

June 7, 2022 SEN Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:00 pm, Amazon Community Center and Zoom

Attending: Dennis, Christina, Devon, Ela, Jess, John, Lynne, Rob

Absent: Emily

Guests: John Q, Matt Keating, Jo Weaver, William Collinge

Public comment:

Jo Weaver, a UofO professor, is studying the housing crisis in the Willamette Valley. She is looking for general public perceptions and asked for participation from anyone in the SE Neighborhood willing to answer her survey questions. She also plans to talk with service providers and people who are without homes. Her study will run through the end of August.

William Collinge talked about CC&Rs and their impact on the new densification regulations in our neighborhood. He feels it is relevant to inform people of this issue. Dennis told him that we have already done what we can to educate the neighborhood about CC&Rs. No action will be taken.

Matt Keating, City Councilor Ward 2

Matt informed us of upcoming meetings and Board and Commission appointments. Also a discussion in June about Safe Sleep Sites and a River Front and Street Bond Renewal.

“I’d like to explore your thoughts about the City of Eugene revisiting a concept that allows for one sanitation service per neighborhood as opposed to both Sanipac and Lane Apex rolling through our neighborhoods twice per week. While such a concept may limit consumer choice, it could reduce emissions/carbon footprint and obvious wear-n-tear on our city streets. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.”

Report from the Co-Chairs:

Dennis reported attending a Policy Review meeting for HRNI. Most people found the survey questionnaire confusing and are not comfortable with the requirement to have all publications reviewed before printing. The discussion will be paused for now. Attendees were assured that Neighborhood Associations are not being phased out.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes for the April 2022, May 2022 and the May 2022 General Meeting. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s report:

US Bank Balance: \$640.00

City Funds: \$2,834.10

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee/Website/FB:

During our May meeting we discussed the following:

Website:

- Website blog portion updates continuing to take place
- Photo carousel
 - Transportation Committee will make a website slide template to see if it works in the carousel.
 - We will recommend each committee create one to keep the carousel up to date and engaging
- Discussed a photo contest
 - We need to get on the agenda of the next board meeting's new business to discuss prize, will launch contest after that.
 - Any submissions must be taken within SEN boundaries and photographer to give permission for SEN to use photo on website and social media, but SEN does not retain any rights to the photo.
 - June Launch date photo contest. Any photo taken within the boundary of Southeast Neighbors.
 - Categories:
 - Under 18 Category
 - People
 - Nature
 - Wildlife/pets/birds
 - Spencer's Butte
 - FB posts
- Rainwater catchment photo had thousands of views over the world. Would love to have committees submitting more content.

Accessibility to the committee meetings is a key point

- Discussed posting or highlighting meetings and topics on the website to increase membership

Emergency Preparedness Committee:

Ready Southeast committee report

In May the SEN disaster preparedness committee (Ready Southeast!) applied for and was granted a neighborhood matching grant. Thank you to the Board for your support. This grant is being used to purchase ten secure metal "job" boxes which will be located around the neighborhood. Each box will contain an assortment of emergency supplies,

everything from first aid kits and emergency blankets to hard hats, tools, and tarps. At this point all the supplies have been purchased and, other than the job boxes, are in our possession. We anticipate the boxes to arrive this week when we will begin delivering them to their hosts and filling them with supplies. Over the next two weeks each box host will invite the other volunteers in their area of the neighborhood to their home to learn where the box is located, how to get into, and what emergency supplies are inside. On May 22 several Ready Southeast volunteers participated in a training event at Alton Baker park that we helped organize. More than 70 residents from around the city learned how best to identify available resources, hazardous conditions, and emergent situations and convey this information via radio to their communications team. Many participants were new to disaster preparedness and especially to radio communications. A great deal was learned by these folks and many connected with the preparedness organizers from their respective neighborhoods. Now that many of us are feeling more comfortable meeting in person we are encouraging those Ready Southeast volunteers who have yet to organize their nearby neighbors to get started. Several have contacted our committee asking for assistance with printed materials and logistical support with their meetings. We are providing that support as needed.

