



Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023

Opening

Robbie Silverman called to order the regular meeting of the Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association's Board at 5:02 pm over Zoom on August 17, 2023. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Robbie Silverman - Acting Chair/Land Use

TBD - Transportation

Lowell Von Ruden - Treasurer/IT Communication

Monty - Recruiting

Melissa Stamm - Minutes

Others Present:

Christian Williams - City Planning

Robin Lewis - City Planning

SCNA members: Laurie Craghead, Matt Dittrich, George Fox, Toby Abraham-Rhine, Shannon Munson

Additions/Changes To the Agenda:

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Welcome:

Robbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Conversation with Bend Planning

- **Chamberlain Opening** - The design is in the works and once the plans are 75% designed they will be shared. It is anticipated the design will be ready to share in a month or two. Christian and Robin gave some back history on how this project was selected. Christian answered the guest questions regarding green ways, stop signs, sidewalks, and bike and pedestrian openings. He also added that they are evaluating street safety programs for traffic calming and budgets. He added that there will also be a way for people to request future projects. Concerns were raised from residents on that street as to why the neighbors weren't involved and notified. They were also concerned about the safety of kids with additional traffic being allowed onto the road. Christian and Robin responded to the concerns. SCNA will go back through the meeting minutes to see where the opening of Chamberlain originated. The Board and the neighbors would like a round table discussion with the city to discuss safety mitigation for this location (among others.) Christian added that with each project, they collect community feedback. He is aware that there are some strong feelings about the design and the design will be shared when it's at 75% designed. He will connect with the Board at that time and will aim for the end of August. Robbie added that the guests on this call should ask their neighbors to sign up for the SCNA newsletter so they can best communicate upcoming details. Christian also gave a quick update about a few changes regarding the sidewalk on WoodRiver as there was a question about it. He noted that the sidewalk will be a few feet shorter than originally planned and the street will be narrowed to intentionally slow traffic down. Robin added that there is a new process for projects and the NA's can reflect on the projects and either agree or suggest another project. **Monty will organize the walk-through meeting with Christian.**
- **Traffic Committee Next Steps** - This item was not discussed at this meeting.

Newsletter and Meeting Topics

- **August newsletter feedback** - Canopy Trail was the number one hit. There were typical open rates but less clicks.
- **September Board meeting guest/topics** - The Board is moving the September meeting up to September 14. They are focused on the General Meeting so there will be no special guests planned at this time.

General Meeting Planning

- **Confirmation of guests** - One or more members of the Tree Regulation Advisory Committee will be present to give an update on their recommendation to the city on the new tree code. Barb Campbell will also be attending.
- **Meeting agenda** -
 - 6:00 - 6:30 - Meet and Greet and Official Welcome
 - 6:30 - 7:00 - Tree Regulation Advisory Committee Presentation
 - 7:00 - Election - Paper Ballots - **Robbie will review the by-laws for nominations.**
 - Barb Campbell will close out the meeting

- **Venue update** - Deschutes Brewery has not returned emails. **Robbie will look at other options.**
- **New ways to promote the meeting** - September newsletter, postcards, email, post on website, social media, flyers in public places, NextDoor, the upcoming Community Day at the “Neighborhood Table”. **Robbie will look into volunteering at this event on September 8.** They will promote once the newsletter is ready to be shared on September 6. **The Board discussed their timeline of items for the General Meeting and divided up tasks. They will send out an e-blast 2 days before the event.**

Board Updates

- **Acting Chair/Land Use/NLA - Robbie** - The COID campaign is ongoing and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is looking for public comment on the use of the Canopy Trail moving forward. SBGS is involved with doing e-classes. SCNA included this as an item on the newsletter. We have until August 28, 2023 to submit comments. SBGS will file a motion to intervene which means we can set a hearing and take legal action. Bend Food Project got in touch about food collection drives. They ask neighborhoods to fill a green bag every few months. They asked to be highlighted in the newsletter or come to a meeting. Lowell mentioned that this has not been done in the past, and may not fit in with the by-laws. Robbie suggested the Board invite them to a meeting or put a notice on Next Door.
- **Budget/IT - Lowell** - There is now a folder for the General Meeting items. Jim Elliott asked if he could have a Bend Bikes table at the General Meeting. The Board agrees with this. The Board will highlight this in their advertisements. **Monty will reach out to Jim.**
- **Recruiting - Monty** - Recruiting was discussed below.

Chair/Board Recruitment

- They will find someone to join and learn about the Board first, rather than directly recruiting a Chair. The Board will promote the election and the opportunities to serve on the Board as a General Member and Secretary. They will make mention that there is a minute taker.

Other Items/Questions

- There was nothing to add.

Action Item Recap

- **Monty will organize the walk-through meeting with Christian.**
- **Robbie will review the by-laws for nominations.**
- **Robbie will look at other options for General Meeting venues.**
- **Robbie will look into volunteering at Community Day.**
- **All Board Members will work on items for the General Meeting.**
- **An E-Blast will be sent out 2 days prior to the General Meeting as a reminder.**
- **Monty will reach out to Jim about the Bend Bikes table at the General Meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.