

Summary Minutes Sabin Community Association Board Meeting, 9
January 2012, Whole Foods meeting room, 7 pm. Twelve people present.

Treasurer's Report:

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NECN news from Katy Asher.

Solarize Northeast is now underway.

A forum concerning skills and abilities sought in candidates for major city office will be held at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church's Carvlin Hall.

NECN and Concordia University are partnering to host two other candidate forums, the first on the theme of livability on 28 February, the second on education, 22 March.

The Economic Development Committee will host the next in its speaker series.

Cleanup coordination at NECN will begin soon.

Sabin Safety.

Not having the usual report from a Portland police officer, the Board discussed some "smash and grab" car thefts and some aspects of Sabin bike safety.

Sabin School Auction.

Sabin School auction. David Sweet made the motion that we sponsor at the \$500 level. Board members who want to go can get tickets for themselves. Passed unanimously.

Presentation by Senator Chip Shields.

Chip Shields, who represents our area in the Oregon Senate, described his work as Chair of the Consumer and Small Business Protection Committee to require health insurance companies to justify their premium increases in a more robust rate review process. Faced with greater scrutiny, Oregon health insurance companies now seek smaller premium increases. The next goal of the committee is to overturn the exemption of health insurance companies from the unfair trade practices act.

Cell Towers in Residential Areas.

Alameda and Concordia asked for our signature on their letter concerning cell towers. Gwenn expressed the opinion that the letter needs editing. David says LUTC at NECN is “taking it on,” encouraging the city “to step up and revamp the way they approve cell towers.” Clay asked if Alameda is aware of NECN action. David says yes. A consensus emerged that SCA supports the NECN process and will write its own letter when that seems appropriate.

Sabin Triangle update.

SCA was not awarded the Metro grant for starting the project, so it may be longer-term. The ad hoc committee is meeting to consider outreach, budget and maintenance.

LUTC.

David reported that LUTC had a presentation from Whole Foods about their continuing remodel, which in the summer will include covered outdoor seating, consolidated bike parking, and a doggie “hitching post.” The trees along Beech Street will be coming out and will be replaced.

“Twelve years of trying and we finally did manage to get a crosswalk at 14th and Fremont,” announced David Sweet for the committee, for which hearty thanks and congratulations.

Green Streets project at 9th is moving “glacially.” Construction may happen in the summer.

The committee presented a letter encouraging the city to revise design review procedures and reduce fees in Sabin overlap. Bill Youngren moved that the letter as presented be sent from the Board. Passed unanimously.

A New Seasons Market will open at Fremont and Williams in “the bakery block.”

Communications Committee.

Diane Benson is constructing an SCA website as part of an ad hoc committee. Diane gave a presentation of the new website. For now, she will make additions. More links will be added. Please make suggestions for content.

New SCA representative to the NECN Board.

A motion was made to make Don Rouzie the second representative from Sabin to the NECN Board. Passed with one abstention.

Adjourned 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Conable