

SEN BOARD MEETING DEC 7TH 2021 ZOOM

PRESENT: Dennis, Devon, Emily, Rob, Jess, David , Christina,

ABSENT: Lynne, Ela

GUESTS: Marty Wilde, Matt Keating, Laura Farthing(EWEB), John and Gwen Ostrom, William Collinge, Allan Benavides

No public comments

ALLAN BENAVIDES (General manager for the Eugene Emeralds Baseball Organization)

He asked the SEN board to send a letter of support to the Lane County Commissioners for the Ems and Lane County to enter a public/private partnership to build a new baseball stadium at the Lane Co. Fairgrounds. The board had questions about the financing of this project and finally came to the general consensus that it would be best if we not send a letter of support to the commissioners but instead inform neighbors about this situation and encourage them to individually contact the County Commissioners about how they felt. (almost an hour was spent on this topic)

MARTY WILDE

Marty discussed the new state redistricting map that concerns South Eugene.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE(Jesse)

Jesse asked for approval of the board to send out a letter to the City Council about transportation concerns in regards to City Draft Code for HB2001.(See below for attached letter.) Board agreed this should be from the transportation committee and not the whole board. Also the TC suggested that the City Draft Code recommendations be decided by a public vote in May. Matt suggested that the TC send this to the Eugene Planning Commission as well as the Eugene City Council. The TC will meet in person next week at Hideaway Bakery.

MATT KEATING

A work session is coming up concerning the city suggesting a bond to get funds for climate change and the unhoused. Matt felt this should not be on the shoulders of property owners, but instead there could be a tax on soda, sugar drinks or an increased service fee for sport events and concerts. Also Matt discussed that redistricting is happening on city, county, and state levels.

On January 13 2022 is a public hearing on the redistricting maps for the city. Matt favors a map for South Eugene that extends north to include more business and renters as opposed to extending east to include more home owners and less businesses.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MINUTES

Minutes were passed unanimously. Emily made the motion and Dennis and others seconded it.

FINANCES (Christina)

The SEN bank account has about \$800. And the city allocation for this term is about \$5000. Dennis suggested we check the HRNI website to see what projects other neighborhoods have used this money for. It was suggested that board members have a schedule when the allocation periods begin and end so that we can propose a project in advance of the deadline. It was stated that if we neighborhood associations do not use this money, the city might think that NA do not really need this money. Cost of neighborhood communications as follows: postcard-\$1,627.72, 2 pg.- \$1,9564.72, 4 pg.-\$2,404.72, 6 pg.-\$3,054.72.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (David)

We have been doing table top exercises in different neighborhoods for neighbors to know evacuation routes in case of an emergency. We are encouraging people to sign up for alerts. In the Bethel and River Road area chlorine spills from train car derailments are a possibility. (See report below.)

COMMUNICATIONS (Christina)

Working on a calendar that will list all the committee dates and times for the next six months.

LAND USE (Dennis)

Will be sending out dates for the Eugene Planning Commission upcoming meetings.

HUMAN RIGHTS (Rob)

Will be refining our guide to shelters and rest stops in South Eugene and hope to send it out on Mail Chimp.(See link to guide below.)

TUGMAN PARK (John Ostrom)

At the Dec. 1st work party we planted 150 native plants and they look great. All the plants were donated by the group. Perhaps in the future the City Parks and Open Spaces will use some of its funds to buy plants.(See report below.)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (Devon)

Blasting continues at the E. 40th Water Storage site. SEN board members are invited to see a blasting event. Contact Devon for details. Will discuss leaf blowers at the next meeting.(See report below.)

CCR'S (Covenant, Conditions, and Restrictions)

Dennis checked with the city and it will be fine to post the CCR information on the SouthEast Neighbors Website long as we have a simple disclaimer that this does not represent the opinion of the board or the City. William Collinge asked the Board if they would sign a letter along with some other neighborhood associations asking the city to allocate staff and time to provide CC&R information to all Eugene neighborhoods. The vote was 6 yes and 1 abstention.(See attached letter below.)

CO - CHAIRS

Many NA are using the system of co - chairs instead of chair and vice chair.

Dennis would like to make an amendment to the charter to do this. A vote would be held at the May elections. For now Dennis and Devon can act as co-chairs until the vote is taken in May. (see attached letter below).

MARCH NEWSLETTER.

Board members should think about topics for the the January meeting.

meeting ended at 9:13 pm.