

SNA Meeting Nov 11 2015

Meeting came to order at 7:39

Board Members Present: Tony, Lee, Reuben, Dan, Josh, Hannah, Jeff

Absent: Lorraine, Nola

Community Members: Heidi Parker, Kelsey Salazar, Doug Klotz, Ethan Krow, Paul Valdez, Carmen Fodor, Roger Jones

Introductions

Reuben moved to approve September minutes, Jeff seconded. Motion Passed.

Reuben moved to approve minutes from October. Dan moved to strike "Hawthorne" for factual amendment. Motion passed. Josh abstained – absent.

Announcements

Ruth – Citizen Scientist: Mayor commented that people don't want to live in single-family homes any longer. She prepared a survey to determine if this is accurate and will invite comments. Lee offered to have a review from someone who prepares surveys for a living. Dan asked if people cannot afford to live in single-family homes.

Hawthorne Holiday Stroll on Sat, Dec 5. They will have a tree lighting at Ferny Brae, carolers, and other activities, between noon-3, tree lighting at 5pm. She will submit a newsletter entry.

Police officer report – computers are down so he did not bring stats. Josh stated that he and his neighbors have had house broken into, heard about car prowlers. This is an ongoing issue, on the rise. Best thing to do is not leave anything in the car, especially in the holiday season.

Committee Reports

Emergency Preparedness – Detailed notes sent to Lorraine. Next meeting 12/17 is closed to the public – at the fire department. Sunnyside Environmental School does not necessarily have emergency preparedness plan for the facility or public outreach.

Land Use and Transportation - Three presentations at the meeting. Too much to discuss during this meeting but the website is up to date.

Treasurer's report – Paid Secretary of state and department of justice. Paid advertisements for the newsletter. Account currently has \$13,363.70. Reuben will find out when the Belmont Fair check is usually sent.

Crime Prevention – Lorraine not present

Sunnyside Street Tree Team – Tree Pruning postponed to Feb 13, Friends of Trees Tree Planting on Jan 23. Sunnyside's tree inventory was completed several years ago.

Southeast Uplift – Bylaws review discussion and committee working on updating that SEUL and neighborhood bylaws align. Proposed endorsing bikeways grant application for 70th Bikeway Project.

Candidate forum jointly hosted by several neighborhoods, will be held at Warner Pacific College. Jeff Cole's letter asking City asking City to exercise the option to buy the Washington High parcel was stalled due to Buckman NA meeting this evening.

SEUL Land Use and Transportation – Focus on the 70s greenway application, Comprehensive Plan, and neighborhood notification. Division Design Initiative brought top-10 land use desires.

Bylaws Update – Katie (SEUL), Tony, Lorraine meeting. Using ONI draft bylaws and removing restrictive language, more like existing practice and update. Likely the draft will be presented at the next meeting. Parallel effort to SEUL Bylaws update.

Wheels on Belmont

Jeff & Dorothy - Entertainment establishment on Belmont & SE 47th St.

Parents have owned building for 40+ years, see an opportunity to enhance the building. Looking to have a low-key building and restaurant, 14-15,000sf.

They have responded to neighborhood concerns: Parking - they will cater to people on bikes. Noise – vocals & live music, end early, be sensitive to the neighborhood. Postponed outside seating.

Why the name? They were building bikes, thought of the name. It will likely change.

Peacock Lane Sponsorship

Last year, the street closure changed – no specific ped-only days but cadets shut streets sporadically when it was too crowded. This year, proposed closing to cars on: 18th, 19th, 20th.

To get insurance for the street closure, they requested SNA sponsor the event.

Reuben moved to sponsor a three-day pedestrian-only event on the 18th, 19th, 20th. Lee seconded. A neighbor asked how much the event costs. Reuben explained that the neighbors pay but by sponsoring the event can use SEUL's insurance. Motion passes unanimously, Tony abstained.

Sunnyside Sign

The City Code states that the foundation at the location may not have sufficient rebar for the sign. SNA asked that when the impeding construction is being done at Laurelhurt Village the area is reinforced to bring it up to code.

Reuben offered to install rebar but needs to clarify the City's permission.

The woman who attended the last LU meeting may have stated that they had the original construction drawings. Bill or Reuben will contact the woman.

There may be an option of removing the water catchment tray that would bring the sign under the weight liming.

Sunnyside Methodist Church Property Plans (35th & Yamhill)

Pat Schwiebert presented.

The congregation closed Sept 5th and the initial plan was to sell the property. Several organizations use the space regularly.

Interested in reclaiming it as a neighborhood community house. There is a potential for a new congregation, and the group desires having greater involvement in the community.

Deferred maintenance is needed.

The space could be used for SNA meetings in the future. Tony is switching where he is holding his office hours, and has had some meetings there.

They will be holding an Open House January 30, 3-5.

Houseless Issues Workgroup

Issues brought to Tony at office hours. Tony brought a resolution to make a work group to provide guidance to SNA on potential positions and actions to assist these members of our community experiencing houselessness.

Lee moved to approve the resolution, Reuben seconded.

Discussion:

- Jeff noted that this has been a topic at SEUL and this effort could fit well with that.
- Lee suggested that the workgroup should include people who are houseless. Tony added “to seek to involve members of the houseless community on the workgroup.”
- Dan proposed an amendment to include near houseless people – he provided a sentence. No objections.
- Lee is volunteered to be the supervising board member. She was added to the letter.
- Ruth requested that the meeting be open to the public and transparent. They will prepare a newsletter announcement for a meeting for people to participate.

Motion passed unanimously, Tony abstained.

Mixed Uses Workgroup

Jeff proposed having a work group where he, Dan, and Michael could talk to BPS about the mixed use zones project to gather information to bring back to the board.

This is new information than the Comp Plan testimony previously submitted.

Goal is to craft testimony for discussion.

Jeff is moving to form a work group consisting of Jeff Cole, Dan Rutsik, and Michael Molinaro to meet with BPS and draft language to advise the SNA board on Mixed-Use Zones policy. Reuben seconded. Dan amended to open the work group to all board members.

Comprehensive Plan Testimony

Dan brought a letter to the board that reiterated the testimony previously submitted to the City.

Dan moved to submit testimony to the City. Reuben seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Newsletter Appreciation

Tony brought a resolution recommending an event to celebrate the neighborhood newsletter delivery people. He is planning to rent the back room in Circa 33.

Reuben asked to get an RSVP or other request for people to actually set up. Tony will coordinate and request feedback. Reuben proposed considering an alternative less-expensive option. Dan suggested it as a recruitment opportunity.

Lee moved to adopt the proposal. Josh seconded. Ruth asked Tony to consider giving \$30 gift certificate to a local business. Dan suggested offering a raffle for \$50 gift cards for attendees. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Alliance of Tenants Salsa Party

CAT requested a sponsorship package for their upcoming event at the Eagle's Lodge. Includes event tickets and donated tickets to low income tenants.

Dan moved to support the CAT event at the \$150 level. Reuben seconded. Motion passed, Josh opposed, Tony abstained.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13