

7:00

Present: Dale Peppel, Pat Schwiebert, Sean Watkins, Maggie McGann, Lorraine Henriques, Christina Estime, KC Hoffert, Russell Rinaldi, Chrystal Brim, Reuben Deumling, Colin Sakewitz, Trev Howard, Midge Pierce (SE Examiner), Dave Boush, Mike Frohn, Julia Peattie, Muz Afsal, Mireaya Medina

7:05

Public statement remembering the life, death and legacy of Mulugeta Seraw

Chrystal Brim

Ethiopian refugee M Seraw; stories in Willamette Week; CB remembers the eighties in Portland Urban League of Portland conference on M.S. Legal strategies for fighting intimidation and hate crimes; organizing; history; tools in community now that weren't available then.

M.S.'s uncle encouraged to bring his relatives to be safe from Civil War in Ethiopia.

In late eighties, active Neonazi recruiting in Portland; hate gangs attacking people in night clubs.

Neonazi woman murdered bouncer at night club; Asian man brutally beaten in Old Town

A hundred little Hitlers, Eleanor Langer book, Chrystal to lead book discussion group in Pete Jacobsen room at SEUL on Saturday.

Randy Blasek who at the time had infiltrated neo-Nazi group in South remembers celebrations of Seraw's murder.

Urban League, PUAH, OR Coalition Against Hate Crimes

Reporting tool for hate and bias incidents started in Eugene

PSU Conference was about hate crimes in general, not just M.S.

Hate crimes in WA and Corvallis/OSU just this week. Confederate flag across from BSU, but not prosecutable

Dale mentions hate crime number to call here in Portland for faster response

Patriot Prayer white supremacist group? Yes. Discussion about designation

Police officer visit

Officer Kenneth Fox; will be attending our meetings regularly now. Central Precinct.

Question about Lockout at SES this afternoon

Car prowls

When should we call Officer Fox/Central Precinct?

7:25

Open discussion on Good Neighbor Agreement for SCH

Christina Estime presents on OCCL info regarding best practices for GNAs

Many kinds: neighbor to neighbor; cookies to new neighbors; OCCL taking time to consider what a GNA and a Bad Neighborhood Agreement is: best guidelines for neighbors, businesses:

1. OCCL and SEUL won't be involved with negotiation and writing of GNA
2. Good practices: open dialogue; get to know parties; collaborative process
Share in the process; no one group should take charge
3. Consensus decision making, avoid aggressive language: 'or else'
4. Strive for agreements that show relationship is valued
5. Avoid contract/legal language
6. GNAs and the City and SEUL cannot oblige people to follow beyond what is legally binding
7. Follow, enter GNA with realistic expectations, implicit biases, etc.

8. Not include people, offices, businesses whose capacity we don't know; don't expect that they will be a signatory
9. OCCL figuring out what constitutes Good and Bad NA; what works, doesn't work; wants GNAs to represent/align with OCCL values
10. The best GNAs are based on relationships

Dave: less the contract; more the process?

Christina E. yes

Reuben D. yes, but: document also important; things change over time; document can hold onto specifics, facilitate accountability over time. Mentions the need to archive GNAs

Sean W. specifics of the GNA we hope to draft important, and need dates, but need to discuss

Russell R. start general discussion: top five issues to discuss; pressing issue

KC H. – Sunnyside Community House not following through; distrust of SCH statements

“Enforce rules that have been created” accountability

Mike Frohn: Problem with porta potty permanently; doesn't belong in residential neighborhood; there are bathrooms in the building; eyesore – objects to the existence

R.D. for last GNA we flyered the immediate neighbors; choose radius

Trev H. understands porta potty issue, but 24hr unmonitored access changes the dynamic, need to find middle ground

R.R. no supervision. Porta potty; no one present to enforce rules not a security guard; overnight manager needs to supervise

Julia Peattie asks about the house next door owned by SCH – what is the use of the house?

Remembers the previous GNA with Methodist church – caretaker house?

Pat Schwiebert replies that the person living there is leaving;

J.P. could this be used/ golden opportunity for supervision?

M.F. spot check by security guard

Muz Afsal– he has social services for houseless experience; mentions that money spent on security can't be spent on the services for houseless;

S.W. why can't the city take care of some of this enforcement; if not why is it up to the neighbors?

R.D. Need to understand who has jurisdiction, enforcement authority, etc. before we get too far down this road. Muz has recent experience negotiating a similar GNA w/ Foster Powell shelter.

Need to appoint a committee

T.H. Private nonprofit authority.

Look up rules and regs for homes: put up porta potty in front of your house.

Storage of personal items a concern

M.A.: Crime Prevention can advise but not participant in negotiating GNA

C.E. this is not a good time to make a list; lots of research first; due diligence if you wish to enter into a mindful GNA. If successful, you could think of five things to provide to the community house. Trauma, issues with independent living.

Maggie McGann: why is this not the purview of the Crime and Livability Committee?

Lorraine Henriques: past C&LC purview: but needs to be staffed. What are our limitations? We need to be realistic. Cooperation. One of 95 neighborhoods

R.D. Use the Foster Powell GNA as point of reference. Consult with those who are involved in similar processes. Julie Peattie interested in serving on committee

Appointment of Interim Board Member

R.D. moved to appoint LH to Eric's six month term

P.S. seconded

Approved Unanimously.

Did not Approve Minutes because Matt still has them from November's meeting

Diana Deumling request for funds for a newsletter volunteer thank-you gift. \$5 ea.

MM liked the foodcart event; not in favor of gift cards.

\$\$ to Community House instead?

L.H. in lieu of volunteer appreciation gifts, a pair of socks will be donated to SCH in their name

P.S. suggests neighborhood event: social instead.

Discussion.

Review next month with prepared motion; board willing to fund, but since multiple ideas mentioned, Diana not present decision to postpone vote.

Committee Reports

1. Emergency Preparedness (JM)

Glenn email read

2. Land Use and Transportation (DB)

Jen and Ted and Matt and Dave met on questionnaire: it will be sent out

3. Treasurer's Report (MM)

\$7900 + \$2K communications fund; talk about budget next month.

4. Crime & Livability (RR,PS)

Park safety training: Cassondra Rosales: park and safety training 2hr ten people required: 18 signed up. Working on date Jan/Feb: MM prefers Feb date to be in Jan newsletter Crime and Livability mtg moved to Jan 8;

5. SEUL Report (RD)

Mulugeta Seraw discussion & Momentum Alliance training on Diversity Equity Inclusion

6. SEUL LUTC (ES)

MM no report

7. Business Associations (DB)

HBBA considering design mtg Jan 24 design initiative at Western Seminary; grant to look at Hawthorne, examine distinctive architecture on Hawthorne, no teeth, but nice to have; register at HBBA website; talk about standards

BABA no report; doing fine. MM asks Dave to find out where BSF money is

8. Communications (DB)

No report

9. SES PTSA (KCH)

No report

8:55

New Business

Newsletter

MM mentions no minutes from last month: Eric agreed to keep newsletter going for one month or two from NZ; Matt agreed to take over/longer term transition, but in interim we need to find someone; Eric has template;

Sean W to send email to MM, RD, ES, DD

**Vote on LH becoming new secretary add to next month's agenda

(Jan 10 next mtg)

9:00 Adjourn