



Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

Opening

- The Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's regular meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm on March 18, 2021, by Karen Bergsvik.

Board members present:

- Karen Bergsvik - Chair
- Deby DeWeese -Vice-Chair/Land Use Chair
- Lowell Von Ruden -Treasurer/IT Communication
- Brian Holman - Board Member

Others present

- Liz Gray - Illegal Fireworks Committee
- Christine Dyer- Pringle: Minutes

Members absent

- (none)

Quorum established

- The Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association successfully established a quorum at 4:05 pm. Christine Dyer - Pringle was introduced & welcomed to the board members as the new minutes taker.

Approval of Minutes

- No previous minutes were read.

Additions to the Agenda

- Karen stated that Liz Gray, who is the association's representative to the Illegal Fireworks Committee, would join the meeting after work.
- Deby requested that Brian give a quick report on NART.

Motion

- There was provisional support for Agenda item number three (Neighborhood Outreach Mailing), requesting a draft of the brochure and also more information about the mailing list as the SCNA list seems more accurate than the City's now that Lowell has worked on it. A motion was introduced by Deby DeWeese. Motion seconded by Brian Holman. The vote was unanimous.
- The annual domain is up for renewal for Twenty Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$20.99). The motion for renewal was introduced by Deby DeWeese and seconded by Brian Holman. The vote was unanimous.
- The Google workspace was up for renewal for Seventy Two Dollars (\$72.00). The motion for renewal was introduced by Deby DeWeese and seconded by Brian Holman. The vote was unanimous.

Actions taken /Agreed to be taken

Karen:

- Before submitting the goals of the association to Makayla, ensure that all board members review.
- Will be finding out how new development areas get NA representation (the NLA boundaries committee may be looking at city codes & what needs to change).
- Robin suggested submitting Citizen Service Requests –to get stop signs in WoodRiver Village. Robin doesn't feel that a meeting at this time is needed regarding SCNA's neighborhood street safety proposals.

- Following up as to when Chamberlain is going to become a neighborhood Greenway

Lowell:

- Draft a plan and present to the board on how to enhance the association mailing list. To include a physical street address to confirm a member for voting purposes.
- Provide suggestion on:
 - How to make it easy for the public to attend meetings
 - How to make the agenda available to the public
 - When to publish the Newsletter
 - How to establish a regular schedule to publish the Newsletter
 - Is the Newsletter going to be the primary method to announce meetings

Brian:

- Assist Karen in getting a meeting set up to discuss when and how Chamberlain is going to become a neighborhood Greenway and be opened to traffic,pedestrians, and bicyclists

Board:

- Only partially committed to participating in the Neighborhood outreach mailing and agreed to request a draft of the product and their City's mailing list to reach a final conclusion.
- Should follow up on the status of the NSSP projects.

Input to the NLA: What are the goals of your Neighborhood Association over the next year and /or biennium (July2021-June2023)

- Karen stated: Makayla requested that Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association give input to the NLA and Karen cut and pasted the questions: What are the goals of your neighborhood association?& What is it that the Association wants the NLA to focus on most this biennium?.

- Regarding the Association's goal, Karen suggested that the information could be generated directly from the SCNA work plan.
- Deby requested that the work plan be revised by all board members before sending off to the NLA to ensure that it reflects all their goals.
- Lowell expressed concern about private information in the work plan becoming a public document, but that concern was put at ease when he was told that the work plan's points would be submitted and not the actual work plan.

What do you want the NLA to focus on most this Biennium?

Karen wants:

- NLA to focus on residential street safety.
- NLA not to focus on Neighborhood Boundaries (other than the UGB expansion) because there is no interest at the Council Level. It will require the Council's support to get into the Council work plan and get it budgeted.
- NLA to focus on helping NA's be stronger and better. To improve how they operate for example board recruitment (how to recruit diverse board members and expand membership) bylaws and survey.

Deby wants:

- NLA to work with the Council to help educate neighborhoods about code updates
- NLA to continue focus on land use education
- NLA to working more closely with the city council so to pay attention to what neighbors & voters want.
- Lowell & Brian agreed with Karen's and Deby's suggestions.

