



**Special Meeting
January 22, 2014
8:00-9:00 PM
Clay Veka's home, 3739 NE 16th Ave**

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 8:00 p.m. on January 22, 2014 at Clay Veka's house

Board Member Attendees

Diane Benson
Adrienne Cohen
Josh Curtis
Michelle Ganow-Jones
Rachel Lee
Don Rouzie
Clay Veka
Bill Youngren

Guests

Tom Brabish
Mace Vaughn

Tom Brabish provided background on the proposed restoration project for the Sabin School field, for which he approached the SCA to ask for a letter of support. He described the plan for an incremental restoration of the field over four years, which will address nutrients, overseeding, and aeration of the field, while minimizing impact on the resident tickle bees. The goal of the project is to create a safe playing field with limited environmental impacts.

Mace Vaughn spoke to the potential impact of the project on the field's tickle bees. Mace is a pollinator conservationist, and also lives across the street from the field and has a daughter who attends Sabin School. He wants to see the field made safe, as long as the project is phased in, and the impact on the bees is regularly evaluated. A number of aspects of the project could affect the bees, including aeration of the field, shearing the ground, amending the soil. To this end, the project may have control areas to see if certain treatments are impacting the bees.

If the bees are impacted, then the plan will be adjusted. All aspects of the project – amendments, aeration, seeding – will be assessed for impacts on the bees. The goal for monitoring is to look

for something dramatic. Some areas will be kept unimpacted to always give the bees somewhere to go.

Michelle Ganow-Jones moved that the SCA board write a letter of support for the Sabin School field project, as outlined in the workplan, to pursue funding opportunities. Bill Youngren seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

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SCA is calling a Special Meeting to discuss the Sabin School field renovation project and vote on whether or not SCA will write a letter of support for a \$20,000 grant request the field committee has made to the Nike Employee Grant Fund.

SCA Special Meeting
Wednesday, 1/22
8:00-9:00 PM
3739 NE 16th Ave

The SCA Board did not have enough information or enough time on January's board agenda to discuss and vote on a letter of support for the project. With the final project work plan forthcoming early next week, we ask board members and community members alike to review the plan and join the discussion.

It seems simple, the field is rutted and muddy and needs fixing. It gets complicated because tickle bees live under ground in Sabin's field and Sabin LOVES bees, especially tickle bees for so many very important ecological and warm-and-fuzzy reasons. The rub comes in not knowing how the renovation will impact the bees and designing a project work plan that is effective at incrementally evaluating and responding to impacts.

If you are interested or passionate about this, please come join the conversation!



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