



## **Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 12, 2022**

#### **Opening**

Karen Bergsvik called to order the regular meeting of the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's Board at 5:04 pm over Zoom on May 12, 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

#### **Others Present:**

Marney Smith - Old Mill/Hayden Home Amphitheater

Brent Joseph - Old Mill/Hayden Home Amphitheater

Eddie Mack - Production Manager - Old Mill/Hayden Home Amphitheater

Bonnie Redler - SBNA Board Member

Leslie Blok - Lives in the Neighborhood Association (NA)

Melissa Stamm - Minutes

#### **Absent:**

Paul Dieffenthaler - Land Use Team

#### **Introductions:**

Everyone introduced themselves to one another. Karen invited the guests to participate in the discussion.

## **Additions To the Agenda :**

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

## **Marney Smith, Old Mill/Hayden Home Amphitheater - Questions/Answers:**

Marney and a few staff members from the Amphitheater made themselves available to share what changes have and will be taking place to the venue, as well as answering some specific questions that have come up.

Renovations have taken place which include a new stage, more accessible pathways to and through the amphitheater, as well as a new entrance. Capacity hasn't changed but there is more generous space to move around. Due to the stage changing, the sound travel has changed and this has impacted many residents. Since the last concert season ended, the amphitheater has decided to change the direction of the speakers and they will continue to monitor and adjust the sound while maintaining the environment. The decibel limit is 100. There will be some trial and error, but the staff are paying attention to the concerns that have been brought forward. A contact number will be shared with the neighbors and the phone line is answered during the shows. This phone number is: 541-312-8510.

Total concerts - There will be 51 concerts this year, and there will possibly be less going forward.

Food vendors - The vendors will be the same, however they are moving forward with a cashless payment system. There is an option to get a "cash-to-card" with the cash money you have on hand. There is no additional fee for this service and you can spend the residual money anywhere that takes credit cards.

Chairs - Chair rentals are \$10 each. You can rent them ahead of time or the day of. They don't anticipate a situation where they will run out of chairs for those who want to sit. Guests can also bring in beach blankets, blankets or yoga mats, but no larger than 20x30 inches.

Fees - The additional fees go to Ticketmaster and are insurance that if the show cancels, then you will get a full refund. Only a small portion of fees stay local.

Covid Rules - It is up to the artist if proof of vaccination or negative testing is required for entry. There are currently only 4 upcoming shows that require those testing policies. Local or government requirements could change and will be adhered to. There are currently no mask requirements. A rapid test is sufficient.

Rain - If it rains, there are no refunds. The show will go on rain or shine, but if there is lightning they will monitor how close it is to the venue. Smoky air is also another concern that has come up in the past and they are working with OSHA on how to manage extreme weather events.

Dogs on the grounds when there are no concerts - There is a path on the outside of the fence where you can walk around. In the off season, the amphitheater will be undergoing phase 3 of renovations and there will be some restricted areas. Beyond that, there may be 2 or 3 more renovation phases.

Will the Deschutes River trail be closed - Yes, there will be a detour on show days.

Train Station - It will be used in some capacity for the concerts, but exactly how has not been decided as of yet.

Percentage of local concert goers versus out of town - It's 50/50 and is determined by zip code.

Artificial turf area - It is a test area before they commit to it elsewhere. It is a green solution as it does not require water, will cool off faster, and is lower maintenance.

Designated ADA and VIP Entry - greeters will greet the guests and direct them to the dispersed accessible seating areas. Movement within the space is easier now than before.

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

#### **Reports**

**A. Chair:** - Reports submitted before the meeting:

At the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) meeting, radar signs were discussed. Other NA's did the same process of soliciting neighbors for radar sign location suggestions and then discussed the pros and cons and chose 3.

Old Bend did a traffic plan of what they would like to see happen and what they don't like about the current traffic plan. **Karen** wants to find out what they do with it as a next step and how they go about implementing it.

There will also be a discussion at the Summit West NA Board meeting on why we don't have evacuation routes. Deby asked Karen who will report back on what the city says. Karen said there may or may not be a report at the next NLA meeting. There are a lot of NLA positions that are resigning and others that are not seeking reappointment.

