

Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)

July 16, 2020

Call to Order via Zoom at 6:02pm

Present: Karen Bergsvik, Deby DeWeese, Sara Santa, Lowell Von Ruden, Mike Zapp

1. Additions to the Agenda

- none

2. Approval of June Minutes

- Vote to approve, with the addition of a note clarifying that we decided not to purchase the Hootsuite and Survey Planet tools

3. Reports

- Chair/Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA)
 - Karen relayed some information from a city report on fireworks usage over the recent holiday. SCNA was low compared to other areas. She has also learned recently that the city has a code update committee that is open to anyone. Deby asked if it was known what the next NSSP project would be, the answer was no. She also asked if NLA had any indication of whether the fireworks signs were effective, and also the COVID signs. Karen said 17 slow down signs had been given out, posted mainly near Silverlake. Deby had heard a report of someone doing 80 mph on Woodriver Drive. Karen brought up the subject of what we should do about our annual meeting given the current situation. She plans on that being the major topic for our August board meeting.
- Treasurer
 - Lowell has posted in Slack the final budget report for the recently completed fiscal year. There is also an initial budget proposal for the new fiscal year, which has our new grant amount plus the one-time carry-over. It was based on items from the past year that are likely to be repeated. Mailing cost estimates were based on a printing and mailing estimate from last fall, adjusted for the larger size of the city's new mailing list, which now includes renters. He asked for any other items to add for planning purposes. Sara said she would send a few.
- Land Use

- Deby will be attending a draft code change meeting. She referred everyone to an earlier email regarding a public comment period on the new Transportation System Plan (TSP) and said River West NA has been encouraging people to comment. Sara said she would include that in the next newsletter.
- Lowell was asked about the desired new Brookwood crosswalk. He said that he was planning on contacting the Brooks Mill developer soon to encourage them to create one, but needed to have a discussion with Deby first.
- Karen asked about the recent NLA land use meeting. Deby said that since nobody else was setting up the meeting, she did. Eight people attended, and others watched a playback later. She thought the meeting was well received, and attendees plan to do more, possibly quarterly. They considered doing a candidate forum. How can we support this NLA land use group? The group asked about top projects in each NA, Deby said ours were the Reed Market round-a-bout (RAB) and Pine Ridge Inn development. The group also talked about other stressors and pain points. Sara was disappointed that the “real” land use people haven’t been given full participation/ voting rights. Deby thought that they weren’t quite sure what to do with “real” land use people. Karen said it was up to the chair to grant participation rights. Deby expects that Lisa will become the new chair, which will likely improve the situation, but it seems that Makayla might be part of the impediment to change. Karen offered to help. Mike wondered if Makayla might be less cooperative because she is a city employee. Deby felt that she was playing a useful role, but it would be better if she could also vote. Sara commented that it was a similar situation when she had briefly participated in the NLA communications working group.
- Deby closed by saying that public comment on the Pine Ridge Inn development was open until July 27. She said that Mike Walker has been a good resource there as well. There have been a few changes to the proposal since the earlier meeting.
- IT/Communication
 - No report
- Transportation
 - Mike said there have not really been any further developments regarding the Reed Market RAB since the last meeting. Karen reviewed the RAB situation. Mike Walker has written a draft issue paper and she has volunteered to edit and tidy it up. While reviewing the TSP, it was found to contain a reference to RAB design guidelines, which include 2 lane design. She sent some questions to Mike W, who thinks we have a couple of months to get feedback to the city. Sara asked how we should start the process and get people involved. Karen said the current write-up from Mike W is two pages of bullet points, which we can put on our website. The board must decide if we want to take this to the NLA, and how. Mike would like to see that happen, as ours is likely only the first RAB to need this treatment. Deby would also like to bring it up to the land use group. Mike thought the earlier op-ed written by Mike W was like a position paper. He would like to start with an outline of that, with clickable links to see details. Karen would like it to also reference reports from Mike W and original

sources. Sara was concerned the timeline might be shorter than Mike W thinks, and that this could be a prime topic for our general meeting. Karen said Mike W would also like to move sooner than later. Deby was concerned that a November general meeting would be too late, and thought things might move fast once the paper is done. Mike thought this should be a top project.

