



## **Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**August 19, 2021**

**Opening:** Karen Bergsvik called to order the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's Board meeting at 4:00 pm on August 19, 2021. A quorum was established.

**Board Members Present:** Karen Bergsvik - Chair, Deby DeWeese - Vice-Chair/Land Use Chair, Lowell Von Ruden -Treasurer/IT Communication.

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

**Motion:** Lowell made a motion to approve minutes for the July Meeting. Deby seconded, all in favor.

#### **Actions Taken/Agreed to Be Taken**

##### **Lowell:**

- Markup a post for HB2001, send to Deby
- Add post on fireworks
- Update the board application after getting feedback
- Find a contact for Reed Lane apartments
- Propose a timeline for mailings and communications leading up to general meeting

**Public Comments:** There was no public comment

#### **Reports**

##### **Lowell - Treasurer and IT Communications**

*Lowell reported that :*

The Budget spreadsheet was uploaded to the Board Share with updates to the planned expenses that the board discussed at the last meeting .

CWNA and OFDNA confirmed that they will continue with the shared storage unit. Lisa suggested seeing if additional NAs would like to share the current space, however he is not able to take on such a project and suggested referring anyone who is interested to communicate with Lisa. The board agreed.

As previously discussed he created a new spreadsheet to summarize responses to the email newsletters. Lowell also stated that he noticed that the number of clicks is up noticeably this month, primarily due to the 16 lot subdivision item. The board agrees that the data collected is very interesting and can give insight into what the neighbors are interested in.

He had made additional changes to the board application form and would like the board to review and give feedback. Some specific things to examine:

- It was suggested to make Special Interests mandatory, but that would mean a person would have to choose one of the items even if it didn't apply. As a possible alternative, he added the General Board selection, intending that they could choose that if necessary. His personal preference would be to not make Special Interests mandatory.
- He grouped the diversity related questions at the end, and made an attempt to make them apply to both residents and businesses.
- He needs help coming up with text for the Diversity separator. Please suggest alternatives, including replacing the word Diversity.
- You can't see it in the screenshot, but in the auto-response message after completing the form, he added a suggestion that they attend a board meeting and pointed to the meetings web page.

For most land use items, and some more significant general news items that have been going into our last couple of newsletters, he has been creating a corresponding post on the website, mostly a copy/paste from what's in the newsletter.

The board reviewed the website task list, including discussing what the priorities should be for different types of items.

## **Deby - Vice-Chair and Land Use**

Deby reported that :

Bri was approved. The developer explained their decision was as a result of the condition of the soil and also to avoid digging out all that sand and then having several trucks passing through the neighborhood.

Mailbox: Lowell said he would check the mailbox when Deby is on vacation.

New Developments/Notifications: All new development notifications were sent via email to the Board. The notification with the most neighbor involvement has been for a STR on McClellan Ln.

Deby did not attend the appeal for the development in WRV, however a neighbor who volunteered to attend stated that no one showed up for the hearing. Deby will investigate the matter.

Deby has been receiving complaints and she also personally witnessed the level of the noise at the Les Schwab Amphitheater.

Deby reported about the meeting with Mike Fisher, whose family owns the property at 875 SW Bond, which is the land North of Blakely Park. She has also been tallying the nearby neighbors about whether they prefer a food truck pod, a nursery or cottage houses. There were no votes for houses, however the vote ran 50/50 for the other choices.

COID Land: Deby will be doing the following:

1. submitting a draft update email to the COID Strategy team to send out to the three NA's email list.
2. Go through the COID MailChimp email list for email addresses from folks who live in SBNA and give to SBNA.
3. Identify on a map which trails are the most important to save.

NLA Land Use Working Group : No more meetings as Phase One is done.

NART : the SCNA representative for the August 31 meeting will be Lowell.

Land Use Chairs Networking Group : The Land Use Chairs are discouraged about the Planning Commission meeting and how HB2001 is going to get passed without any public input. Deby asked the group if they should consider tabling the work they have done to have one-on-one

meetings with the Councilors about how the land use process is not working since this Council has not shown any interest in listening to the neighbors. There was some frustration over this, but everyone agreed it's the wrong political climate so the group should hold off, especially since the Council currently looks at NA's as NIMBY.

