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SNA April Notes and May Plans

By Dave Boush, SNA President

Police Oversight, Building Design, and Welcoming a New Board Member

The April SNA general meeting continued last month's discussion on building design and police oversight, endorsing documents on both topics. Johanna Brenner from the Portland Metro People's Coalition and Sarah Kowaleski, Coalition Organizer at Jobs with Justice fielded questions relevant to their March request for the SNA to endorse a letter recommending specific language in the PPB contract. (Please see the related article in the March newsletter and read the letter at www.uniteoregon.org/policing. The SNA voted to endorse the letter. Heather Flint Chatto continued the discussion about building design in the neighborhood, especially along Hawthorne Blvd. and Belmont St. As in the March meeting, a principal focus was the PDX Main Street Design Guidelines, which you can find at www.pdxmainstreets.org/designguidelines. These guidelines are aimed at improving the fit between new infill and old buildings. Among Heather's main points was that good design is key to increasing density. Buildings can be built taller when they fit in well with the existing pattern. The SNA voted to adopt the Hawthorne special buildings list and the Main Street Design Guidelines for Hawthorne. The SNA also endorsed a letter to the City Council advocating for Main Street design-specific standards and for parity in design review with downtown. An example of design parity is when a specific building height triggers design review. The board voted to elect Vincent Dawans as a board member, replacing Sunia Gibbs, who recently resigned. Vincent has done wonders as SNA Clean-Up Coordinator and we look forward to

working more with him. We thank Sunia for her service. Please note the announcement of our Annual Board elections on July 8th and consider running.

SNA Annual Board Election July 8th

The Annual Election for SNA Board members will be held July 8, 2021 at 7 p.m.. Like last year, we will be outside SE Uplift (3534 SE Main St.), both masked and physically distanced. Board terms are 2 years, with about half the seats open each year. Five of the nine board seats are open and at least one current board member is not pursuing reelection.

Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who is either: 1) A legal resident of Sunnyside, 2) An owner of real property within Sunnyside, or 3) The designated representative of a business, school, church, or non-profit in Sunnyside. All members can vote and serve as board members. Members may declare their own candidacy or be nominated by another member. Those that declare or accept nomination by June 10th – the meeting prior to the annual meeting – will be announced to the membership by the

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are being held virtually.

Check sunnysideportland.org one week in advance for a Zoom link and agenda.

SNA General and Board Meeting

Second Thursday of the month
7pm -9pm
(May 13th, June 10th)

Community Safety & Livability Committee

Third Thursday of the month
6:30pm - 7:30pm
(May 20th, June 17th)

Board of Directors. Nominations can be made from the floor at the Annual meeting provided that the nominee is a member and is willing to serve if elected. You have to be present at the Annual meeting to vote (secret paper ballot) but need not be present to be elected. Candidates will briefly introduce themselves before the vote.

Emergency Preparedness and the SNA Board Meeting

By Jan S Molinaro, Co-Chair, Sunnyside Prepared!

The Other Emergency, an earthquake, that is...

For many of us in the emergency preparedness world, this pandemic is 'practice' for the BIG ONE. That is not to downplay in any way the seriousness of our current world issues. This is to say that, due to our training, both as professionals and volunteers, we were a bit calmer at the onset of the pandemic as we reviewed and revised our own preparedness efforts to meet the current challenge. This work and planning is ongoing. In the big picture, it is best to prepare and then improvise as needed.

Working at the micro-neighborhood level, it's my job to get my neighbors as prepared as possible, having offered training, materials, workshops and tips over the years. This is hard work, but worth the effort.

Let me walk you through a very good scenario that I hope can take place after a major disaster in my neighborhood. After the event, when I have made sure my home and family are okay and it is safe to do, I plan to walk through my neighborhood and check in on my neighbors. I know

Timoney: I just moved in September from L.A. I rescued my mom from upstate New York during the pandemic. We pandemic-moved! She was in a senior apartment complex, and they were not taking COVID



seriously. I also had trouble getting her groceries. Luckily, Nextdoor helped me in that time. I joined Nextdoor for Ellenville, NY. A week later, a retired corrections officer offered help. She got her groceries until I moved her to Portland.

Tell me how Portland Vaccine Helpers started?

Timoney: Once I secured an appointment for my Mom to get vaccinated, I saw how hard and complicated it was. I posted on Nextdoor, "I know how it works if anybody needs help." The response was overwhelming.

Hundreds of people reached out to me via Nextdoor. I created the back-end to collect information. A week later, I brought in five volunteers to help call people, book appointments and do more back-end work. Luckily, we were able to get appointments for all the seniors. We ended up booking close to 300 people. I myself booked 186 people.

