



Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022

Opening

Karen Bergsvik called to order the regular meeting of the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's Board at 5:01 pm over Zoom on April 21, 2022. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Karen Bergsvik - Chair

Deby DeWeese - Vice-Chair/Land Use Chair

Lowell Von Ruden -Treasurer/IT Communication

Robbie Silverman - Land Use Team

Paul Dieffenthaler - Land Use Team

Others Present:

Jim Elliott - Lives in the Neighborhood Association (NA)

Susan Richman - Lives in the Neighborhood Association (NA)

Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves to one another.

Additions To the Agenda:

No additions to the agenda.

Motion:

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

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

Karen mentioned to the guests that the minutes are posted on the website. It was clarified that they are posted once approved. We do not know how many people look at them on the webpage.

Actions Taken/Agreed to Be Taken

Reports

A. Chair: - Report submitted before the meeting.

At the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) meetings, they now give each NA representative 2 minutes to report on what's going on in their neighborhood. Karen asked the other NA's how they do radar signs, how they make that decision, and how effective the signs are. The other NA's didn't have an opportunity to respond.

Deby asked which of the NA's isn't contributing to the Town Halls. Karen does not have that information.

April 28 is when the Southwest Bend NA general meeting is taking place. Karen said their guest speaker seemed interesting as did some of their topics. Both Karen and Deby might attend.

Deby mentioned that someone had asked what the neighborhoods are doing around fire wise and wanted to know if anyone ever answered those questions. Karen said that this is the first meeting where each NA had only 2 minutes, and it really is not a good way to get feedback from the other attendees. Karen will ask Makayla as to the best way to get answers from other NA's.

Tax Exempt Committee – The City is going forward with the multi-unit property tax exemption and the non-profit tax exemption at this time. The vertical housing is off the table and the committee members agreed that the middle housing should be changed at the state level. All the taxing districts are in agreement with the non-profit tax exemption. There were questions about MUPTE and about the public benefit requirement they have. MUPTE can choose from a list of public benefits if they get an exemption - affordable housing and middle income are 2 choices, however it's not mandatory and it is a choice. This will go to the Community Building Subcommittee of the City Council. There were many questions about the public benefits, especially around affordable housing and middle housing. At this time, the recommendation is that developers can choose to do them, but they are not mandatory. **Karen** will be contacting Barb Campbell, SCNA's Council liaison about the recommendations.

B. Vice-Chair/Land Use - Report submitted before the meeting.

There are no new large developments in the NA. The city has finally replied to Deby and Paul, and **Paul** is working on getting the information for the Short-Term Rental (STR) lists. **Deby** will be meeting with Mira about the Governor's Executive Order and what it means for COID land.

C. Treasurer- Report submitted before the meeting.

Lowell reviewed the budget. Funds were set aside for another mailing, and the Board needs to decide if they want to do that or something else with the remaining funds before the end of June. The group discussed possible options. Deby made a motion that they do a postcard mailing and that **Karen** and **Robbie** will determine the topics for the mailing. The topics will be approved by the rest of the board. The Board will use their postcard mailing funds to cover the mailing up to approximately \$1,200. Lowell seconded. All in favor.

Lowell asked if he should make an additional email alias for the Board plus Paul and Robbie. Karen and Deby don't think this is needed at this time.

Lowell mentioned he will need an invoice for the funds going to the Town Hall event. **Karen** will follow up with Lisa on what our costs are; SCNA had approved up to \$250.

Deby looked at the email list and noted that they are getting a 46% open rate which is great.

D. Robbie - Land Use Chair Networking Group -

Robbie did not attend the last meeting so she will get the minutes and report on it. The main focus of the last few meetings is short term rentals.

E. Paul - Web and Short-term rental survey

Paul and Deby are working on the STR information. Paul presented data on short term rentals; 5% of available lots are being used as STR's in SCNA. It was decided not to replicate Awbrey Butte's survey of STR at this time. Paul will use the newsletter to educate SCNA members. It was suggested that something on STR's be included in the postcard mailing.

Paul emailed Board members about proposed webpage changes; due to the lack of feedback he will set up phone calls with those that prefer that method of communication.

Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) update

Survey - SCNA is one of three NA's sponsoring it. What can we do to encourage people to complete it within SCNA?

The goal of the survey is to get information about how people use the park. We don't know how much our members think and know about the land. The survey is a first attempt to get broad feedback and to learn what the neighborhood wants. A press release will be going out in the next few weeks. It will also will be sent to the NA's to be included in each NA's newsletters and it will be posted to the Facebook page. Robbie said there is also a brochure distribution to notify the neighborhood. **Deby and Karen** volunteered to help distribute in their sections of the neighborhood.

Withdrawal of the partition request.

The request has been withdrawn. They have not submitted the lot line adjustment yet.

Update on the trail sign

Bend Parks and Rec thought they had updated the sign, and it has not been done yet. **Deby** will stay on top of it.

Special meeting of NLA on Deschutes South Canyon and on the Stevens Tract

It will be a 1-hour meeting where Robert will present the Save Bend Greenspace video. The view easement will be added to the section about barriers to development.

Radar Speed Signs

Karen presented a summary of the radar sign requests and a corresponding map of the location requests. After much discussion it was decided to recommend radar signs for: Silver Lake, Brookwood, and Truman.

Shelter Code Amendments

Public Hearing for Council May 4, 2022 - Does the Board want to submit comments to Council? What are hot topics that neighborhoods wanted in their letter to Council from the NLA? What did the majority of neighborhoods agree on? Town Hall meetings April 25 and 27, 2022 at Caldera High School - Who can attend? Agreed to help support the meetings up to \$250.

Karen reviewed the hot topics that were brought up at the NLA. They are: 24 hour/7 days a week site management and whether it should be mandatory or optional; a buffer between schools and shelters; wild fire risks to be considered by the shelters. Karen had suggested that shelter guests could be trained to do site management to keep staff costs down; NLA members had questions as to how that would work given the transitory nature of the shelters. No action was taken on the buffer as the City Attorney reviewed the current laws regarding drugs and sex offenders. Shelters have to abide by the fire code, and the fires that have been started have been at unmanaged camps.

The Board decided they will not submit comments to Council. Board members will attend the Town Hall meetings.

Let's Pull Together - May 21, 2022

Does SCNA want to be a site coordinator?

As a site coordinator, you would be at the site to give out the city provided materials that the cleanup crew needs. Karen will be out of town and Deby can't do it either. **Robbie** will do it if there is a site that makes sense and **Paul** offered to help.

May Meeting

Marney Smith and the renovation of the amphitheater and upcoming concert season (She is with Old Mill and the amphitheater). Karen requested a preview of the amphitheater as a tool to help neighbors see changes, and also as a way to recruit more members. She did not hear back from Beau. Do we want to ask them to do anything for SCNA?

There are specific questions that neighbors have asked about the amphitheater (such as, what is the charge for the chairs? How many concerts are there going to be? Is there an upper limit for the total number of concerts?)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.