

November 1st 2022 Sen Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Dennis, Jesse, Ella, Christina, John, Devon, Emily

Absent: Lynne

Guests: John Q., Kristin Allen, Jerry Meenadhan

Meeting starts 7:03 p.m.

INTERVIEW OF KRISTIN ALLEN FOR BOARD MEMBER POSITION

Kristen is interested in many committees. Kristin especially wants to see if traffic speeding on East and West Amazon could be stopped and the corridor could be more walkable. The board voted unanimously to have Kristin become an at-large board member. Her ratification as a board member will happen on Nov. 15th at the general board meeting.

A THANK YOU TO LYNNE FOR GETTING OUT THE POSTCARD FOR THE GENERAL MEETING

NORP- NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION POLICY

The city and NLC (Neighborhood Leadership Council) wants to redo the policy. There is a survey that all board members should look at.

AUGUST MINUTES

Ella made a motion to pass them and Jesse second it. The minutes were passed unanimously. (Kristin abstained because she was new.)

TREASURER'S REPORT- Christina and Devon

U.S. Bank Balance: \$406.82

Awaiting reimbursement from the City for approved picnic expenses.

City of Eugene Balance: We are awaiting the second allocation amount from the City. This allocation will be for November 2022 through February 2023.

GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15th

Nightingale Shelter Rest Stop will be presenting about their new kitchen and other needs. St Vincent DePaul Annex on West Amazon will discuss their new 8 unit transitional housing that is being built. Judy Smith from Home Share will discuss how her organization works. Jesse will send out a communication about this on mailchimp.

Nightingale will be hosting an open fire weeny roast/sing-a-long with neighbors on December 17th. Ella will help with publicity. It has been suggested that board members consider participating.

BY LAWS COMMITTEE- Devon

Devon, who is on the by laws committee, is asking board members to give her feedback on what changes they wish to see in the new by laws and we need to review our charter.

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE- Jesse

Jesse asked Officer Chambers for a crime report for our area. If you have comments concerning crime contact the Eugene Police Department. You can also make comments to the Transportation Committee about ?

Report:

We continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 1:15-2:00 and the 4th Thursday evening at 7:00-8:00. As we get new members, we need to reassess whether this schedule is preferred by the majority.

Actions taken by the committee this month:

- 1) Letter to LTD regarding route changes on the 24 around Safeway
- 2) Request sent to EPD for radar trailers on East and West Amazon
- 3) Sidewalk Vegetation cleanup - received 2 requests, was rained out, pending reschedule. The two properties that requested sidewalk work did not have any visible impediments to using the sidewalk.
- 4) Compiled and sent a spreadsheet of streets/areas of most neighborhood concern to CoE
- 5) Fox Hollow Donald to West Amazon Speed study complete, pending results
- 6) Social media postings regarding: an article questioning what the best charging set up will be as many renters in the neighborhood transition to electric cars, LTD's community survey results and [community report](#)

Other notes: JOhn Q Murray wrote a piece on [LTD driver working conditions as safety concerns rise](#)

City Street Repair Bond on your ballots - slight rise in property taxes, SEN road repair funds to be spent mostly in hills area, no way to tell where the active transportation funding would be spent, pending the city's public engagement on the topic.

Amazon Neighbors raised concerns at their meeting about sidewalks in their neighborhood. According to current city operations, street repair bonds will not be used on privately owned sidewalks, which is the majority of the sidewalk network.

HRNI (HUMAN RIGHTS AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT) FOR CITY OF EUGENE IS NOW THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This office will be posting position between the neighborhood associations and the city. Send Devon any comments.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - Jesse

Had discussion around connecting mailchimp to committee reports on website.

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Amazon Creek Tree Planting Event Update:

- In response to the post card, so far I have received **nine individual responses!**
- When: January 21st & February 25th 2023
- What: 200 bare root trees provided by the city include: alder, choke cherry, bitter cherry, and cascara. All of these are suited to that part of Amazon Creek, and all are shorter stature so would be less likely to impact nearby powerlines in the future.
- Where: The 200 trees will be spread out throughout the reach from Snell to 30th, with approximately 65 between Snell and Fox Hollow, 125 or so between Fox Hollow and 30th. Another 10-20 will be planted on the East side. They will be planted linearly but there will be gaps where there are already mature trees.

Leaf Blowers

The committee decided to revisit the topic of gas powered two-cycle motor leaf blower use within the City of Eugene UGB (Urban Growth Boundary). Committee members are reviewing current state legislation and general information.

Friends of Tugman - October 2022 Report

- We held only one formal volunteer work event in October on Wed. October 5th. We cancelled the event on Wed. October 19th due to unhealthy air quality. However, we did receive a bark mulch delivery in mid-October. This mulch has now been spread following weeding and prep around several trees and shrubs in the park's north end and central lawn.
- Two new trash cans have been added to the park near the playground and shelter areas. The trash can near the restrooms and in the north end have been removed. Discussion has been initiated with the City P&OS and initial support has been given for at least a replacement trash receptacle in the north end.
- Our planting initiative of approx. 200 native trees, shrubs, forbs and grasses in the park's north end is scheduled for Wed. 11/30, Thurs. 12/1 and Fri. 12/2.
- The restrooms at Tugman Park have now been closed for this upcoming winter season (2022-2023). A port-o-potty has been brought in and sits at the SE corner of the park near 38th Ave.
- We have submitted a new planting plan to P&OS for additional trees in the central lawn near the creek side pathway as well as a plan to remediate an overgrown invasive grassy area just south of the plaque circle in the north end. We've received initial feedback from P&OS and these endeavors will need to be vetted further by several P&OS team members.

