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Far Southwest Neighborhood Association

May 28, 2019, Comfort Suites Southwest, 11340 SW 60th Avenue, Portland, OR 97219

Teddy Okonokhua, President, called the meeting to order.

Sixteen neighbors signed in: Peter Johnson, George Vranas, Marcia Leslie, Mary Ventura, Al Salinas, Larry Teeter, Helen Johnson, Christina Rhostedt, Virginia Hendrickson, Teddy Okonokhua, Eileen Offer, Joe Vacarella, David Ereth, Martha Campell, Erik Hofland, Greg Dorros.

Minutes: The April 2, 2019 meeting minutes were approved

Committee Reports:

Schools (Mary Ventura): Funding for schools has been approved at 100% by the Oregon Legislature with passage of the business tax measure. The Wilson High School principal resigned and will be replaced by Filip Hristic who will come to Wilson this summer from Roosevelt High School. The principal at Jackson Middle School has taken a position in Portland Public Schools District Office. An interim replacement has been chosen. Although the Schools Committee does not meet during the summer months committee members are involved in several school related activities.

Public Safety (Marcia Leslie): In April, Sarah Berkemeier, Crime Prevention coordinator, did a presentation on Identity Theft Prevention, which included information about Medical Identity Theft and Child Identity Theft. Carefully review all bills for medical treatment and reports from insurance companies about payments sent to providers. If minor children have been pre-approved for credit cards or loans, check to see if they are receiving collection letters or calls for goods or services they never received. If they are older, working part-time and filing tax returns, has the IRs claimed their SS# has been used on another return. Consider putting a “freeze” on your child’s credit from the time they are issued a SS# until they are old enough to use it. To report these kinds of theft go to IdentifyTheft.gov. Get copies of your credit reports, go to “Free Credit Reports”. Three companies provide free credit reports, Experian, Transunion, Equifax, so you can get a report every 4 months to monitor your credit. These sites can also provide “freezes” and “fraud alerts” for your credit. Further protect your SS#, your on-line and social media sites by keeping purses or wallets out of sight in secure places. In May, Mark Wells did a presentation on “Recognizing and Responding to Crime”. When a serious threat to life, property or the environment is happening right now, call or text 911, if the event has already happened, call the non-emergency # 503-823-3333. Be able to provide as much information about the suspect as you can. A third way to report a crime is online, PortlandPolice.com to fill out a report of a non-emergency event.

Land Use (Greg Dorros): Greg reports that an application has been made for an Air B&B on Lesser Road and action on the application will be reviewed carefully. New construction on Lesser Road is problematic since there is little space available and parking is an issue. Greg provided an overview to the many housing issues which the Land Use committee follows and provides input to city government, one of the leading issues is the Residential Infill Project (RIP) which is designed to create greater density by allowing a single family structure to be replaced by multiple family dwellings, but raises problems of

parking and is further complicated by topographical issues in SW Portland. Other issues followed by the Land Use Committee: the revisions to DOZA (Design Overlay Zone Amendments); the Environmental Mapping Correction Project; the West Portland Town Center Design Project and The Better Housing by Design Project which addresses issues to help meet Portland's diverse housing needs, including housing that is affordable to lower income households and units designed for people of all ages and abilities that include open space and green elements that support healthy living for residents.

Transportation: (George Vranas): The SW Corridor Project preferred route for the light rail at the Crossroads will be Alternative B2, which will run along the south side of Barbur, crossing Barbur before reaching the station at SW 53rd.

Two events to provide information on West Portland Town Center Developments:

- There will be an Open House on the Barbur Crossroads, "Jughandle" Safety Project , Wednesday, May 29 at Jackson Middle School , 6-8:00 pm.
- Walking and Rolling Tour West Portland Town Center, Saturday, June 15, 1:30 and 2:30, begin Markham School.

SWNI Board: (Virginia Hendrickson) The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) which provided oversight to the Portland's Neighborhood Associations has been replaced by the Office of Civic and Community Life (OCCL) effective July 2018. This requires revisions to City Code 3.96 to be completed by July 2019. The SWNI Board will be involved in providing input to these revisions. A primary goal of the revisions is to ensure that Portlanders have equal access to City decision-making, and that there are culturally responsive practices for engaging a diverse range of community partners.

Elections:

Chair: George Vranas

Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Ventura

SWNI Board Delegate: George Vranas

Committee Representatives:

- **Watershed: Joe Vacarella**
- **Parks: Larry Teeter**
- **Land Use: Greg Dorros**
- **Schools: Mary Ventura**
- **Transportation: Virginia Hendrickson**
- **Public Safety: Marcia Leslie**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22

Meeting Adjourned.