

Meeting Summary for SCNA June Board Meeting

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Quick recap

The June board meeting focused primarily on developing strategies to influence the city regarding wildfire evacuation plans and discussing upcoming summer events. Todd proposed exploring individual approaches to city council members beyond the traditional community survey approach, but the board agreed to postpone detailed planning until more members could participate and a clearer understanding of the city's timeline and process could be established. The group discussed combining their general meeting with a city roundtable on land use code changes in the fall, potentially saving on venue costs while increasing attendance. Budget updates revealed increased funding for the summer picnic due to new sponsorships, including \$500 each from Thistle and Nest and Stellar Realty Northwest, though Todd warned that city funding may decrease next year. The board approved spending remaining budget funds on picnic expenses and discussed the need for better board member follow-through on commitments.

Next steps

Caitlin

- Obtain sponsor logos from Thistle and Nest and Stellar Realty Northwest for event materials
- Continue seeking additional sponsors for the summer picnic

Lowell

- Work with Todd to split out and reorganize the traffic page, including planning content for a poster board for the July event
- Meet with the consultants (Zan) regarding IT/software issues and neighborhood district history
- Complete transition to using Sender for newsletter signups on the website

Robbie

- Send schedule and logistics for picnic setup day to all board members
- Order name tags for all board members for the summer picnic
- Work with Todd to develop revised picnic budget with specific line items
- Send out dedicated e-blast about the summer picnic in early July
- Figure out what happened with the check received from Timber Yards

Todd

- Follow up with René to get the roundtable outline and details on next steps for the wildfire evacuation advocacy process

- Send calendar invite and communication to all board members about the July 16th budget meeting
- Send note to absent board members about need for their participation in the summer picnic
- Pester René again about getting information needed for the roundtable

Collaboration

- Board: Discuss at July meeting how much money to dedicate to meetups and identify someone to take ownership of organizing them
- Board: Discuss at July meeting strategy for meetups in August and September
- Board: Discuss at July meeting how much money to carry forward to next year for the summer event

Summary

Wildfire Evacuation Council Strategy

The board discussed strategies for influencing the city council on wildfire evacuation plans. Todd expressed concern about being caught off guard by council decisions and suggested exploring individual approaches to council members beyond just community email campaigns. Robbie and Lowell questioned the timeline for the consultant's recommendations and suggested understanding the process better before taking action. The group agreed that a separate committee should meet to brainstorm strategies and present ideas at a future board meeting rather than continuing the discussion in the current meeting. Todd and Lowell will work on splitting out the traffic page content and creating a poster board for the July event.

Community Engagement Strategy Planning

The board discussed strategies for engaging with city council, agreeing to postpone detailed planning until they can mobilize more community members and diversify the messengers beyond current board members. Robbie noted that getting council buy-in requires mass community engagement rather than just individual advocates. The meeting also covered updates on neighborhood budget discussions with the city finance department, where potential changes to budget allocation and spending flexibility across fiscal years were discussed, though specific amounts are still pending.

City Workshop Planning Discussion

The group discussed combining their general meeting with a city workshop or roundtable event, potentially scheduled for late September or early October. They agreed to send out a survey to determine what topics residents want to discuss, which could help inform both the general meeting and roundtable format. Todd mentioned that René had provided information about timing and would follow up for more details about the roundtable outline. The group also discussed an upcoming meeting with city consultants, with Lowell being encouraged to attend as the most knowledgeable board member regarding past issues and progress.

Neighborhood District Event Support Discussion

Robbie expressed frustration with the city's lack of support for neighborhood districts in events like First Friday, noting that better coordination and involvement are needed. Todd confirmed that

including neighborhood districts in city events might be challenging due to strict city guidelines through ZAN, but he acknowledged Robbie's concerns. Todd also addressed board member follow-through issues, emphasizing the importance of completing assigned tasks without delegating back to him. The discussion then shifted to an upcoming roundtable meeting on Monday, where topics will include neighborhood commercial siting and changes to land use notification requirements per state legislation.

Land Use

The board discussed changes to land use notification requirements, with Robbie explaining that some applications would no longer require notifications to nearby residents, though this change would not impact Southern Crossing significantly. The group then addressed the question of commercial uses in residential areas, with all members agreeing that Southern Crossing is well-served by existing commercial options and doesn't need additional neighborhood businesses.

Budget and Picnic Planning Updates

Lowell provided a budget update, noting that most expenses would be covered by submitting event insurance and park rental costs, with only about \$30 remaining in the budget after these reimbursements. The board discussed budget updates and summer picnic planning. They approved spending remaining budget funds on picnic expenses and confirmed new sponsors including Thistle and Nest and Stellar Realty Northwest, bringing in \$1,000 in sponsorships. The group reviewed picnic logistics and agreed to send a dedicated e-blast for the event rather than the regular newsletter. They noted that this year's city sponsorship was only \$1,000, next year's funding may be reduced further, prompting a discussion about early planning for future sponsors. The board also scheduled their next meeting for July 16th at 5:30 PM to focus on budget discussions.

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