



Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023

Opening

Paul Dieffenthaler called to order the regular meeting of the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's Board at 5:03 pm over Zoom on March 16, 2023. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Paul Dieffenthaler - Chair/Transportation

Robbie Silverman - Vice-Chair/Land Use Chair

Lowell Von Ruden - Treasurer/IT Communication

Monty - Recruiting

Melissa Stamm - Minutes

Additional Guests:

Marney Smith, Old Mill

Brent Joseph, Old Mill

Multiple residents from the neighborhood

Introductions:

Paul introduced the Board Members and the Old Mill representatives to the guests.

Additions/Changes To the Agenda:

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Welcome/Agenda Review

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Board Members to the guests. Paul also welcomed the Guest Speakers from Old Mill.

Old Mill presentation on Summer Concert Series

- **SCNA Survey feedback**

- Paul shared the survey results with Old Mill which showed that the neighbors were unhappy with the noise level from the concerts. Old Mill is here to give a presentation on what changes they have made and will be making. Questions can be asked in the chat box.

- **Old Mill presentation**

- Old Mill wants to be good neighbors so they are taking the complaints seriously.

- Marney mentioned that the venue capacity changes for the demographic of the show. Last year there were 52 shows as people were back on tour post-Covid. There are 35 shows booked for this year and a few more shows will be booked.

- Old Mill is now aware that the sound changes are caused due to solar refraction. Beau explained that a warm day causes sound waves to move differently. Sound is emitted and it bounces off the warm ground and then bounces back into the atmosphere with no rhyme or reason as to the direction it is traveling. The weather cannot be controlled, however the engineers have some options. Eric said they will be tuning the speakers to throw noise in a mapped out design. They will limit concerts to the Db limit. They have also tested out subwoofer configurations and they are testing grounding the subs and will not allow subs to be “flown”. The subs will need to be stationed on the ground. Beau added that audio testing will take place with different genres so they can fine tune for each genre and set parameters. Environmentally, sound travels further when it is cold and clear and there is nothing to break it up. They will take into consideration the type of show that is being booked in what season. Old Mill has turned down shows for September on weeknights. Old Mill has the same sound variance as football games. There has been an upgraded Db system and the levels cannot be changed to go above what Old Mill has set. There are 3 different meters. 2 will be in the venue, 1 will be placed elsewhere. Old Mill will also be planting trees and building up a berm to help break down the noise travel. Marney added that they visit and communicate regularly with other venues with noise issues to continually work on solutions. Old Mill is in control of the Db at the end of the day and they can turn off the power if the concert exceeds the limits. The limit is 100 Db for Old Mill which is below the industry standard. Beau will send Paul contact information that neighbors can call during the concert if there is a concern.

Board Ongoing Action Items

- **March NLA Meeting Update** - Robbie will give an update in her report below.
- **Webpage for survey results** - Lowell shared that there was not a great response. 343 people opened the newsletter but only 8 people clicked on the survey. Only 5 people completed the survey, 1 was Deby. There were some suggestions about STR and reckless driving. **Lowell will put a summary of the survey results on the shared drive and that will help shape future meeting topics. Paul added that some knowledge of Land Use and how the Board works as a liaison between the city and the residents would be beneficial. Lowell agrees with this idea. Paul suggested that Christian come talk at the April meeting about the sidewalk project that will start this summer and we can post updates on the website. Lowell will also post today's session on the website.**
- **MailChimp** - Lowell will give an update on his report below.
- **Welcome cards** - Lowell will give an update on his report below.
- **SCNA public events and post** - Monty will give an update on his report below.

Board Updates

• Chair & Transportation - Paul -

- Paul does not have an update as he has been away from Bend. Robbie asked if Paul has an idea of who will be taking over for him with the Transportation Group. Paul needs to talk to the members, but has someone in mind and will be talking to her to see if she will take it on. He will give an update at the next meeting. The Transportation Committee has taken feedback and mapped it out and decided on their main focuses. They did a walkthrough and put together a presentation showing the risks and their suggestions to the city. **Robbie will read the Charter on the shared drive and will connect with Paul about any questions she has so she can make sure the committee continues after Paul is gone.**

• Land Use - Robbie

- COID is in a holding pattern, it's not sold and the covenant has not been executed and now there is an amendment that is required if they want to sell the property. COID needs to amend its license agreement with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- There is a public meeting next Thursday to discuss Black Diamond Lofts and Robbie will post about this meeting on Next Door and social media about attending the meeting.
- The City is preparing to update tree codes. Current codes have inconsistencies and have not been effective in preserving trees.

• Budget/IT - Lowell

- Welcome cards will cost around \$400 for 2000 4x6 cards which is reasonable. **Lowell will design a card and the Board can give some feedback before they are ordered.**
- MailChimp is grandfathered in so there will be no changes in charges to the SCNA account.
- Lowell has suggestions about how they can post survey results on the website. They will discuss this at another time due to the time constraint at this meeting. For the noise survey results, they will do a recap about the changes Old Mill has done and is doing and it will be posted in the newsletter and they will post the survey results on the website. This will help show that the survey results encouraged change and will hopefully encourage more feedback from future surveys.

• **Recruiting - Monty**

- Monty wants to focus on the postcard and a social event. **Monty will work on this with Robbie.** He has reached out to breweries and Crux hasn't responded to calls or emails so he will go down in person. This event will happen in May or June. Avid Cider will do \$2 off per beer if we go with them. Cross Cut deferred to their private party program, which costs money to rent the space so we will not use this space. They will post on social media to encourage people to come out.

Other Items/Questions

- Earth Day will be Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 12:00-3:00 pm at the Environmental Center. The theme will be "Birds of Deschutes Canyon: and SBGS is doing all the work. Pinecone bird feeders can be made, there will be a virtual guide of the local birds, and there will be QR code links to help them find out what NA they belong to so they can sign up.

Action Item Recap

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.