It's sort of like getting impossible concert tickets! (I used to work in the music industry, and I'm a huge Radiohead fan—I traveled the world to see them touring.) We're winding down our efforts now. We decided that our main focus was to help seniors and the need from seniors is waning.

And you also have a full time job?

Timoney: I do. I'm a television producer. I am in charge of X-Ray international premium content for Amazon Studios. I work on a lot of bonus content—the making of, interviews with directors, and so on.

Up until recently my work has been mainly focused in India. I would say my favorite show that I've produced content for is called Made in Heaven. It's about these

two people who run a wedding planning business. You get exposed to all the different religions and all the different specifics that go into different types of Indian weddings. It has one of the first gay characters in Indian television. They wrote it when it was still illegal to be gay in India!

I also have a Schitt's Creek inspired AirBnB downstairs called The RoseBud and Barkfest.

What do you love about Sunnyside?

Timoney: I looked all over Portland and I really wanted something that was walkable. Eventually, post-pandemic, I want to be able to do fun things like sitting outside and having a beer somewhere, grabbing a bite

to eat. I like having the Bagdad Theater down the street.

What attracted me to Portland was that it has a big city feel but you also feel like you're in a neighborhood. Also, my best friend here is in Woodstock and close family friends are in Northeast. I'm perfectly in the middle of those two. I was looking on the other side of the river, and my friend Erika, in Woodstock, was like, "No! We'll never see each other." I also found a house that has an apartment for my mom downstairs. And a bonus AirBnB! So it was the perfect storm.

So I take it you own?

Timoney: Yes. I bought my first house. It's an amazing feeling but there's always so much to do.

What is one thing you'd like to see change about Sunnyside?

Timoney: I can't really think of anything I'd want to change outside of the potholes. Because I haven't been here very long, I haven't really been able to experience as much of Sunnyside as I would like to. It is hard to see the homeless struggling so much in our area.

Help Us Repaint the Sunnyside Piazza

By Ash Hester, SNA Board Member

Since 2001, Sunnyside neighbors have come together to re-paint a sunflower at the intersection of SE 33rd and Yamhill. Sunnyside Piazza is Portland's second oldest intersection repair project, which was organized by residents, originally in partnership with City Repair. Being neighbors of the intersection, Portland Street Art Alliance (PSAA) has

managed the annual repainting activities since 2012. This year, the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association (SNA) is partnering with PSAA to spearhead the project and carry the torch for bringing back the neighborhood landmark. We are asking our community to help support the framework of this project by applying for the permits, purchasing paint, and other expenses that will occur. The SNA and PSAA would be very appreciative of your contribution to our GoFundMe fundraiser. You can donate directly via <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sunnyside-piazza> or via the SNA website homepage. Follow the Sunnyside Piazza Facebook page for up-to-date details and ways to get involved.

SOLVE Clean up on SE Hawthorne

After a successful clean up along Belmont in January, Sunnyside residents joined volunteers from Richmond and other nearby neighborhoods to give Hawthorne a good cleanup on March 13, 2021. The event was hosted by Vincent Dawans, SNA Cleanup Coordinator in collaboration with Richmond resident Beth Nesser from Inner South East Action.



The 34 volunteers were divided in teams of 4 to 7 assigned to 6 different sections along both sides of Hawthorne from SE 28th to SE 49th. State Representative Rob Nosse was among the volunteers. Together we filled a entire pickup truck worth of bags that were dumped in a nearby construction dumpster in which space was donated by Richmond resident Dan Beard of Beard's Restoration & Remodeling (www.beardsrestoration.com)

As of publication date, a follow-up maintenance cleanup is planned along the same route on May 2, 2021. If you are interested in volunteering in future cleanup efforts, please contact Vincent Dawans, SNA Cleanup Coordinator at dawansv@gmail.com

New Public Trash Cans Coming to SE Portland

The City just announced they will be adding 182 new public trash cans throughout Southeast Portland in Fall 2021. The city is seeking feedback from people who live or work in Southeast Portland on where the new cans should (or shouldn't) be located. If you are interested in providing feedback, please check sunnysideportland.org for more information.



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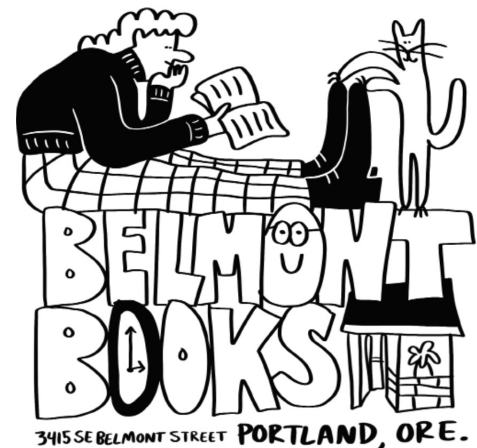
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Sunnyside Neighborhood 'Gap Map'

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