Neighborhood Outreach Mailing

- Karen mentioned that Makayla is suggesting that the NLA use funds from the budget to participate in a city-wide mailing to all NA's to assist with its membership/board recruitment and help educate. However, the board was concerned about how good the source is for the addresses and how effective this method is compared to the previous one used; they are half-committed and suggested requesting a draft of the product and the City's mailing list

Reports

NLA and boundaries

Karen reported:

- That they were looking for a representative for the homelessness group but no one on the NLA volunteered hence they advocated that board members of NAs, if interested, could be on this group.
- Bonnie from the Southwest Neighborhood Association spoke about the COID land and the need to save it. Ian, the assistant city attorney, commented that there was no application at that point; hence, there was nothing to report on because the city didn't have any information on it
- Re a discussion with The Bend Economic Development Board (BEDAB): BEDAB does not want to work with individual NA's on businesses because they believe each NA could come up with something that could tailor to their own needs. However, they think there is a role for them to work with NLA to help businesses. Hence, they will be drafting up a plan to see how that can do that.
- Regards to the Chair report, the roundabout issue is on hold because of budget reasons and not because the association opposed it. Karen is pushing for the council to engage people more in their discussion.
- Karen followed up with Robin regarding the status of the NSSP projects. The funding source seems to be the bond issue which means that the association will be required to work with the transportation oversight committee for the NSSP. Karen stressed the importance of staying on top of things because the projects are big dollar items and we want them done.
- Karen submitted a Citizen Service Request on behalf of the association as per instruction from Robin to get Chamberlain open. She has not received a reply yet. She was also instructed to submit a Citizen Service Request to get a stop sign at WoodRiver Village.

- Karen was unsuccessful in setting up a meeting with Robin to discuss when is Chamberlain going to become a neighborhood Greenway and if it makes sense to open up Chamberlain if it is going to be a neighborhood Greenway. But she is still working on finding a way to meet.

Land use and working with other NA's

Deby:

- Stated that a partnership might develop between BEDAB and the NLA to ensure that commercial developments have parking.
- Mentioned that most of the big developments in the association NA's have now been approved.
- Stated that Brian talked to COID and found out that the cost for the land would be \$10 to \$14 million. She is concerned that the community won't come up with \$14 million in three months because there is not much partnership or money . There is also a conflict in that SBNA thinks the association can buy the land & SCNA is more focused on the trails as many in their NA gave up on buying the land long time ago, but SBNA still in the shock stage. There is a meeting scheduled on March 23rd ,2021, to discuss purchasing the land and to discuss options. The meeting will be with the SBNA's City Council representative, Anthony Broadman, and the SCNA's City Council representative, Barb Campbell. Deb Schoen from the Bend Parks and Rec Board will also be attending.

Illegal fireworks committee

Liz Gray:

- Stated that she has a couple of PDF files & a fire risk website that the association might be interested in. (She sent this information to Lowell in the chat so he can forward to all of the Board.)
- Even though laws exists to regulate fireworks, they are not being enforced & there is no good reporting system even though the city is prone to wildfire. The group's goal is to pressure the city to start regulating and enforcing those existing laws for multiple reasons. Primary at this point is wildfire risk & changes that come with a dryer & hotter climate.
- There have been meeting with the city councilors trying to re-invigorate things that already exist. There is an illegal firework task force in the city that does not function. There is an email that allow people to report illegal fire works, which is still publish on the website,

which is not being monitored. So the meeting was to encourage the city councilors and the police department to prioritize these tools because it is a public safety.

- She also stated that community involvement is required to stimulating action; the need to start documenting these big illegal displays by utilizing video & email reporting.

Treasurer and communication

Lowell reported:

- Nothing new to report with regards to expenditures
- \$2500 remain in the budget for the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2021
- Seeking approval for the Annual Domain renewal for \$20.99 for the year. Deby makes a motion for approval to renew the annual domain which was second by Brian. All were in favor. Motion was passed
- The Google workspace was also up for renewal for \$72 for the year, Deby makes the motion while Brian's second, all was in favor. Hence Motion passed.
- Seeking the board's approval to work on enhancing the association mailing list to include a physical street address to know if someone is a member for voting purposes.

HB 2001

Brian reported:

- That meeting this month is schedule for next week ,and the last one was on February 2, 2021
- He was not able to attend the HB 2001 meeting in February.
- Deby requested since time was out that Brian submit a brief report on the NART meeting he attended and Brian said he would send this to the Board.

The meeting was adjoined at 5:58 pm.