

Meeting Summary for SCNA September Board Meeting

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Quick recap

The Board meeting was preceded by a Special Membership Meeting to approve changes to the SCNA bylaws. The board reviewed plans for upcoming events and elections, including discussions about budget allocations, grant application, and logistics for various meetings and presentations. Key updates were shared regarding local development projects, regulatory matters, and upcoming deadlines for various submissions and meetings.

Next steps

- Board: Prepare for the simplified election process at the upcoming general membership meeting
- Robbie: Collect nominations for open board positions before and during the general membership meeting
- Lowell: Update the city sponsorship application text to mention growth from 2024 to 2025 and expected growth in 2026
- Lowell: Adjust the requested sponsorship amount in the application
- Lowell: Finalize and submit the city sponsorship grant application by next week
- Lowell: Get answers to several questions regarding Mountain Room use
- Lowell: Update mailing list for postcard
- Lowell: Create initial draft of general meeting postcard based on last year
- Todd: Try to obtain a good photo of the roundabout to use in general meeting promotions
- Robbie: Research signage for general meeting
- Lowell: Submit postcard mailing order to printer next week
- Robbie and Susan: Collaborate on planning the hot dog/barbecue food for the next block party
- Robbie: Address signage needs during the meetup discussion

Summary

Sponsorship Grant Discussion

The group discussed a sponsorship grant application for the 2026 block party, with Lowell presenting details and seeking input on whether to request \$4,500 or a higher amount to account for expected increased attendance and costs.

2026 Block Party Budget and Funding Strategy

The group discussed the budget for an upcoming event, focusing on food and beverage costs. They decided to change the cost per person to \$15 to keep the unit price the same as last year, which would allow them to request \$4,950 from the city. They also discussed increasing signage and advertising efforts, as well as potentially asking local businesses for contributions. The group emphasized that they expect better turnout in 2026 compared to 2025, which is why they are requesting more funding.

General Meeting Planning

The board discussed the upcoming General Membership Meeting, focusing on the election process. Lowell confirmed he would run for re-election, and Sierra announced he had to withdraw due to potential conflicts of interest with his job. The board decided to aim for adding two new board members, bringing the total to five, and agreed to encourage self-nominations. They also discussed the timing of the election, considering placing it earlier in the meeting to streamline the process.

The team also discussed creating postcards and yard signs to promote the event, with Lowell suggesting they use a roundabout photo for the postcard design. Todd offered to take a new photo from a high vantage point to show traffic congestion. Lowell will be updating the mailing list for the postcard. They decided to order more yard signs than in previous events to increase visibility, and Robbie agreed to research the cost per sign and check the budget.

The group discussed logistics for holding the event at the Mountain Room, including food arrangements, chair setup, and payment confirmation. Lowell confirmed that the venue responded to the credit card payment and is awaiting decisions on food orders, with a two-week lead time required. The team agreed to verify whether credit cards can be used at the bar and discussed the possibility of arranging a site visit to determine if they need to set up chairs themselves. They also reviewed the budget, noting approximately \$800 in uncommitted funds, and discussed plans for the 2026 block party, deciding to hold onto leftover funds from this year for flexibility.

The group discussed timing for presentations and Q&A sessions. They agreed to have a separate meeting to determine how to handle questions, with Robbie and Todd planning to coordinate this. Robbie and Todd discussed plans for a presentation by Ryan about the roundabout and transportation projects in Southern Crossing. They agreed to create a visual display showing new developments and their impact on infrastructure. They also discussed the need to manage Ryan's presentation time and ensure he addresses key concerns, including evacuation routes and the Reed Market Corridor.

Winter Meetup Planning Discussion

The group discussed organizing winter meetups, with Robbie proposing a series of indoor gatherings at Modern Games in the Box Factory. Susan suggested bringing food from a new restaurant, and Lowell and Todd raised concerns about gameplay potentially hindering conversations. The board decided to postpone the decision on whether to include targeted neighborhood meetups until after the general meeting, when they might have more members to help organize events.

Silver Lake Crossing Project Update

Todd discussed his communication challenges with city engineers Ryan Oster and Russ Grayson regarding the Bond-Reed Market roundabout project, which is scheduled for design in fiscal year 2026-27 and construction in 2027-28. The group clarified that while the Chamberlain Crossing project is on hold, there is a separate street widening project on Silver Lake that was part of the NSSP request, which is proceeding with improvements to the road and sidewalks. The conversation ended with a brief discussion of Wood River Village parking issues, which the city considers a seasonal problem with no immediate action planned until next summer.

Board Updates

The board first approved the August meeting minutes. The board discussed several key updates: a developer is downsizing two projects near Century and Reed Market, reducing building heights and units while eliminating commercial elements, which is expected to receive minimal public pushback. FERC sent a letter to Oregon Parks regarding the COID property, claiming no historic resources exist despite the presence of a historic canal, potentially moving the sale process forward. Lowell reported on the need to submit a Department of Justice renewal by November. The board also discussed concerns about developers changing master plans for retail/commercial spaces to affordable housing, with plans to have a planning commissioner speak at the next Land Use Chair Networking group meeting.