4. Work Plan

- Priority 1 Objective A #1
Sara said only two contact list updates have been received so far.
- Priority 1 Objective A #3
Sara said we could send more information in the newsletter and also suggested the general meeting notice mailing. She wondered if we should do hold the general meeting earlier than usual. Karen plans to work on planning for the general meeting at our August board meeting, including topics and timing.
- Priority 1 Objective B #7
Nothing new yet
- Priority 1 Objective B #9
Sara said the July newsletter is late. Karen is creating a Slack channel to collect potential material for newsletters.
- Priority 1 Objective B #14
Deby will start using the land use address more. Sara would like for us to pay for more addresses, but in the mean time is willing to handle things coming into the info@ address.
- Priority 1 Objective C #3
Karen said her HOA is kind of out of touch, and thought it would be good to pursue her and other HOAs.
- Priority 2 Objective A #1
Deby would like to use the NLA working group for this.
- Priority 2 Objective B #1
Lowell will try and contact the Brooks Mill developer next week, after talking with Deby. There was a brief discussion on why Silverlake was not connected to Brookwood as part of the development in the area.
- Priority 2 Objective B #4
Mike received a call from a Mr. Green (a fire inspector?) who said that the county was not involved at that level. He was going to send Mike contacts at the county, he may need to talk with the sheriff. There are no known evacuation plans or modeling. Deby said that Bend codes don't have anything pertaining to evacuation. Karen asked what the next step for the board would be, and Mike suggested we need to make more noise and get others involved. Mike said he could contact people back in Colorado Springs and ask about their approach and models. Sara thought she could provide some data too.

- Priority 3 #1
Karen would like to try and get others involved, maybe including people who have been posting slow down signs. Mike would like to get Mike W more directly involved with staff. Karen said he is not a SCNA resident, but he can be a resource to us, though Mike could do the speaking with Mike W's input.
- Priority 3 #2
Karen is waiting to hear from Makayla, and is also looking for data from the radar sign that was posted on Woodriver recently. She is also asking if we can be CC'd on Citizen Service Requests submitted in SCNA, along with staff response.
- Priority 3 #3
Waiting on Robin
- Priority 3 #5
Seems to have fizzled out

5. Future Mailings

- It is expected that future mailings will be based on the new city provided list (which include renters) rather than the Postal Service EDDM.

6. Public input/education

- There was a discussion about allowing open comments/questions on the new SCNA website. Deby said other NAs don't seem to allow it. The board reached a consensus not to allow them. Mike asked if we get comments on Facebook, the answer was yes.

7. Bringing items to the NLA

- Issues are: construction noise, evacuation, Reed Market RAB
- Karen described the process for bringing topics to NLA. Five criteria must be met. According to the chair, a topic should first be presented during the 3 minute time slot allocated to each NA. Then a more detailed presentation can be made at a later meeting. Karen thought we need to be prepared for questions up front, possibly have a mini position paper.
- Mike suggested that the fire and evacuation issue might be better served by someone like Awbrey Butte NA. Deby suggested prioritizing as RAB, evacuation, then noise. Karen is willing to start with a RAB paper, but will need followup. Deby said a big problem is that only designated people are allowed to present at NLA. Sara suggested talking with other NAs on the west side about fire evacuation issues, as they have more risk and perspective. She would also like to add evacuation provisions to the current proposed code changes. Deby said it is too late in the process and would have to be done in a later set of changes.

- Karen would like to shoot for August to present the evacuation issue to NLA, and present the RAB after that. Sara would like to get other NAs involved so that we're not the only squeaky wheel. Mike said he would send Sara a paragraph to get started.

8. Comments on proposed code changes

- Karen asked if we wanted to make a board position, or just educate and encourage comments from the public. Deby wondered how we get citizens involved. Maybe the board could do a simple position paper on the code changes, but the TSP horse is probably out of the barn. Karen agreed. Sara will provide information in the next newsletter, Deby will send her some content.
- Deby said city council is discussing bringing back the bond measure that was held back from the May vote. They are also starting to talk about UGB expansion again already. She asked the rest of the board to put any comments on the code changes into Slack.

9. Old Business

- Karen said we need to look for additional board members, and still need a secretary. Deby will send Karen contact info for diversity groups that are interested in community involvement, and might be a good place to try for board recruiting.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Karen received an email from a staff member for Jason Kropf, state representative candidate, asking to attend a board meeting. The board discussed issues, benefits, and precedent, and procedure for doing this, and came to the consensus to support the meeting. Lowell will come up with an initial list of questions based on board discussions at today's meeting.
- As previously mentioned, Karen will add planning for our next general meeting, including mailings.
- Karen and Sara would like to look into less expensive storage options.
- Deby suggested a more efficient way to go through the work plan, maybe make it editable by any board member. Karen will set that up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm