



Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2020

I. Call to Order: Karen called to order the SCNA Board meeting at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Present: K. Bergsvik, D. DeWeese, S. Santa, L. Von Ruden, M. Zapp

Guest: Jason Kropf (and Maddy Woodle, campaign manager)

Absent: none

Agenda Changes: a) letter with Century West NA, b) meeting platforms

II. Approval of minutes from July 16: Sara moved to approve with two corrections, second by Deby. All in favor.

III. Guest Jason Kropf

Jason is running for state house district 54. He and the board members introduced themselves to each other, then he answered several questions from the board.

IV. Reports:

A. Chair/Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA)

1. Karen said she would forward Makayla's minutes from the recent NLA meeting when they become available, rather than making her own. Since the board had previously discussed the fireworks issue, Karen commented that she was not convinced that NLA would accept it as a city wide issue as some NAs viewed it as only a local issue to some NAs.
2. Karen has obtained 10 more slow down signs. She would like to survey people who took them to ask where they were posted and if they seemed to have any effect.

B. Treasurer

1. Lowell did not have anything to report, but he asked if any board members were still waiting to get reimbursements from the city. He also asked how the board wanted to handle revisiting the planning budget he made last month. The consensus was to look at it every other month.

C. IT/Communication

1. Sara referred to her previously posted report and subsequent discussion in Slack regarding our website hosting and her recommendation to move hosting from Bluehost to GoDaddy where the domain is registered. Karen moved to support Sara's recommendation, second by Deby. All in favor.
2. Sara has been testing an automatic RSS feed for posting blog entries but hasn't turned it on for real yet. Deby asked for opinions on posting only major items,



versus including minor ones as well which could be overwhelming for some folks. Mike thought that more items should be posted. Sara believes it is important for people to see how many land use notices we get. She is trying to streamline the process for posting. Deby expects that the coming city software replacement will provide more detailed info once online, and thinks just doing the bigger stuff is good until then.

3. Sara talked about the ongoing painful process of getting full control/ownership of the Facebook page. She was finally successful in running a minor test ad on Facebook, which would seem to indicate that something regarding ownership had changed as it had never worked before. Sara would like to do some kind of outreach ad for a secretary as well as general membership. The board discussed and came to a consensus that advertising for a secretary would be a good start. Sara would also like to try on NextDoor. Deby asked about Instagram. Sara replied that it could be done, but the nature of Instagram makes it a lot more work.

D. Land Use

1. Deby has been in contact with Lisa about doing a joint letter with Century West to the Mt. Bachelor Village association regarding the view easement they have over the COID land. She estimated it would cost each NA about \$125. Sara made a motion to support that letter, second by Karen. All in favor.
2. Deby said that our letter on the proposed city code changes did make it into the official record, but not in the expected place. She thanked Sara for getting the info out, which helped drive participation. Deby reported that there were 280 survey responses. Sara was disappointed that the survey didn't ask what NA a person was in. Deby thought that including a person's NA could reduce the city's perception of broad agreement across NAs. She asked if Sara had seen the city's timeline for meetings and hearing on the code changes. Deby expected that the next opportunities for public involvement will begin later in September in preparation for the October council meeting where their vote will take place. She expects the planning commission to basically rubber stamp the proposed changes as they didn't ask a single question during their presentation and seemed to have a lack of interest. Karen asked if it would be worth sending anything further to planning. Deby thought it would probably be more useful to send to council, and she expects there to be more press later.

E. Transportation

1. Mike says he has spoken to the fire marshal three times now regarding emergency evacuation from the Reed Lane area. He gave Mike the impression that home buyers know what they are getting into. Deby observed that the fire department apparently doesn't view this as their problem. Mike said it appears that developments get automatic approval from them, and they have no analysis of how evacuations could or should happen. Deby asked what the NA's role should be on this. Karen replied that we should push it up to the NLA as a city wide issue. Mike said the city should



take responsibility for evacuation plans, come up with real plans, and get developers involved. The fire marshal told him this was all above his pay grade. Deby wondered if we could get some support from the county in dealing with the city on this topic.

V. Work Plan:

- A. Karen asked the board if all had been able to update the common work plan document. The board consensus was that the group editing approach was working, though it would be helpful to have a bit of training or guidelines.
- B. Sara brought up a previous conversation with Lowell on reviewing our virtual meeting platform options. She would like to participate in a test before the next board meeting.
- C. Deby will discuss with Lowell topics for a meeting with Robin.

VI. Reed Market RAB

- A. Karen said that the issue paper on the roundabout was mostly done, though it needs a bit more to show why it is part of a city wide issue. She would like to ask Robin if future roundabout designs would be expected to follow what is done with the Reed Market one. Deby offered to talk with Mike Walker about that. Karen asked about next steps for the paper, and would like to meet with Makayla and Barb Campbell for feedback. Deby said she would bring it up at the September land use chairs meeting. Sara said that even before Makayla and Barb, we should talk with other NAs that are experiencing significant growth and have roundabouts about how they could be affected. Karen said she would share the paper with other NA chairs, Deby will do likewise with other NA land use people. Sara thought there were some areas to streamline the paper a bit.

VII. Annual Meeting:

- A. Karen pointed out that the bylaws require the annual meeting to occur in the October-December timeframe. Given that, we should set the date and then work backwards from there. Sara described how some other NAs were handling their annual meetings during the pandemic. Deby thought October might help snowbirds attend. Sara thought the regular November board meeting date might be a problem. Karen asked about the October board date. Sara wondered if elections would be required. Karen thought desired, but maybe not required. She will look up specifics of current board member terms. Sara thought it best to be after the November 3 general election, which will cause much distraction. The board briefly discussed formats and quickly agreed on a virtual meeting. A consensus was reached on a tentative date of November 17, and all board members will check for potential conflicts. Ideas were tossed out for potential guest speakers, the most popular were the new police chief (who lives in Woodriver) and somebody to talk about roundabouts. Karen said she will review the bylaws with



regards to supporting online voting. Sara said there are multiple technical options for doing so. Further discussions will be done on the Slack channel.

VIII. Communication - *we did not get to this topic during this meeting*

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IX. Old Business - *we did not get to this topic during this meeting*

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X. Items for future agendas - *we did not get to this topic during this meeting*

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XI. Adjournment: Karen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lowell Von Ruden