



Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

Opening

Karen Bergsvik called to order the regular meeting of the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's Board at 4:00 pm over Zoom on May 20, 2021. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Karen Bergsvik - Chair, Deby DeWeese - Vice-Chair/Land Use Chair, Lowell Von Ruden -Treasurer/IT Communication.

Others Present:

Sara Santa - HB2001 Stakeholder Group

Additions To the Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion: Lowell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Deby seconded, all in favor.

Actions Taken/Agreed to Be Taken

Lowell:

- Send out a special newsletter regarding the changes that the city is proposing about HB 2001.

Karen:

- Communicate with Janet Hruby, to get more information for the newsletter about the options available to open Chamberlain.

Deby:

- Put the additional question on Slack for Board members to review regarding questions to ask guests/non Board members who attend Board meetings.

- Communicate with Sara for the verbiage for the special email & template for postcard re HB2001.

Board

- Between now and June 14, the board is going to have to push out material to the neighborhood and try to get them to communicate to the city regarding the proposed changes, especially around parking.

Reports

Lowell - Treasurer and IT

- ◆ The usps mailer for recruiting Board members and members for SCNA will be done in the next fiscal year, due to limited funding in this budget.
- ◆ He has not gotten too far with the email list clean-up because of the other things going on.
- ◆ He set up folders on Google Drive for the Board.

Deby -Vice-Chair and Land Use

- ◆ New Developments/Notifications: The notifications since the last Board meeting have all been for Short Term Rentals and have all been reported in an email.
- ◆ COID Land:
 1. In a series of emails, she pushed BPRD to redo their sign on the COID land to include the trail the neighbors want to remain – the trail from the horses onto the COID land. Neighbors brought this new signpost to her attention – it was installed while she was traveling. The signpost BPRD put up completely bypassed the NA’s trail from the horse property to where the piped canal trail connects at the open canal. BPRD has agreed to fix that signpost and said it will take about a month to get new arrows.
 2. Since the last Board meeting, a second email update to the MailChimp list on this project was sent out.
 3. The joint NA group working on COID decided to meet with Pahlisch. SBNA will be deciding who will represent them.
 4. A grassroots group in SBNA has been handing out a two-page flyer about the project to some of their neighbors. They are also working on a trifold brochure.
 5. Lisa from CWNA has been working to educate the Mt Bachelor Village Condo HOA group about the development.

6. Deby received a lot of emails from people who were concerned about Pahlisch saying they will be developing the COID land in this KTVZ story:
<https://ktvz.com/news/business/2021/05/07/pahlisch-homes-outlines-plans-to-work-with-bend-community-on-new-developments/> People that lived in SBNA were referred back to SBNA, since they don't live in Southern Crossing, and seemed to have incorrect information. Deby followed up with Jessica at Pahlisch about the story and she reiterated that she wants to keep the dialogue going between Pahlisch and the NA's and communicated that she felt the story had errors in it.
7. The joint group is taking turns monitoring coidbendinfo@gmail.com , and Karen just finished her turn.

- ◆ NLA Land Use Working Group: The educational work continues.

- ◆ Land Use Chairs Networking Group: meeting rescheduled to June 3rd.

- ◆ Land Use Chair Network Group – Council Subgroup: No meeting as the next step is to work with the larger Land Use Chair Networking Group to set up diodes to interview the City Councilors on Land Use Issues.

- ◆ City Council Meetings:

1. Deby attended the City Council meeting where the Planning Dept educated the new Council about HB2001. Melanie Perkins asked why it seems as though the public was left out of the discussion around this major code change. She was the only Councilor who seemed concerned about this.
2. Deby attended the City Council work session where the Council started discussing the concept of no parking for developments.

Karen - Chair & NLA

- ◆ Reminded the board that what is discussed in the meeting is recorded and it is public information and hence should be reflected in the minutes.

- ◆ She has been asking for a copy of or summary of citizen service requests that are submitted in Southern Crossing, because it gives valuable information about what people are asking for in the neighborhood. SCNA also steers people to fill out that form when they have a complaint. We do not know how effective they are unless they know what is turned in. People's names and contact information is on their request and they have not given permission to the City to share that information. One of the objectives of the City is to use city data to help NAs make better decisions. Makayla is still working with the assistant city

engineer, Janet Hruby on how they might be able to remove the contact information, so that this information can be shared at least quarterly.

