



Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022

Opening

Karen Bergsvik called to order the regular meeting of the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's Board at 5:00 pm over Zoom on December 15, 2022. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Karen Bergsvik - Chair

Robbie Silverman - Vice-Chair/Land Use Chair

Lowell Von Ruden -Treasurer/IT Communication

Paul Dieffenthaler - Board Member/Transportation Committee Lead

Monty McIntosh – Board Member

Others Present:

Melissa Stamm - Minutes

Introductions:

No introductions were required at this meeting.

Additions/Changes To the Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Input as to what the Council should focus on in the next biennium

Survey Results - Lowell shared the survey results with the group. He focused on some key points and the popular feedback, such as: adjusting staffing resources, preserving trees, water

conservation, partnering with the county and the police chiefs advisory council, child care options, homelessness, affordable housing, among other points. The priority options can be passed along to the city council if the Board wants.

Discussion - The Council will be holding a listening session on January 19, 2023 and they want the NA's feedback from surveying members. Robbie wants to sift through the Board's survey results and come up with something that they can bring forward - specifically affordable housing and trees. Paul agrees- he wants to send something out in writing in case they don't get a voice at the listening session. **Robbie will draft an Executive Summary of the survey that can be sent to Council and will go to the listening session. Paul will also attend the listening session. The Board will make sure everyone has the Zoom link to the listening session. The Board will summarize their survey results for Council.**

Karen Bergsvik: Things I did as Chair

Karen outlined the duties she covered in writing, but also noted that all of the duties did not have to be done by the Chair.

She noted that she kept a relationship with the council liaison, Barb Campbell, but did mention that the structure of a Council Member assigned to a neighborhood may change. She did comment that it is helpful to have a Council Member know our issues.

Paul Dieffenthaler - Coming year - Paul shared his ideas for the 2023 planning retreat. He would like to align on priorities, look at successes, identify opportunities where the board can make an impact, build a longer term vision, and where the new board can build alliances. Future board meetings will have standing topics, and guest speakers will present rotating topics. Other NA's have used social gatherings to draw people in to grow the membership so they can demonstrate the value of a NA. Staying connected with Hayden Home Amphitheatre will also be beneficial. Karen added that the Council met with the amphitheater and they will do fewer concerts and not allow the subwoofers to be enlisted. The amphitheater wants to connect and do a neighborhood meeting. **Paul will coordinate the 2023 Planning Meeting. He will also meet with Marney Smith on the noise survey, and then use the Feb or Mar Board meeting to have Marney provide an update to the neighbors.**

Items from November Meeting

Meetings in 2023 - Physically meet or Zoom or some combination? Sharing of what other NA's are doing to increase membership. Need a physical meeting location(s). To be covered in the 2023 Planning Meeting

Discussed above.

Facebook - Create a new page - The page owner has some control, but we can ask for them to be removed. Deby has been removed and Karen will be removed once her term is over. One owner retains the website and she should remain on the Facebook page. The Board does not need to create a new page.

Reports

A. Chair - Karen previously shared the affordable housing presentation from the NLA. It can be linked to the newsletter. Council did recommend the Home Energy Score Program, which will be a mandated program starting in July 2023. There was not widespread support from the NA's. The community engagement trailer can be used. The city will coordinate mailings, but the cost will come out of the budget, which is different from in the past to make it easier for the NA's that need support. They will also update mailing lists 2x a year instead of 1x. They will also offer an option on their website that residents can sign up and be connected with their NA. They will make a change that there is a requirement to do one community building meeting per year to engage people to become members and one business meeting a year as well. They are also looking at making it easier to change neighborhood boundaries and increase or decrease the number of boundaries so that they can start over and clarify what a NA is and that it is not an HOA, and how members can get involved. Details are forthcoming.

B. Vice-Chair/Land Use - The PLA covenant has not been signed as of yet and COID has not applied for easement. The sale closing date is now May 1, 2023. There was a public meeting about the mixed-use property on Cyber Drive where there will be a mix of long and short term rentals. There was also a public meeting for the Timber Yards Master Plan and the meeting was well attended. Robbie did request the attendance list and minutes. There will be a meeting on January 4, 2023 for a commercial office building on Bluff Drive. Robbie will draft a message with some details so it can be added to the website. There was a meeting on parking mandates and the city is leaning toward getting rid of parking minimums but an official decision will be made in January.

C. Treasurer/IT - Lowell shared the current budget and nothing has changed for the budget. The survey results were covered earlier in the meeting. The open rate for emails is close to 50% and Monty and Paul have been added to the group email.

D. Transportation - Paul went over the survey feedback on transportation with a color coded image. The transportation group will walk through the marked areas and take pictures and will take their findings to the city.

The City's Reed Market Study results were shared and relevant points were highlighted. Among the items, there were some signal lights added to the Reed Market/Bond Interchange to see if it improved traffic flow and it didn't, so the city is evaluating making other changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.