

Dennis Hebert

Board Chair Candidate

Southeast Neighbors

1. Why are you running for a position on the board?

We have a unique situation here in Eugene with our Neighborhood Associations. We are a conduit for our neighbors to the local government and its agencies. We also bring information from these agencies back to the neighborhood about matters that affect them. I enjoy working with neighbors on projects of concern and interest to the neighborhood.

2. What specific committees or types of leadership roles (e.g., picnic, website, fundraising/budget, committee work, newsletter) are you most interested in devoting time to?

I am co-lead of the Tugman Park Volunteers. I also work on the picnic, newsletter, and land use Committees.

3. In 2020, some board members committed approximately 5 hours per month on SEN activities, others committed 20 or more hours, with most landing somewhere in between. Given what you know about SEN and the work you would like to do, what time commitment do you expect to be able to make to SEN activities?

I currently devote between 10-15 hours per week as SEN Chair, depending on what tasks need to be worked on. I expect to maintain that commitment.

4. What personal experience and/or skills do you have, or plan to gain, that are relevant to serving on the board?

I served on the SEN Board for two years as an At-Large board member. I then served for two and a half years as Vice-Chair. I have been serving as Chair for one and a half years. At election, I will have been on the board for 6 years. I feel the experience I have gained over the years on the board have led to a better understanding of the needs of the neighborhood and neighbors and the functioning of the board.

5. In a few sentences, please tell us anything else you would like neighbors to know about you when considering your candidacy.

The last year and a half as Chair of SEN has been a challenge. With the Covid restrictions requiring zoom meetings for the board and for attending other meetings, I feel that we have had a productive year. Our committees have stayed engaged with neighborhood issues and in some cases moved forward with their programs. I look forward in retaining the committees we now have and adding new projects for them to inform and educate our neighbors on current issues that affect them and the neighborhood.