

February 1, 2021 SEN Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:00 pm via Zoom

Attending: Christina, Dennis, David, Devon, Emily, Ela, Jess, Lynne, Rob

Absent: None

Guests: John Q, Matt Keating, John Ostrom,

UO students observing our SEN Board Meeting:

Mindy Holden, Mary Malneti, Marjorie Bridges, Cassie Frangoulis, Yuli Martinez, Brooklyn Burkman, Kalessa Moviera, Kennedy Holcomb

These students from the Family and Human Services Department at the UofO came to observe the group, how the meetings are run, any problems that arise and how they are dealt with.

Public comment: None

Matt Keating, City Councilor Ward 2

Matt Reported on his attendance at the 81st State Senate Session.

He spoke about the Riverfront Development project. The old steam plant will be converted into a hotel rooms on the top floor and the lower floor will have public art and retail stores. He said it will cost 1.5 million dollars to remove asbestos, that 75 jobs would be created and 5 million dollars would be available in matching funds. Matt voted in the affirmative for the proposal. The vote was unanimous.

The Council President and the Mayor will hold a Town Hall on Middle Housing, date and time to be announced. They will discuss “Tenant Advocacy” so renters aren’t charged so many fees in the application process.

Report from the Chair: None

Approve January Meeting Minutes - Lynne

Emily moved to approve the minutes, Jess seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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Treasurer’s report - Christina

US Bank - \$800

City approximately - \$5000

Committee Reports:

Disaster Preparedness:

Don Metheny and John Q attended an event in NW Eugene focusing on an event dealing with a major chlorine gas leak. The NW Neighbors have taken our desk top disaster model and rewritten it to be more relevant to their neighborhood with the railroad. David and John have written a grant application to help train more neighbors and neighborhoods to deal with disasters.

Transportation Committee:

Jess and John Q are working with Lucy Bambrey to deal with speeding in the neighborhood. They will be resuming the "Safe Sidewalks" project once they have reviewed the 2020 census information for the current demographics.

Communications Committee/Website/FB:

Jess, Christina and JohnQ requested information from the Committees to post on our social media sites. They reported that we have almost 1,000 subscribers. John Q is keeping the web site current.

Land Use Committee:

Emily will write an information piece about HB 2001.

Human Rights Committee:

Rob has finalized the Shelter Document, has posted it on Facebook and will soon be ready to send it out via MailChimp.

Tugman Park Volunteers:

John Ostrom and Dennis reported that the team of nine Tuggers has planted 150 native plants and are now removing invasive plants from the north end of the park. The City will be installing a memorial bench.

Eugene Parks and Recreation has \$355,000 earmarked for Tugman Park from the 2018 Bond Levy, with \$250,000 available for actual construction. We have one year to submit ideas for park improvements.

Environmental Stewardship Committee:

Devon and Christina met with Dennis to discuss leaf blowers. They will write to LRAPA to find out what their stand on the issue is. Dennis said the City should be the first to ban gas powered blowers and replace theirs with electric blowers.

Old business:

Co-Chairs for SEN

Devon moved that we amend the bylaws to incorporate a Co-Chair system for the SEN Board. Ela seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

March General Meeting

Laurie Treiger, Lane County Commissioner. We discussed questions we would like her to address (i.e. Lane County Fairgrounds make over, her role and jobs with the County, what is she doing for her constituents, how much money does Lane County get from the federal government and what is used for?) Dennis asked to be sent our questions in advance. She will have 10 minutes to talk and 15 minutes to answer questions.

Committee Breakout Rooms in the middle.

Ashley Cissna of EWEB's "Pledge to Prepare-Two Weeks Ready" program. She will have 15 minutes to talk and 15 minutes for questions.

Newsletter

The newsletter will be 6 pages. Each Committee should submit about 250 words to Lynne by February 17.

New Business

Confirm participation in Eugene Neighborhoods Inc.

Being a member of 501 C-3 costs nothing, but makes monies available to us through Sponsor Funds. Dennis moved that we continue our association with Eugene Neighborhoods Inc., Emily seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn: 9:05 pm