

Meeting Summary for SCNA August Board Meeting

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Quick recap

The board meeting focused on discussing the Reed Market roundabout initiative and traffic congestion concerns, including plans for a roundabout design and potential improvements to Reed Market and the Silver Lake crossing. The group reviewed and approved proposed changes to the organization's bylaws, particularly regarding election processes and officer roles, while also discussing venue options and planning for the general meeting. Various administrative matters were addressed, including meeting expenses, board recruitment needs, and technical improvements to meeting documentation, with several action items assigned to specific board members.

Next steps

- Todd: Follow up with Ryan Oster to schedule a meeting about the Reed Market roundabout design options
- Todd: Share the Silver Lake crossing diagram concept with Ryan Oster during their meeting
- Todd: Discuss with Ryan Oster the concerns about implementing a design similar to 15th Street that may not work long-term
- Todd, Robbie, and interested team members: Meet with Ryan Oster to get clarity on what will be presented at the October 8th City Council meeting
- Board members: Monitor the October 8th City Council meeting regarding the Reed Market roundabout project
- Ryan Oster: Provide a price tag for the 2-lane roundabout design before the October 8th meeting
- Todd and Robbie: Gather information from the city about their current evacuation plans before presenting ideas to neighbors
- Board: Determine next steps for communicating with neighborhood members about the Reed Market roundabout project after gathering more information
- Lowell: Submit updated post-event report to the City on the recent block party
- Lowell: Finish updating the application to the City for a new block party sponsorship, and send to the board for review
- Lowell: Make agreed changes to the bylaws draft, make additional changes to the officers section, and send to the board for review

Summary

Reed Market Roundabout Design Concerns

The board meeting discussed the Reed Market roundabout initiative, with Todd providing an update on the August 20th City Council meeting where City Engineer Ryan Oster presented plans for a smaller 2-lane entrance, 1-lane exit roundabout design. The board expressed concerns about this design being similar to the problematic 15th Street roundabout, and Todd noted that Mike Riley requested a cost estimate for a full 2-lane roundabout. The group agreed to attend the October 8th City Council meeting to discuss potential changes to the capital improvement program, and decided to schedule a follow-up meeting with Ryan Oster to get clarity on the 2-lane design and its implications.

Reed Market and Silver Lake Crossing Traffic Solution

Todd described current traffic congestion on Reed Market, highlighting a 2040 scenario that is already happening, and shared a diagram of a proposed Reed Market and Silver Lake crossing improvement. The diagram shows a center turn lane from Chamberlain to US 97, which would allow emergency services to use two lanes during evacuations, improving traffic flow and evacuation efficiency.

Roundabout Safety and Evacuation Planning

Robbie and Todd discussed the need to address emergency evacuation plans in conjunction with the roundabout project, emphasizing the importance of incorporating city planning perspectives and gathering neighbor feedback. They agreed to meet with Ryan to explore evacuation scenarios and ensure alignment with city officials. Additionally, they considered a new pedestrian crossing design at Silver Lake to enhance safety and emergency access, while Lowell highlighted the need for the roundabout expansion to improve overall road safety.

Traffic Safety and Budget Review

The group discussed several topics including traffic safety concerns on a road with a 25 mph speed limit, where Sierra suggested implementing speed cameras as an alternative to expensive renovations. They reviewed a grant application for an upcoming event, deciding to maintain the same budget of \$4,500 while adjusting the attendee count to 140 and reducing the per-person cost to \$12. Lowell presented updated bylaws that he had revised based on the existing documents, and the group agreed to review these changes together in a future meeting.

City Sponsorship

The board reviewed Lowell's draft of a post-event report on the June block party, which is a followup requirement of receiving sponsorship funds from the City. The board discussed how to update the sponsorship application from last year to submit again this year. Lowell will provide a draft of the new application for board review prior to submitting it by the September 30 deadline.

Bylaws Update: Election Process Changes

The board discussed proposed changes to the bylaws, focusing on updating the election process. Lowell presented revisions to remove outdated references to paper ballots and electronic voting, clarifying that meetings can be held in person, virtual, or hybrid format. The group agreed to require 10 people in attendance for special meetings to approve bylaw amendments. They also considered combining the treasurer and secretary roles, with Lowell suggesting this change for future discussion. Robbie and Todd expressed support for keeping officer elections separate from board elections, though they acknowledged this could be revisited later.

Bylaws Revision

Lowell agreed to prepare a draft for board review, and which could be used for public review prior to a special meeting. The board decided to hold a special meeting to vote on the proposed changes in conjunction with the September 23 board meeting. This will be announced in the newsletter along with a link to the revised bylaws for public review. They also agreed to set up a method for members to submit questions or comments about the proposed changes.

General Meeting Venue and Budget Planning

The group discussed venue options for the upcoming General Meeting, deciding to use the Mountain Room at Deschutes Brewery for \$500, which probably includes AV equipment (but should be verified). They agreed to purchase appetizers for 40 people at \$9 per person plus 20% service charge, totaling around \$400. The total estimated cost for the event would be about \$1,000, which is similar to the cost of sending out postcard mailings. They selected October 14th as the tentative event date, after confirming that Gina could speak on that day.

General Meeting Agenda Discussion

Robbie and Lowell discussed planning the general meeting considering the number of attendees, budget constraints, and potential adjustments based on grant outcomes. They agreed to start the event at 6:00 PM with socializing from 6:00 PM, followed by the main program starting at 6:30 PM. Lowell confirmed the previous year's timing and the board discussed a structured agenda, including a neighborhood report, elections, a transportation presentation, and Q&A sessions. Todd inquired about allowing outside food at the venue, but Robbie and Lowell doubted it would be permitted. They also noted the need to inform Gina about the event schedule and to confirm the speaker from the City transportation department.

Neighborhood Meetups and Logo Planning

The group discussed future neighborhood meetups and potential winter activities, including a possible game night at Modern Games. They approved the July meeting minutes and reviewed recent developments in the area, including a new AT&T wireless facility and proposed amendments to the Bend development code. Robbie presented ideas for a new logo to be used on welcome cards for the Jackstraw development, and the group agreed to create a survey for members to vote on the design later.

Budget and Planning Updates

The group discussed a budget remainder of \$1,800 which has to cover general meeting expenses and any other non-planned expenses for the rest of the fiscal year. The board also discussed the city's plan to hire a consultant to support districts with board recruitment and other needs. Lowell reported on using a new iPad for meetings, which improved data collection, though they discussed security concerns about accessing sensitive information. The group agreed on action items including Todd coordinating with Ryan on emergency evacuation plans and securing a speaker for the general meeting on October 14th.

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