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- I've initiated dialog with P&OS personnel about renewing our Park Adoption agreement. Our current two-year agreement expires in February 2023. I plan on signing it as Co-Lead in February.
- Orders have been placed with P&OS for sun hats and T-shirts for Tugger volunteers.

Preparedness Committee

Eight members of the committee met in person on October 8 to discuss issues, progress, and plans.

Activities this month include:

Exercises and Evaluations

- More than 10 SEN neighbors participated in the EmComm citywide annual practice & field exercise on 10/29. Teams conducted damage assessments and reported findings up the chain to the city EOC.
- SEN committee leaders assisted neighboring Friendly Neighborhood in designing and conducting a tabletop discussion exercise on 10/20 related to dam failure and evacuation routes.
- More than 35 neighbors participated in the SEN monthly radio exercises
- We reached out to a few University of Oregon groups---the Greeks and the Greens---to see if they would be interested in participating in the Oct. 29 nearby neighbors part of the drill. We also offered to facilitate any nearby neighbor "tabletop" exercises they wish to organize on campus.
- SEN continues to support weekly EmComm ham radio nets that include all city neighborhoods.

Planning

- We are discussing further use of the space offered by Good Sam. Discussion included radio antenna installations, further security enhancements, and posting Lane County wall maps into new space.

ICS for Neighborhoods

We have shared some FEMA resources with other neighborhoods:

FEMA offers an incredible number of Independent Study (IS) courses here: [\(Link to all FEMA independent study courses\)](#)

Several IS courses walk us through developing an Exercise and Evaluation Program:

- FEMA [IS-120C: An Introduction to Exercises](#) Downloaded course PDF: [120C](#)
- FEMA [IS-130A - How to be an Exercise Evaluator](#) Downloaded course PDF: [130A](#)

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- FEMA IS-139A - Exercise Design and Development ([retired](#)): Downloaded course PDF: [139A](#)

Here is the website with the overview of the [Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program \(HSEEP\)](#)

They also offer [templates for all of the key documents](#) recommended as part of that program, and we have archived the ones we used [here](#).

Ready Southeast October committee report

The committee helped organize and engaged a number of Southeast volunteers to participate in the 9/24 CERT radio exercise. Two person teams simulated a damage assessment effort in their part of the neighborhood. They scanned the area looking for a number of bright yellow envelopes with “observations” inside that they then radioed to another volunteer, who passed the messages onto our neighborhood ham, who sent them to a district ham and finally to another ham radio operator serving as the city’s Emergency Operations Center. The exercise helped us prioritize the messages and consolidate them into the essential information needed by the city’s first responders.

A second exercise is scheduled for October 29 which will help us improve on our efforts during the September exercise.

Two of our committee members worked with the CERT leadership on these exercises and others are supporting Friendly Area Neighbors with their upcoming flood inundation tabletop exercise

We adopted an Incident Command Structure (ICS) at the outset of the pandemic. This organizational structure allows us to efficiently interact with professional emergency management groups who all operate under an ICS. We’re a member of the Lane Preparedness Coalition or COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters). Don Metheny, as the Ready Southeast Incident Commander, participated in the COAD meetings during the Cedar Creek Fire / Red Flag Warnings. He was on standby to support evacuations.

There are two evacuation zones, identified by Eugene/Springfield Fire in our neighborhood. The two zones (SEN West-Zone 25 and SEN East-Zone 31) are roughly divided by East Amazon Dr. We are adjusting the boundaries of our neighborhood Area 10 to better align with the Fire Department’s evacuation zones.

Ready Southeast volunteers have set up an office at the Good Samaritan that will serve as our command center in an emergency. We have one of our cache of supplies at this location as well as the handouts, brochures, and yard signs we use for our preparedness program. The same space also serves as an office for our Time Bank and meeting place for our volunteers. John Murray has given presentations on the

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Time Bank to the Bethel, River Road, and Jefferson Westside neighborhood associations as well as to the Neighborhood Leadership Council. He also has created and broadcast a number of neighborhood news stories, covering issues like the red flag warning last month and the LTD public process to determine the future of public transportation in SEN.

We, of course, tabled at the SEN annual picnic. Quite a few neighbors came up to discuss safety concerns and several expressed a desire to be better connected with their nearby neighbors and their neighborhood's disaster preparedness program. We're following up with those who provided their contact information and soon will be scheduling our next Map Your Neighborhood / Communications training for new volunteers.

Our neighborhood's disaster preparedness program is now ten years in the making. Ready Southeast is the program's adopted name

GENERAL MEETING IDEAS

Ask for volunteers with following skills: photographic, website- word press, Newcomer's group

EWEB

Crime - EPD, safety

Decide at December meeting

Meeting adjourned 9 p.m.