

July 12, 2022 SEN Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:00 pm Hilyard Community Center and zoom

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

Absent: Emily, Jess

Guests: Don Metheny, John Q, Matt Keating, Kevin Ruhland

Public comment:

Kevin Ruhland introduced himself as a new SE neighbor. He has been involved with several neighborhood associations in other cities and wanted to see what our Board was like.

Matt Keating, City Councilor Ward 2

The council voted 7:1 to recommend a city-wide ban on fireworks. The issue will be dealt with in the fall.

The council is discussing Renter's Rights. The Proposed Phase I Protections Include:

1. **Support Services.** Fund a rental housing navigator position; expansion and management of rental housing data collection; code enforcement of the protections; and other tenant support services, such as a tenant hotline and eviction diversion; all with funds from an increased Rental Housing Code door fee. The rental housing navigator will support renters and landlords, and also assist with solutions and support for a) ex-offenders and other classes of people with similar challenges struggling to qualify for rental housing, and b) community members who need ADA compliant units.
2. **Move-in/out documentation.** Require landlords to itemize and photo document property condition at move-in and move-out, and to itemize and photo document withholdings from security deposit. The tenant shall receive copies.
3. **Rental History.** Require landlord, at tenant written request, to provide rental history (reference) for a tenant who has not yet given notice.
4. **Information on Renters' Rights/Landlords' Obligations.** Require landlords to distribute, together with any written rental agreement, an educational document describing Senate Bill 608 with regard to terminations. The City will be responsible for creating, updating, and posting the educational material. Any local renter protections will be included plus information about the rental housing code program.
5. **Cap application and screening fees at \$10 (ADDED BY COUNCIL on 3.16.22)** Require landlords to charge no more than a set application and screening fee to potential tenants.

During City Councilor Matt Keating's monthly update to the board, SEN board member, Rob Fisette, commented that at the beginning of the invasion of Ukraine there was a desire to penalize Russia for authoritarian acts including the of arrest of 10 Ukrainian war protesters. Following the US Supreme Court removal of the right to

abortions, there was a protest in downtown Eugene in which 10 people were arrested for essentially what they called disorderly conduct. Rob questioned how the two arrests differed and how the EPD action was related to the recent EPD budget increase.

Matt Keating stated: “It’s a much different animal than an authoritarian government simply arresting persons for protesting a war than it is a municipality making arrests to protect public safety. From my vantage point, what the chief described to us seemed appropriate for EPD to take the actions they took.” In reference to the EPD budget, Matt Keating stated: “ I don’t want to connect the budget to what happened, or to those particular arrests, those are two entirely different conversations.”

Report from the Co-Chairs:

Our September meeting will be held at Tugman Park.

Approve June, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s report:

US Bank Balance \$640.00

City Funds to be announced as soon as new allotments are distributed.

Committee Reports:

Ready Southeast Report, Don Metheny:

Don reported that the matching grant money has been distributed. Emergency response equipment has been purchased and placed in secure lock boxes around the neighborhood. Southeast’s program has become a model for other neighborhood. Monthly radio drills continue.

Communications Committee Report /Website/FB:

The Committee continues to hold monthly meetings. They are keeping the volume of messages to neighbors relatively low so people won’t feel bombarded.

Lynne will make name tags for us to wear at the picnic.

Transportation Committee Report:

The city’s SmartTrips program is in effect in our neighborhood for the summer. If you got a postcard, sign up for the program.

We would like to work on promoting non-vehicle transportation to the picnic, such as bike valet or free bus rides.

Friendly Neighbors replicated our neighborhood wide sidewalk cleanup efforts in June.

LTDs GM search and board member search (3) is still happening. Take the bus if you want neighborhood routes to continue. LTD running airport shuttles to hotels during championships.

Rob Inerfeld presented to our committee on a proposed road repair bond similar in nature to the existing one and previous ones, taxed at a rate of .63 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This would raise taxes or rents most likely on everyone since assessed values have risen quite a bit since the last bond four years ago. It will most likely appear on the November ballot. Councilor Keating raised concerns that politically this is possibly not good timing for this bond.

We have expressed further concern to the city about the area of 33rd Ave in regards to speeding and the ineffective bump out barriers that the city knows are ineffective. A speed study will most likely be done in the fall there.

Lane County presented its refined proposal for the 30th Ave corridor, comments on this refined design are due to Becky Taylor by July 12.