Shelter Code Amendments - 3 changes that City Council wants to make are to have mandatory 24-hour site supervision, remove hardship parking (RV's), and notify the NA if the shelter is to be located in their neighborhood. Deby commended Karen on these changes as 2 of 3 changes are ones that Karen had recommended.

Robert Anderson presented on Deschutes South Canyon, and Mountain View NA asked that Save Bend Greenspace attend their General Meeting. They have agreed to attend.

Woodriver Drive is on the list for the Neighborhood Street Safety Project. They are planning on designing it this year and getting neighborhood input with implementation in 2023. Waiting on confirmation that City staff will attend the June Board meeting, and then we can publicize.

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

Deby has started breaking down the short term rental information to help Paul with the reporting he wants to do.

Bend Bikes - Deby has been in communication with their staff person and they want to partner for the trails around COID land.

Stevens development: 35.5 acres will be pulled into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and they say they are doing it for affordable housing, however they are only using a small portion of the land for affordable housing. Karen added that there will be 2,487 dwelling units on 11.3 acres and additionally 18 acres will be deed restricted to 80% or less of median income or less.

### **C. Treasurer-** Report submitted before the meeting:

On track to use up the budget for this fiscal year. Deby had some clarification questions on her reimbursements. She will get them submitted to Lowell by mid June. The Board has budgeted for paying Melissa through to June with the current fiscal budget.

Postcards and mailing - Preparation for the postcards was done like previous years, and the mailing list was updated. There are 2,094 addresses now which is 300 more than last year, which means mailing costs have gone up along with increased costs in general. There have been supply chain issues and we ended up going with a print-only shop, and someone else will do addressing and mailing. NA budgets may be cut as of July 1, the new fiscal year, as the City approved a stipend for volunteers, and the resources need to come from somewhere. Lowell mentioned only 1 mailing a year will be able to happen if the budget is cut.

The opening of the newsletter emails has been steady the last several months. Biggest hits were the 21 lot development at Blakley and the Let's Pull Together event. Town Hall and STR's were low on hits. Lowell has collected some basic data over the last 2 weeks and he will send it to Paul.

### **D. Robbie - Land Use Chair Networking Group -**

There were questions about shelter notification and they confirmed with Type 1 that it's "no notification" and Type 2 is the "standard notification". The providers are required to communicate with the neighborhood associations and to show proof that there was communication. There isn't a way for the community to comment.

### **Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) Update:**

**Survey - Will be added to postcard mailing - to date over 450 responses**

Deschutes South Canyon survey - over 600 responses now.

### **Submittal of the lot land adjustments - Robbie and Deby**

Robbie submitted a public info request to COID and they replied. they withdrew their partition application but there is now a property line application. There will be a meeting between Colin

Stevens, Robert Anderson and Clint, so if anyone has questions, Robbie will bring the questions to the group. Deby clarified for the guests that because it is a large area of land, normally they would do a Type 2 application and it would involve the public. They are trying to do smaller lot line Type 1 adjustments and therefore have no public involvement. They shouldn't be able to do Type 1, but the city is allowing it. Robbie mentioned that they are not meeting the criteria of road access for this application type.

There is also a story on Channel 21 that has aired about the survey.

### **Shelter Code Amendments**

**Town Hall meeting attended by both Robbie and Karen. Forwarded comments.**

**Council's 3 Recommendations** - Discussed above.

### **Short Term Rentals - May 18th**

City Council work session looking at options on changing the code.

### **Let's Pull Together Update - Robbie**

On May 21 there will be a city wide initiative and Robbie and Paul will be helping. Volunteers will work on the bike path that leads to Crux and the bike path that intersects along the railway. They are encouraging people to walk or bike and will see if Crux will do a thank you for the volunteers. It is an opportunity to encourage membership in the NA as well as informing volunteers about South Deschutes Canyon and the survey.

### **June Meeting - City presents planning concept designs for Wood River Drive, per our Neighborhood Street Safety Program proposal in 2020**

Before the group ended the meeting, Lowell asked about Paul's website changes. Paul is not here today, and he has not met with everyone but he should have something for the June meeting,

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.