNI news for this event. All are encouraged to attend. For decades, the City of Portland has not had a focus on looking for ways to improve affordable housing in SW.

- **Watershed Committee:** John Gibbon

John has a candidate in mind to take over the chair-ship of the committee. The committee discussed the storm water issues related to the Hayhurst land use appeal involving the resizing of a culvert and the flaw in the city ordinance's definition of seeps and springs. This was exploited in the Hayhurst situation due to an aquifer connection.

A grove of 21 stately fir trees on 42<sup>nd</sup> in West Portland Park has shut down previous development, but, now may run into this seeps and springs definition problem. Gary will bring this information back to the Land Use Committee for further focus on this ordinance problem.

- **Schools Committee:** Maripat Hensel

Comic Books on Earthquakes and Tsunamis are available for middle school aged students. Copies were distributed. The Tech Equity Grant at West Portland Park NNO used Legos. This community building exercise demonstrated equity issues in that teamwork and collaboration were needed to build Lego communities.

Coffee and conversation will be held at MJCC on Aug 24<sup>th</sup>.

NA reps to the committee were encouraged to attend.

Glenn urged everyone to volunteer for the school committee and in the schools.

Sam stressed that all committees should work together as our issues overlap.

- **Parks & Community Centers:** Steve Mullinax  
 Ron reminded folks that Maplewood NA is hosting a Movie in April Hill Park on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. An issue the committee is interested in is “lead abatement” in playground equipment. Some pieces have been replaced, but the committee is working on the long-term plan. The committee is tracking each playground equipment piece in all SW parks to keep an eye on this as funding moves forward.  
 The committee is looking at how to reach out to more people who are interested in parks. They are setting out to build relationships with other groups and people. Please let Steve know of any groups who should have a relationship with the committee.  
 Martie suggested that banners or outreach items be put in the parks themselves. These outreach methods/tools should be placed and be visible in the parks, near tennis courts, dog trails and busy places to attract park users and acquire their feedback.
- **Transportation:** David Martin excused - no report
- **Public Safety Committee:** Kathleen Elliot  
 Committee members are organizing the 2017 Community Police Reception scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> in the MAC auditorium.  
 The first Public Safety Action Committee Quarterly forum is being held Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. An information handout was included in each board member’s packet. All are invited.  
 The FBI may come to speak to us at a later Public Safety Committee meeting.  
 The committee is working with Schools and Transportation Committees on Safe Routes to School activities  
 Jackie asked that Public Safety meeting notices to be sent out on Constant Contact for groups that do not yet have a representative.
- **Land Use Committee:** discussion  
 Due to multiple Bureau of Planning and Sustainability projects and proposal presentations, sometimes there is not a lot of time at meetings for NAs reports and sharing. The August meeting was devoted solely to neighborhood association issues and questions. Neighborhood Profiles are being developed. These will be used for early stages of development for the betterment of our neighborhoods. These profiles will help us interact with the developers more effectively. Neighborhood and vision plans are available in the SWNI office.  
  
 Len went on a walk in the Lair Hill area and took 60 photos of garbage and photos. He asked about the new City application, PDX reporter, available on phones under App Store or Play Store. He will also work with the Public Safety Committee and Jenni Pullen on this issue. John showed that the App shows dots where action is needed and recommends entering each of the 60 photos. Ryan suggested that as many different people as possible should enter photos/reports. Nancy had a public safety meeting with the Gander neighborhood with Jenni Pullen’s counterpart who recommended that each person should use the PDX reporter, where, the more voices the better.

Sylvia noted that there is a Google group set up for each committee.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

- Neighborhood Reports on summer events

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

- SWNI Office Closed: Mon., Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day
- Public Safety Action Committee – Thursday, October 5, 6 pm, 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
- Community Policing Reception: Thurs., October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, MAC Auditorium
- Multnomah Trick or Treat Event: Tues., October 31, Time TBA

- SWNI Fall Cleanup: Sat., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 1 pm, Portland Christian Center

## Adjournment

**Meeting Reminders: Please check these dates.**

SWNI Public Safety–Thurs. Sept., 7 7:00 pm

SWNI Parks – Thur., Sept., 7, 7:00 pm

SWNI News Deadline- Fri., Sept., 15, 5:00 pm

SWNI Transportation – Mon., Sept. 18, 7:00 pm

SWNI Land Use – Tues., Sept. 19, 7:00 pm

SWNI Watershed - Thurs., Sept. 21, 7:00 pm

SWNI School Committee – Thurs., Sept. 21, 7:00 pm

SWNI Board –Wed., Sept. 27, 7:00 pm

SWNI Equity & Inclusion - Mon., August 28, and Sept. 25, 4:30 pm

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