

## **May 3, 2022 SEN Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm via Zoom

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

**Absent:**

**Guests:** John Q, John Olstrom, Mary Vukisch-Shafer and seven observers from the UofO.

### **Public comment:**

Mary Vukisch-Shafer, a Southeast neighbor, spoke about her qualifications for the position of Deputy Tax Assesor in Lane County.

### **Report from the Chair:**

Dennis explained that he will inform meeting attendants at the beginning of each meeting that a recording is being made. He has communicated with the city and is waiting to hear back about their recommendations/guidelines.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

We will discuss and vote on the April Minutes at the June Meeting

### **Treasurer's report:** - Christina

US Bank: \$640.00

City Funds: \$2700.00

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Communications Committee/Website/FB:**

Committee met April 14.

Next meeting is Thursday May 12 at 9 :00 am.

Website updates, Ela is resident mailchimp expert and sending Ukraine mailchimp. Number of opens on Mailchimp is around 50%.

Desire expressed to be making social media interactive and reach people.

Post reach: 3,250

Followers growing. Top post this month was on the new food cart pod on Oak St.

John Q publishing Newswire articles relevant to Southeast Neighbors.

We want to launch a FB Southeast Neighbors digital photo contest. Age groups, photos to be used on the website and social media. Prizes?

**Disaster Preparedness Committee:**

David said there is a 40 day window to get the grant proposal through its process, efforts are being coordinated with the city.

The Emergency Preparedness event planned for May 22 at Aton Baker Park will be Zoomed and David will send a link to the Board.

Block captains will begin holding monthly meetings.

**Environmental Stewardship Committee:**

Devon and Dennis reported that they went to the UofO library and now know how to access historical maps and aerial photos of Amazon Creek.

**Human Rights Committee:**

Rob said that the committee received about 10 comments from the Ukraine post card on the web site and about 36 comments from Mail Chimp and Face Book. 54% of recipients opened the email and 5% clicked the unique link.

**Land Use Committee:**

It has been a busy month for information and a hearing on HB 2001. There was public comment about it at the City Council Meeting April 18. Unfortunately, the City Council did not “think” that there would be so many comments and scheduled another hearing before the one on HB 2001. It wasn’t until around 8:45pm that the comments on HB2001 started. There were originally 123 persons signed up. (they cut the time down to 2 min) The last one finished around 11:55pm....many persons that were going to testify got tired and did not stay up. Some who said they signed up did not get called. There was also a power outage for a short while in the Friendly area and many people that had signed up could not sign back in to testify. There were only around 90 that did testify. According to my scorekeeping it was 35 for, 2 kind of neutral w/changes, and 49 spoke against the City Planning Commissions recommendations.

Dan Isaacson, Planning Commissioner, spoke before the testimonies and pretty much denigrated anyone that is against their recommendations. It was appalling to see someone appointed to a city commission speak the way he did at a City Council meeting. There should be some retribution for his words.

The NLC sent a letter to the Mayor, CC, City Mgr. asking to have another hearing for more testimony on HB2001 because of how bad they bungled the one on April 18.

The following are dates and what is happening.

- Monday, May 9, 7:30 PM – Council meeting. You can speak for 3 minutes at the Public Forum
- Wednesday, May 11, Noon – Council work session on the HB 2001 code amendments.

- Wednesday, May 18, Noon – Council work session on the HB 2001 code amendments.
- Wednesday, May 23, 5:30 PM – Council work session, with a scheduled vote on HB 2001 code amendments

### **Transportation Committee:**

May is Bike Month. Will be posting about bike options on Facebook for the month. Also, EWEB is now offering \$300 rebates on electric bikes. One neighbor expressed the desire to bike to market but the worry of bike theft being a strong deterrent.

An urgent call to everyone who may be able to think of a suitable replacement for Don Nordin who represents south eugene on the LTD Board. His term is up in December and we can help influence the recommendation process to the governor. We have asked Marty Wilde if he's interested in pursuing this, and he is thinking about it.

Sidewalk Cleanup Day is May 14th 10:00. Neighbors can still get their addresses signed up! we'd love to have any volunteers to help— you'd be assigned to 1-2 addresses with other volunteers, depending on the workload. A Rain date will be set if the forecast looks super ominous. Contact Jess or John Q.

Transportation committee members met with members of LTD's drivers union, the ATU, to listen to their concerns. Their contract is up at the end of June and no new general manager has been appointed yet. Drivers are being stretched to their very limits with mandatory overtime workloads and bathroom breaks, drivers leaving to go to other transit agencies like Salem and PDX as fast as they can be hired.

LTD meetings will continue on zoom for the next months at least.

An LTD Airport bus will run during the worlds and drop off at the Eugene downtown station. Neighbors have reported that no regular shuttles exist any more and the airport reports that parking lots are very full.

LTD is mid point in making a “mobility management strategy” as for how to proceed with non-bus transit options in the community, and members of our committee attended and participated in the open office hours. We will be following this process.

### **Tugman Park Volunteers:**

Here is a brief update and overview of our recent activities in April 2022 and plans for May 2022:

- Our regularly scheduled bi-weekly Wednesday volunteer work events on 4/6 and 4/20 focused on weeding, bed prep, and planting in the basketball court bed, shelter beds, and north end plaque circle bed. Invasives (ivy, blackberry, holly) removal in the park's north end continued as well.
- A non-requested but much appreciated delivery of Beauty Bark was delivered by the City P&OS on 4/18. On 4/19 this mulch was spread around a few trees and in the newly cleared areas of the shelter beds.
- Our proposed planting and beautification plan for the north end of Tugman was submitted to the City P&OS personnel. It is currently under review. Our goal was to submit this plan early so that we may be better positioned to receive some of the City's plant budget which renews on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We've been informed that this budget could be significantly higher for this coming cycle. We plan to plant native species in this portion of the park in the Fall of 2022 and Winter of 2023. In the meantime, invasives removal and ground preparation will continue so as to be ready to plant later this year.
- Several Tuggers participated in the *Spring For Your River* (Willamette River Cleanup event) on Saturday, 4/23. This event was co-sponsored by the City P&OS and Willamette Riverkeepers.
- Upcoming Friends of Tugman volunteer work events in May 2022 are scheduled as follows (times and days may be shifted due to weather):
  - Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
  - Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

### **Old business**

#### General Meeting:

The nominating committee said there are still open board positions. Nominations from the floor will not be an option this time.

Ela and Dennis will receive the ballots and report results.

Ela will speak at the end of the meeting about the summer games and the potential impact they will have on our neighborhood.

### **New Business**

#### Neighborhood Picnic:

SHNA would like to join forces with us and is ok with holding the picnic at Tugman Park. We will plan on the Saturday after Labor Day (September 10). We will begin discussing specific details in June.

**Adjourn: 8:00 pm**