

Meeting Summary for SCNA January Board Meeting

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Quick recap

The Southern Crossing board meeting focused on several key topics including land use issues, transportation concerns, and community outreach initiatives. The board approved minutes from the previous meeting and discussed a proposed transportation survey to gauge community priorities, with Lowell presenting a draft survey format for board review. Robbie reported on two major land use items: the scaled-back Timber Yards development project and the pending Sunny Breeze subdivision application. The board also addressed the Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP) projects, with Todd explaining that the city is revisiting previously rejected proposals for Chamberlain Street and Silver Lake Boulevard improvements. Regarding community outreach, Robbie proposed forming a summer block party committee and suggested approaching local businesses for sponsorship, while the board decided to postpone monthly meetups until the summer season. The conversation ended with discussion of an upcoming January 27th consultant meeting and confirmation of the February board meeting date as February 19th.

Next steps

- Lowell: Finalize and send out the transportation survey (with map/visual for quadrants), aiming for a 2-week response window and to close before February 13th; coordinate with Todd on timing.
- Todd: Schedule and lead a Transportation Committee meeting (inviting interested board members) to review survey results and discuss NSSP project priorities before the February board meeting and newsletter deadline.
- Robbie: Reach out to previous block party committee members and interested board/community members to recruit for the 2026 Summer Block Party subcommittee; organize initial meeting to select date and begin fundraising planning.
- Robbie: Forward details of the January 27th city consultant meeting to all board members and confirm who will attend.
- Todd: Respond to Renee Mitchell to confirm attendance and spokesperson for the January 27th city consultant meeting.
- Lowell: Redirect chair email to Todd's regular email and continue monitoring the general inbox.
- Lowell: Send out (and/or repeat in February newsletter) the public comment link for the Sunny Breeze development application to encourage community input before the deadline.

- Robbie: Set up a meeting with Planning Commission liaison Nathan Nelson and notify relevant board members of the date.
- Robbie: Plan to schedule a meeting with City Council liaison Gina Francesa once there are specific issues/updates to discuss.
- Robbie: Follow up with Jenilee to obtain and share the actual traffic study for the Sunny Breeze development.
- Todd: Contact Christian Williams (and possibly inquire about Blakely project status) to discuss NSSP project status and Southern Crossing's priorities.
- Susan: Contact members of the Bluffs HOA board to discuss transportation/sidewalk issues and potential collaboration with Southern Crossing Neighborhood Association.
- Robbie: At the land use chair retreat (February 12th), work with the internal transportation committee to prepare/present on transportation study issues.
- Lowell: Plan a reminder email blast for the transportation survey before the deadline to encourage responses.
- Todd: Set up a meeting of interested parties to discuss NSSP projects and develop Southern Crossing's 2026 requests/positions.

Summary

Southern Crossing Board Meeting Updates

The Southern Crossing board meeting covered several key topics. The board approved the November meeting minutes with one correction. Lowell reported on the need to find a new email service provider due to MailChimp's reduced free plan limits. The board discussed a transportation survey to be sent to residents, which will have two main questions and include a map of the area. They decided to move forward with the survey, with some minor adjustments. The conversation ended with a discussion of the Neighborhood Street Safety Program, where the board will need to determine their priorities for 2026.

Transportation Projects and Community Planning

The group discussed transportation projects, focusing on the Chamberlain Street project which had been revived despite not being in their original wish list. Todd agreed to investigate the status of the Blakely project and to organize a Transportation Committee meeting to discuss these projects further.

Summer Block Party Planning Committee

Robbie proposed forming a committee to plan the summer block party, emphasizing the need to secure Blakely Park and address fundraising for food, beverage, and entertainment. Todd suggested recruiting community members and board members to join the committee early, with Robbie agreeing to reach out to previous participants. The group decided to postpone discussions on monthly meetups until after addressing the block party planning and other priorities. Robbie mentioned approaching The Kiln, a new workspace, for potential involvement.

Consultant Meeting

The board discussed an upcoming meeting with a Portland-based consultant on January 27th at Public Works Campus Headquarters, where Todd will serve as the official spokesperson. The group also noted that while the consultant is based in Portland, they will be present in Bend for the initial meeting, though there were questions about their local knowledge of Bend's neighborhoods.

Newsletter and Survey Planning Meeting

The group discussed the newsletter set for February 13th, with content needed by morning of February 11th. They planned to complete and analyze a transportation survey before the deadline, with a meeting scheduled to review results and discuss next steps. The board confirmed the February board meeting will be held on February 19th at 5 PM, and agreed to include the public comment link for the Sunny Breeze application in the February newsletter to allow residents to submit their concerns. Robbie mentioned setting up meetings with the planning commission liaison and city council liaison, while the group also discussed the upcoming opening of a new deli in the Old Mill, potentially as a future meetup location.

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