- ◆ The next meeting scheduled for NART is May 27, 2021, at 5:30 pm. Karen stated she will attend while Deby volunteered for the June Meeting.
- ◆ Karen will be out of town for the June NLA meeting and the NLA does not allow a substitute to attend at this point. She will get the notes from Makayla and find out if there are any action items.
- ◆ Karen had a conversation with Janet Hruby, the assistant city engineer, and she is very interested in having Chamberlain opened. The width of the road is public right away, so it can be opened. The city wants it opened however it needs a lot of work to open it up fully- sidewalks, paving, drainage, and taking out some trees. It is not in the transportation budget. In the past, the city reached out to the people who live on the street, and they are opposed to having the street opened. She shared that the neighborhood supported opening it, because it would take the pressure off of Silver Lake and help the traffic flow in that entire neighborhood. Silver Lake gets backed up and people cannot turn left very easily out of Silver Lake. Having another entry/exit point would help that neighborhood. Janet committed to working on a more detailed plan of the different options and a map. She also was going to check with Robin because this could be tied into the NSSP improvements at Chamberlain, as well as making Chamberlain a Neighborhood Greenway.
- ◆ Janet suggested that SCNA send a letter to the city requesting the opening of Chamberlain and that the neighborhood supports it. SCNA wants to partner with the city to explore this feasibility and expand it, to include the NSSP project and making Chamberlain a Neighborhood Greenway. The board agreed to get the neighborhood's input in a survey that can be in the regular newsletter. The survey can include questions that require a yes or no answer - for example would you like to see Chamberlain opened? yes or no? Should Southern Crossing work for that?
- ◆ Karen followed up with Barb regarding using the funds allocated for the roundabout traffic, to fund the NSSP projects. The response was no because the projects are funded as part of the transportation bond. It should stay there because the funds right now are set aside for the two projects.

Sara Santa: Update on 2001 HB Stakeholders Group

Sara Santa reported:

- ◆ that the last Stakeholder Group Meeting was held on April 28, 2021. The draft of the code changes is available on the city website, it is about 107 pages.
- ◆ that the City is now in the public comment period and what has happened is that the minority group (which is five of the 15 stakeholders that represent neighborhoods, & the general

public interest), have taken up a couple of issues. These issues have to do with the code itself, focusing mainly on density and parking.

- ◆ The minority group has been meeting every week since the last meeting, trying to put pressure on the City Council to reconsider their approach of going the stakeholder route. They have learned that some of the other cities in Oregon, mainly Eugene, but also Hillsboro and Beaverton, have taken a far more transparent approach to this process. These cities have a website about HB 2001 with very easy-to-understand written descriptions of what these code changes mean. They had about 15 public workshops and different kinds of public outreach. Bend has done none of that, so the minority group's biggest complaint at this point is that this whole process, which will impact Bend for the next hundred years, has taken place behind closed doors with 15 people.
- ◆ Grants were available for public outreach and education, but Bend didn't request funds. If they had asked for the money, the city would have the resources to do the outreach. They expect the public comment and outreach portion to be driven by the neighborhood associations and by the NLA. She does not feel that that is a fair approach because that is a lot of work to put back on volunteers when it really should be on the city themselves.
- ◆ This is a big issue because putting duplexes and triplexes and quadplexes in single-family, residential areas is not going to go over very well with the public. If the city does not get the public buy-in to the concept of middle housing now, then every time those projects come up in the future, it's going to be more and more work for all of the land-use people and the public in general.
- ◆ The minority committee has the following issues: Wants a “Eugene style” community engagement process. There are three siting standards, which are the floor area ratio, minimum lot size, and minimum off-street parking requirements. There is also confusion around the cottage clusters and cottage housing code because Bend already has a cottage housing code. They are proposing to add a second cottage code so that if somebody wanted to build a cottage cluster, they could go with either code A or code B.
- ◆ The current code allows parking per development - however the city has currently written and is proceeding to have zero parking requirements.
- ◆ The minority committee realizes that the city has no plan for community outreach, or to educate the community or to solicit public comment. With a tight deadline with which to work, the SCNA is tasked with the responsibility of soliciting people to write to the city stating their dissatisfaction with current changes.
- ◆ Action plans are as follows: writing editorials to the paper, encourage people to visit the website, and educate themselves. Look at the survey about parking, send an email to the City Council, have a couple of people writing letters to the planning commission, letters to the

city council, express opinions and concerns on Next Door or other public forums. Reaching out to NART, the land use chairs, and talk to people from the ADA community about these parking concerns.

Guests/Non-Board member attendees at Board meetings: how should they be engaged?

The board discussed what would be appropriate involvement/input for guests/ non-Board members who attend the board meetings. Would it be appropriate to get them involved in discussions during the meeting or should they be observers only? The board decided that it would be appropriate at the end of the meeting to thank the guests for attending, letting them know they are free to attend in the future. If there are any questions or if they want to share anything or give feedback, they should feel free to contact the board. Deby proposed to put the additional questions on Slack for the board to review for the guests/ non-board members' attendees.

Board recruitment

Update on Citywide mailer

- ◆ Karen put the information she received from Makayla regarding the content for the Citywide Mailer on Slack for the Board Members to review.
- ◆ The content is good and is a very high-level introduction to NA's, however SCNA may want to do something specifically for our NA. Deby wrote some specific language for SCNA that was more targeted. The advantage of the Citywide mailer is access to the City mailing list, that includes renters.
- ◆ The board agreed to ask the neighbors to do a call to action on HB 2001 and have a sentence about board recruitment. For example, if you're concerned about issues like this, come join our board. However, the primary focus should be on HB2001.
- ◆ The board also agrees the Minority Community should provide the wording for the special email & template for the postcard. The target date for sending out the email blast and the postcard is June 1st.