

Summary for SCNA July Board Meeting

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Quick recap

The meeting covered a range of topics including technical issues, budget planning, road safety concerns, and community events. Discussions focused on grant applications, emergency evacuation routes, neighborhood projects, and venue options for future meetings. The board also addressed election procedures, bylaw modifications, and outreach initiatives to engage new residents and potential board members.

Next steps

- Todd: Contact Ryan Oster to invite him as a speaker for the October general meeting and determine his availability
- Todd: Contact Gina Franciosa to invite her to the October general meeting and determine her availability
- Lowell: Draft and share block party sponsorship report with the team
- Todd & Roberta: Work together on developing new logo design ideas for Southern Crossing
- Todd & Roberta: Plan next steps for Wood River Village parking and road conditions issues
- Team: Add discussion of fall/winter meetup locations to August agenda
- Todd & Roberta: Develop a plan for expanding yard sign placement for meetup announcements, particularly in the northwest corner near the old box factory
- Lowell: Write up notes and suggestions for iPad usage at future events
- Lowell: Review bylaws requirements for special meetings
- Roberta: Follow up with potential board members Sierra and Mike regarding their interest in joining
- Roberta: Coordinate with The Currents apartment complex for a potential outreach event
- Board: Plan and organize a special meeting in September to vote on bylaws changes regarding election procedures
- Todd: Create and send a special newsletter at the end of July to notify members about upcoming meetings
- Board: Determine the location for the October general meeting
- Todd: Add new Wood River Village residents to the mailing list when contacted

Summary

Budget Planning

The group discussed the annual budget, noting they had \$36 left over from last year's \$3,700 budget. They decided to submit the same grant application for next year's block party by September 30th, with a backup application to be submitted by March 31st if needed. Roberta suggested applying for a grant to cover costs for the annual meeting, but Lowell explained the timing wouldn't work as they wouldn't receive the funds until November. The group also briefly discussed the need to submit a report about the previous block party grant.

Wildfire Evacuation Road Expansion

The group discussed the need for a three-lane road between the roundabout and US 97 to facilitate effective wildfire evacuation, despite concerns about tree removal. Todd emphasized that while expanding the roundabout to two lanes might improve current traffic conditions, it would not significantly enhance evacuation capabilities. Roberta suggested that during an evacuation, traffic could be stopped and a lane commandeered for exits, but Todd clarified that emergency personnel and equipment would likely require keeping lanes open for access to fire sites.

Community Road Design and Access

The group discussed concerns about road design and emergency access in the community. Todd proposed conducting a new survey to gather community input on potentially expanding Reed Market Road to three lanes, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive road design that considers both daily traffic and emergency situations. Roberta suggested engaging with the city to better understand their emergency planning before taking a position on the issue. They agreed to focus on getting the roundabout project approved at the August 20th Council meeting while also planning to discuss broader evacuation route considerations at a future general meeting. Todd and Roberta planned to have an offline meeting to further discuss next steps.

Chamberlain Project and Wood River Village Updates

Todd provided an update on the Chamberlain project, explaining that it is currently on hold due to concerns about tree cutting and visibility issues. He also discussed his efforts to coordinate with the city regarding the Wood River Village parking and road conditions problem, with plans to set up a meeting with city officials to address these issues. Todd mentioned that Southern Crossing will help facilitate communication between the city and residents of Wood River Village.

October General Meeting Venue Planning

Roberta and Todd are planning an October general meeting and are exploring venue options, including Deschutes Brewery, the main library, and other locations within Southern Crossing. They discussed the possibility of using the library's conference room, but Roberta noted that the largest room might not be large enough for their group. The team also considered the Larkspur community center as an

alternative. They plan to finalize the venue once they confirm the date, which depends on securing speakers and confirming the attendance of Gina Franciosa, the Neighborhood Liaison on City Council.

Roundabout Presentation Planning Meeting

The group discussed plans for an upcoming presentation about a roundabout, with Todd tasked to reach out to Ryan Oster, the city's engineering lead, and Gina to coordinate their availability for early October. They reviewed the recent block party, which was considered successful with over 140 attendees despite poor weather, and agreed to stick with Blakely Park as the venue. The team also discussed the block party's financial performance, which came in slightly over the sponsorship budget of \$4,500, with catering and postcard mailing being the main expenses.

Neighborhood Outreach and Welcome Initiatives

The group discussed several neighborhood events and outreach initiatives. They agreed to place more yard signs in strategic locations and explore hosting a one-time meetup at The Currents apartment complex. Roberta suggested developing a new welcome card for new residents, which would require creating a new logo. The group also discussed simplifying the upcoming election process and potentially involving local artists in the logo design. They agreed to review their bylaws and put out a call for interested graphic artists to help with the new logo.

Board Election Voting Options

The group discussed how to conduct board elections in compliance with bylaws that require ballots. They explored options including electronic voting via phones, paper ballots, and the use of an iPad as alternatives to traditional paper ballots. Todd suggested using electronic voting systems that teachers use in classrooms, which would allow both phone-based voting for those with devices and paper ballots for those without. The group agreed that any changes to the bylaws regarding ballot requirements would need to be approved at a special meeting, as they cannot be changed outside of a formal meeting.

Bylaws and Elections Simplification

The board discussed modifying the bylaws to simplify elections by removing paper ballots and potentially allowing for a show of hands. They agreed to hold a special membership meeting in September, either as part of the regular board meeting or separately, to vote on these changes. Todd suggested promoting the meeting through a special newsletter in late July.

Lowell mentioned submitting the state registration renewal for the association and noted that they are a state registered nonprofit, though there may be additional requirements if they want to pursue 501c3 status in the future.

Board Meeting and Green Space Concerns

Robbie discussed following up with two potential board members who haven't been active since attending a meeting, and mentioned plans to re-invite them to the next board meeting or coffee. The

group discussed holding a special meeting in conjunction with a board meeting on Zoom, with voting conducted by raising hands. Toby expressed concerns about the growth of luxury homes and loss of green space in Bend, and Robbie encouraged her to sign up for Save Bend Green Space's newsletter and attend their October open house event featuring a researcher discussing the health benefits of green space.

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