Environmental Stewardship Committee:

The ESC had a productive meeting in May:

- Potential Amazon Creek clean up days (where the creek runs through the SEN)

There are many variables involved in this project and the committee is currently in the fact finding stage

Neighbor buy-in and city support are essential to project success

Some ESC members are meeting with several Parks & Open Space staff to discuss issues & visions as well as address comments, questions, and concerns, Tuesday, June 14th @ 10am (we would like to keep this first group fairly small)

Information from this meeting/site walk-through will be discussed at the July ESC meeting at which time members will decide feasibility, scope, & potential paths to outreach

- Recycling

All Lane County transfer stations and all Eugene area recycling and garbage companies can, once again, accept #1 & #2 PLASTIC JARS, JUGS & BOTTLES, if larger than a tennis ball.

#4 & #5 (essentially yogurt types tubs) are still not accepted in mixed recycling

Dennis contacted Kelly Bell at Lane County to inquire about #4 & #5 current recycling options

There is much information to review, however:

Sanipac (not Apex..yet) is offering a Recycle Plus box (<https://sanipac.com/recyclingPlus/>)

Items collected include: batteries, light bulbs, textiles, plastic film, Styrofoam/block foam and dairy tubs (#5 PLASTIC DAIRY TUBS OVER 6 OUNCES (BUTTER, MARGARINE, COTTAGE CHEESE, LARGE YOGURT TUB ETC).LIDS ARE OK. LABELS ARE OK. NO TUBS SMALLER THAN 6 OUNCES)

I am working on finding out if we (the ESC or SEN Board) can become a registered 2-4-5 community collector for the neighborhood & what is entailed

The intent would be to combine a collection event with the SEN picnic

Land Use Committee:

HB 2001 code amendments have been approved by the Eugene City Council. Below is a link ...

<https://eugene-or.gov/4244/Middle-Housing>

That's all the news that is new and improved.....

Transportation Committee:

Transportation Committee Report

1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesdays 1:15 via zoom

4th Thursday 7:00 via zoom

LTD

-new trips added on the #28 bus for this summer, yay!

- ride those buses this summer to keep them around into the future, analysis is ongoing of areas of need and ridership

-new LTD general manager will be introduced by end of month

- still looking for a new LTD Board member for our Southeast district by December, please keep thinking!

SIDEWALKS

- we met with city transportation planning staff and they let us preview and comment on sidewalk project install across the street from Hilyard. They are reaching out to affected property owners this week. Sidewalk grant.
- Hilyard being paved next year, no crosswalks or road improvements until then
- FYI, curbs are not replaced by city when roads or sidewalks are replaced unless they are damaged
- Friendly Neighbors has duplicated our sidewalk vegetation clearing initiative

ROADS

- will contact EWEB project manager to talk about slowing trucks on Hilyard
- Spring Blvd bridge is the city's responsibility, has not had a seismic evaluation like the city's other 56 bridges yet
- Fox Hollow was a top concern that we discussed with city road planners regarding safe crossing and speeding.
- City has known that the bump puts along 33rd are a failure to slow down traffic, have not sought fixes or alternatives

Tugman Park Volunteers:

Friends of Tugman (aka Tuggers) - May 2022 Update

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

Our regularly scheduled bi-weekly Wednesday volunteer work events on 5/4 and 5/18 focused mostly on weeding in and invasives (ivy, blackberry, holly) removal from the park's north end (sequoia grove, plaque circle and corner @ 36 th & Hilyard). Following clearance and ground preparation, we spread natural bark chip mulch to enhance moisture retention and weed retardation.

Our proposed planting and beautification plan for the north end of Tugman was recently approved by City P&OS personnel. Moreover, the City plans to procure and fund all of the native plants that we need for this project! We plan to initiate planting 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.

Upcoming Friends of Tugman volunteer work events in June 2022 are scheduled as follows (times and days may be shifted due to weather):

Wednesday, June 1 st , 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Wednesday, June 15 th , 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Wednesday, June 29 th , 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Old business:

It was decided not to combine our neighborhood picnic with SHiNA.

Devon, Dennis and John O will comprise the Picnic Committee.

New Business:

We will wait to see what happens with HNRI before proceeding with the Formation of Charter and By-Laws Committee.

Jess moved to allocate up to \$100 for prizes for the Photo Contest. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn: 8:50 pm