Land Use Committee:

Dennis relayed that two properties on west Willamette have been sold to developers who are in the process of requesting zoning changes.

Land Use issue: 3015 & 3031 Willamette. It is a request to change zoning from Low Density Residential R-1) to Medium Density Residential R-2). If anyone opposes or wants to make a comment in favor, there will be a virtual public hearing Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 5pm or you can submit testimony by email at RVerner@eugene-or.gov

The old Key Bank on the corner of 30th and Hilyard will become a dental complex. The current building will be demolished.

Tugman Park Volunteers:

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

- Our regularly scheduled bi-weekly Wednesday volunteer work events on 6/1, 6/15, and 6/29 focused mostly on weeding in and invasives (ivy, blackberry, holly) removal from the park's north end (sequoia grove, plaque circle and corner @ 36th & Hilyard). Following clearance and ground preparation, we spread natural bark chip mulch to enhance moisture retention and weed retardation.
- We also watered all of the recently planted native plants in the basketball court beds and the shelter area beds on 6/29
- Three of the caged oak trees along the Fawn Lily Rise path were weeded and watered on 6/29 as well.

- Upcoming Friends of Tugman volunteer work events in July 2022 are scheduled as follows (times and days may be shifted due to weather):
 - Wednesday, July 13th, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
 - Wednesday, July 27th, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Environmental Stewardship Committee:

We had a great meeting last month on site at Amazon Creek. We met with three city employees all with information and varying roles related to Amazon Creek habitat and restoration. Several different strategies were discussed regarding SEN involvement and restoration projects. We are waiting to hear back from the city with their planting plan (mostly designed to increase shade thus reduce invasive growth and stabilize habitat) for the portions of the creek that fall in the SEN to decide the when and the where of any restoration work. They are eager to work with us and are looking for a long term relationship. The committee will discuss options at the ESC meeting next week.

- At the next ESC meeting we will also discuss the pros and cons of refuse collection zones. Matt Keating asked for our thoughts on this topic and he (hopefully) will be attending to answer my and others' questions and concerns. The idea is that one-collector zones would reduce road wear, noise pollution, and bear-garbage/compost interactions. While at first glance, limiting services may sound appealing, I have questions and concerns about the actual practice and how it would affect consumers.
 - The companies would need to provide the same services (currently that is not exactly the case for sanipac and apex) for the same price. In the one-company model, where would competition increase services/options/recycling/composting?
 - Would the city then need to offer incentives to the companies to provide minimum requirements?
 - If this is the case (municipal funds driven competition) tax dollars would pay for street upkeep but also incentives to the collectors — potentially a zero sum game—and consumers may experience price fixed increased due to the elimination of market forces.
 - There would be little to no incentive for collectors to improve/increase recycling and composting services or to offer more services such as more frequent pick ups, etc. In fact, creating neighborhood regions for pick up may even reduce collection for one or the other company thus potentially removing competition completely.
 - Who decides the zones and are all zones created equal? Zones with less or more customers?
 - I would like to see analysis/numbers from the City of Eugene and an example model city that has implemented this type of plan to truly understand the monetary and environmental costs.

- In addition, the bear prevention aspect is moot because a large portion of homeowners have garbage/compost/recycling bins that are not stored inside a protective structure on non-collection days.

The ESC will be meeting in person at 10am, Tuesday, July 19th at Hideaway Bakery.

Old business:

Annual Report of hours to City: Dennis reminded everyone that hours spent on SEN business in the past year need to be submitted by Thursday. Devon commented that the reporting process is overly complicated and difficult to maneuver, Also no one seems to know what is done with the information once gathered.

SEN Picnic:

Dennis has submitted the Park Event Form to reserve Tugman for the picnic and to reserve garbage and recycling supplies.

Matt mentioned that the police auditors are looking for opportunities to attend local events. They may have a table.

The band "Connectarine", which plays classic rock and folk music will be offered \$200.00 to play two sets with a break.

Electric vehicles will be displayed.

We will contact local non-profits and invite them to participate.

Food Vendors being contacted to set up at the park are Bea's Dessert (cart), Bacon Nation (truck) and Sling-in-Weiner (cart).

EWEB will have a table or booth and answer questions.

Little Red, the City Park and Open Spaces VW van will be on display.

Eco Generation will have a booth.

Copy for a newsletter or postcard will be due at the printer by August 23 in order to reach neighbors in time for the picnic. We will decide on the specifics of the mailer at our August board meeting.

New Business: None

Adjourn: 8:30 pm

