

SNA General Meeting Minutes 2-11-2021

Secretary Lorraine Henriques was unable to attend and take minutes. The meeting was recorded, however minutes below are based on notes made by Ash Hester and Dave Boush.

Present

Board Members: Dave Boush, Ash Hester, Jes Maran, KC Hoffert, Matt Lembo, Christie Portman, Russell Rinaldi

Members at Large: Hannah Wallace, Vincent Dawans, Dale Peppel, Martha Ferro, Tiffany Conklin, Tomas Valladares, Greg Raisman, Alexes Emerson

7- Dave called the meeting to order, noted that the HBBA had praised the cleanup efforts of Sunnyside neighbors, esp. the one at 36th and Hawthorne. Also noted that HAND had reportedly taken up the issue of endorsing the letter from Rob Nosse on homeless camps. In short, SNA efforts are noticed and discussed. January SNA minutes were approved as submitted.

7:10 Discussion of repainting Sunnyside Piazza at the intersection of Yamhill and 33rd streets. Recent sewer repair and repaving has completely removed the sunflower mural that was approaching its 20th anniversary last summer and is regularly repainted. Several neighbors who live near that intersection attended and expressed a desire to help. Ash volunteered to lead the effort, precise timing tbd.

7:30 Rachel Slocum and Mark Darienza shared a video and led a discussion on the Green New Deal. They made a similar presentation at SEUL last month. They noted that the Green New Deal, embodied in a 2019 resolution by Sen. Markey and Rep. Ocasio Cortez, is not a bill nor a policy, but rather a framework for addressing both climate change and social justice.

Dale mentioned the importance of electric cars to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Matt observed that such sweeping federal policy can be overwhelming to discuss.

8:15 Greg Bourget, a researcher with the group Cascadia Climate Action advocated on behalf of that group's efforts to curb air pollution. Greg stated that Oregon ranks poorly among states in air quality, by some measures last, due to lax regulations. He noted, however, that Sunnyside has no significant stationary polluters. Greg asked for a liaison from SNA to Cascadia. Dave volunteered to serve in that role on an interim basis. Any neighbors interested in being the liaison to Cascadia should let SNA know.

8:45 The board voted to ask Vincent Dawans, who has been involved in many recent camp clean-ups, to pursue a grant from SEUL to defray trash disposal costs.

9pm Meeting adjourned.