



## **Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**July 20, 2023**

#### **Opening**

Robbie Silverman called to order the regular meeting of the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's Board at 5:03 pm over Zoom on July 20, 2023. A quorum was established.

#### **Board Members Present:**

Robbie Silverman - Acting Chair/Land Use

TBD - Transportation

Lowell Von Ruden - Treasurer/IT Communication

Monty McIntosh - Recruiting

Melissa Stamm - Minutes

#### **Others Present:**

Laurie Craghead - Transportation Committee

Jim Elliott - Transportation Committee

#### **Welcome**

Robbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **Approval of the Minutes:**

Robbie made a motion to approve the June minutes. Lowell seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### **Additions/Changes To the Agenda:**

Robbie talked with Lisa who is the Land Use Chair for Century West. Century West has been in talks with OSU and Toby (from the city) about a potential parking benefit district around OSU which could possibly extend into Southern Crossing. There is increased development around that corridor and there are problems with overflow parking. Do we want to support them in this

exploratory concept? Robbie feels it would be good to be involved and be proactive about solving the issue with future developments. Jim agrees that it would be good to be involved and learn something. Laurie thinks it would be good to have a discussion.

### **Community Traffic Queries**

- Committee Report Next Steps - The report captures the main concerns and possible solutions. Monty sent the report to Christian Williams and the concerns were acknowledged. Monty is hoping to have Christian join the next meeting to discuss the concerns and answer some questions about NSSP. Matt will be talking to the neighbors on Chamberlain. Lowell will post the final report on the website once it is ready. This can be an item for the August Newsletter.
- Chamberlain Opening - This has been a long term project but the funding is coming from another project. The city made it sound like the neighbors were informed about the project, but no one is aware.

### **Summer Social**

- Event Review - There was a great turn out. An extra person or two would have been helpful to capture emails and names, greet people, etc. There were 3-4 signups during the meeting. There was 1 person who seemed interested in joining the Board. Lowell suggested she review the by-laws and join a meeting to see if it is a good fit for her. **Lowell will connect with Anabel.**

### **Newsletter and Meeting Topics**

- July newsletter feedback - Usual open rate with the Woodriver project getting the most clicks. There was not a lot of feedback about board meeting times. The Board can discuss changing the time of the meetings as they get members to join. Robbie would like to add information about the art center and other fun local gems in the newsletter. A Save the Date will be added to advertise the General Meeting and the postcard.
- August Board meeting guest/topics - Christian will be invited.

### **General Meeting Planning**

- In person or Zoom - Based on the summer social, an in-person event would be better. The Board discussed possible venue options with indoor and outdoor options. They may move the meeting to early October. **Robbie will reach out to Deschutes Brewery.** Guests or special topics - Robbie suggested putting the election near the start of the meeting. Lowell agrees. **Robbie has a letter drafted to send to the people who attended the meeting to see if they would like to join the Board. She will send it to Lowell and Monty to review.** Topics of discussion could be trees and tree codes, e-bike and bike infrastructure, **Robbie will connect with the tree people and find a date that works for them, Councilor Barb Campbell and Deschutes Brewery. Monty will reach out to Jim to see if he would like to join the Board and if he'd like to pursue matters involving parking and/or e-bikes. Lowell will try to connect with Brian Holman to see if he would like to come back to the Board.**

## Board Updates

- **Acting Chair/Land Use/NLA - Robbie** - The easement that was negotiated for the COID land can be moved to another location or terminated in the future. An appeal has been filed by SBGS and SCNA urging COID revise the easement and provide protections for the land. SBGS met with Pahlisch and COID and communications will continue. A TimberYard meeting took place and the parking issue was discussed, in addition to affordable housing. There are some partition requests for small properties that have been submitted to the city. NART met and is trying to fill the void now that the NLA is not active anymore. The Tree Committee is still working on things.
- **Budget/IT - Lowell** - We are getting \$800 more than last year from the city. Each NA that is giving money for the DJ has been asked to give an additional \$25. The Board agreed to this. **Lowell will add this event to the website.** He will also need to do a Compliance Report.
- **Recruiting - Monty** - He will get some cards from Robbie.

## Chair/Board Recruitment

- Discussed above.

## Other Items/Questions

- There was nothing to add.

## Action Item Recap

- Robbie will find a venue and a speaker and will connect with Barb Campbell. Robbie will also draft a letter to send out to potential board members.
- Monty will connect with Christian about attending the August meeting.
- Monty and Lowell will divide and conquer the suggestions for new board members

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.