As the facilitator of this group, Deby suggested a number of areas they can focus on instead and the group decided on two items:

- 1) Short Term Rentals.
- 2) Educating the Land Use Chairs.

Save Bend :

It looks as though Save Bend has fizzled out. There has been a new person interested in doing more and Deby has connected him with Stefany, who had developed the website for Save Bend. That connection was only made last week so maybe something will come out of this eventually.

Land Use Help : Two more people stepped forward who responded to the newsletter blurb about helping with land use issues. Deby has been following up with them, but has nothing to report yet. In the meantime, another neighbor who lives in the NA has been very active in a couple of land use issues and is turning out to be quite competent and reliable.

### ***Karen - Chair and NLA***

*Karen reported on the following:*

NLA:

An update was given by Lisa on the Land Use Working group, and that they held the last meeting in August. Seven documents were presented to the NLA for support, and it was unanimously approved to endorse the documents. NA's were asked to educate both their board members and the public about the new land use tools. City staff and Land Use Chairs are available to speak at NA's general meetings about the tools. City also has a new staff person - a communication person for land-use - and that will be a help to the community.

Sounding Board: Hans said that he represents the NLA on the Board, so the NLA will need to select a new representative. He will remain on it as a member at large.

Neighborhood reports: Awbrey Butte: Christopher Pearson will be the new NLA representative. Hans is the Chair of ABNA. They have had significant membership growth. Get new members by leveraging hot topics. 50 HOA's within ABNA.

Century West did not meet in July. They were very excited about the change in speed limits on Century. They have added 25 new members, and now have 35-40% of residents as members. Unfortunately the members don't volunteer to be on the Board.

Me(Karen)on SCNA: Reported that Deby as Land Use Chair has been very active in HB 2001 -providing testimony to the Planning Commission. Also was active on the Land Use Working Group. We are also continuing to partner with SBNA and CWNA on the COID property. Met with Killian Pacific about proposed development by Box Factory and that prompted me to reach out to OBNA about that and Korpine - and they are very interested in working together on this corridor, particularly around transportation issues. We support a permanent fireworks ban.

Southeast Bend: have vacancies on the Board. 7 on Board, 3 active. August 24th is the quarterly meeting with Mayor Russell.

Old Bend: Transportation Committee is very active - really concerned about cut through traffic. Completing Deschutes River Trail through downtown is also another priority. Mentioned working with us on Korpine.

Riverwest- has lots of volunteers and new Board Members. Their website is new. August 12 is the date of their annual meeting. They have a volunteer coordinator now as so many people want to volunteer on the Board.

Old Farm: Board met last night. Have a full board. Dave is staying until his NLA replacement is fully trained.

Shawn: Bill Bernardy moved on. Keeping a full board is challenging. Fire mitigation and evacuation routes are key issues. Also with all the new developments - will they be new NA's or be folded into existing NA's.

Mountain View: has a new website. Is hosting a formal meeting August 23rd and then a block party with a band/ice cream the following day. Block party has music and ice cream. Had to get a noise variance. Issues are traffic, fire, land use/parking.

SBNA: working on designing and writing a survey for the 3 NAs for the COID property. Elizabeth spoke about the Murphy crossing refinement plan and how the RV park was approved with the plan in place - huge disappointment as that was codified in 2006 - and that land use was not allowed in the plan. At the last hearing the RV park was approved. Board is down one member but just got 2 new members. Feel like they are short on workers. Want to tackle how to use social media.

Boyd Acres had their annual meeting in July. Parks and Rec came, as well as someone from the County. 100 attended out of 4700 residences - disappointed with the low attendance. Kathy is acting chair. NA in transition. They are concerned about parking around cluster mailboxes and the lack of enforcement, short term rentals, and sewage.

Larkspur's next meeting is in September. Also supports a ban on fireworks. Support mask wearing. Thought the Wilson open house was really good.

Orchard: Seeing a transition on board. Another board member had to move because they could not afford to live here. They are going to start recruiting. Submitted comments on HB 2001. Support fireworks ban. They are getting lots of short term rental applications and have looked at what Hood River has done in this area. NA bought yard signs - one side in English and other side in Spanish.