

SWNI Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Submitted by Carol Porto, Secretary

Attending:

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

Staff: Sylvia Bogert (Executive Director)

Neighborhood Associations:

Debbie Griffith (Arnold Creek), excused
 Bruce Koester (Ashcreek),
 Becky Lilliquist (Bridlemile), excused
 Fran Laird (Collins View),
 Tony Hanson (Crestwood), absent
 Virginia Hendrickson (Far Southwest),
 Leslie Hammond (Hayhurst),
 Glenn Bridger (Hillsdale),
 Milt Jones (Homestead),
 Jill Gaddis (Maplewood),
 Kim Herron (Markham),
Vacant (Marshall Park),
 Martie Sucec (Multnomah),
 Sam Pearson (South Burlingame),
 Nancy Seton (Southwest Hills Residential League), excused
 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: Sue King
 Parks & Community Centers Committee: Brendan McGillicuddy
 Public Safety Committee: Carol Porto
 Transportation Committee: Dave Martin
 Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel
 Watershed Committee: John Gibbon

Guests: Kay Durtschi, Donna Herron

Voting members = 16

Call to order

Motion: Agenda approval

Moved: Sam

Seconded: Carol

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Introductions

Motion: Approval of Minutes for Oct 25, 2017

Moved: Sam

Seconded: Maripat

Yes: 12

No: 0

Abstain: 4 - Carol, Kim, Jill, John

SWNI Executive Committee Report

- **President's Report: John Gibbon**
Directors met with Office of Neighborhood Involvement staff to discuss reviewing ONI Standards and Guidelines
- **SWNI Treasurer: Sylvia for Lee Buhler**
October Treasurer's Report: Contributions are higher than budgeted for the month. Advertising income is lower than budgeted but many advertisers prepaid through December. Expenses are under-budget for the month. Accounts receivable is WMSWCD Fish Grant and two BES invoices.
Update Re: 990 IRS Tax Report for fiscal year 2016-2017: Our accountant Leslie Clark, made the requested changes and then filed an extension so we would have time to review the final draft. We expect to file the report mid-December.

SWNI Executive Director Report: Sylvia Bogert

Committees Reports:

- **Parks & Community Centers: Brendan McGillicuddy**
Motion: Approve and Submit CVNA letter of 10/4/17, SWNI board to write a letter of support of said letter to send to the people listed in the letter.
Yes: 16
No: 0
Abstain: 0
A number of safety issues were listed and concern was expressed that these safety issues are a problem for all parks throughout the city.
- **Transportation: David Martin**
Motion: SWNI to resubmit SWNI's June 19, 2017 letter, this time to City Council regarding concerns about the City's Local Transportation Infrastructure Charge (LTIC).
Moved: Martie
Seconded: Fran
Yes: 15
No: 0
Abstain: 1 Bruce

Most of SW Streets are not up to City standards; the question was raised if this is part of the graveling? There is a map that shows which streets are eligible for the graveling. Dave can provide information to interested people.

There is a do it yourself pot hole filling program. Call 823-4000 for general information, they will direct you to the appropriate bureau.

Motion moved by Martie Sucec: SWNI send letter asking for additional time to review the complete city council package in order to have meaningful public involvement.

John Gibbon shared that he had a corner-lot homeowner speak with him regarding the need for the cap. **Martie Sucec withdrew the motion.** The Transportation Committee may discuss this subject at their meeting on Monday.

- Public Safety Committee: Carol Porto
Organizing has begun for the March 4, 2018 Emergency Preparedness Fair
The Police Reception event was a great success.
The Neighborhood Watch program is continuing
The next Public Safety Action Committee forum with police command staff is on January 4, 2018. All are invited to bring safety issues to discuss with police high command staff.
Jenni Pullen has sent a letter to PBOT with suggestions to improve the Grover Street Tunnel situation.

- Land Use Committee: Sue King
Motion: The SWNI Board of Directors opposes the Residential Infill Project (RIP) Additional Housing Opportunity overlay zone and requests that the motion passed by the SWNI Land Use Committee on November 9th, be amended as shown in the packet handout.

Moved: Martie

Second: Jill

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 1 Brendan

Rationale:

The RIP ignores the available buildable inventory under the current code. For example, BPS acknowledges that 3.5% or fewer corner lots have developed into R2.5 attached (duplex) in the A overlay.

The Rip allows three unaffordable units or four affordable units on almost all properties in the A Overlay.

The RIP fails to insure housing affordability and likely will result in continued demolitions, displacement and an increase in investor ownership of the city.

The RIP proposes to destroy single-family neighborhoods, which are clearly desired by a large portion of the population.

The RIP fails to consider infrastructure that is needed to support the proposed spread of density.

The RIP is based on the false assumption that car transportation will diminish.

The RIP fails to require sufficient off-street parking resulting in street congestion and decrease in walking safety particularly in areas where there are no sidewalks.

The RIP is a one-size-fits-all approach to accommodating increased growth in Portland but provides no alternatives for achieving the goals, which allegedly guide the project.

Discussion: Multnomah is not against density, but the A overlap should be opposed.

There are a lot of other aspects to object to in the RIP such as scale of houses.

United Neighbors for Reform has information.

- Equity and Inclusion Committee: Glenn Bridger
Affordable housing issues discussed. A PSU study on affordable housing for the Southwest Corridor Project was sent by email from Sylvia and is recommended reading for all.
- Watershed Committee: John Gibbon
Committee meets tomorrow night. Lorena O'Neil started work on November 1, 2017. It was asked if Lorena could provide staff support for the SWNI Watershed Committee. Sylvia explained that Lorena's position is funded by the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District to specifically administer the Stormwater Stars program. However, she has expressed interest in attending a meeting or two in the near future. Storm-water issues will be discussed.
- Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel
The committee is hoping to see new NA reps at its meets tomorrow night. The committee wants to hold an Intrinsic Bias training.
The Committee is discussing whether their committee should be a Special, Standing or Ad Hoc type of committee.

Announcements/Suggestions for the good of the organization

- Neighborhood Small Grants Workshop: Monday, Dec. 4, 7:00 pm Room 30
- Capitol Hwy Open House: Wednesday, Nov 29, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
- Creek daylighting project in Albert Kelly Park SW Dosch Rd & SW Mitchell: Saturday, Nov 18 2017, 9am-12pm
- SW Capitol Hwy subcommittee meeting Nov 21st.

CVNET has adopted cleaning street grates.

SWNI Executive Session entered and adjourned

Adjournment