

Board Meeting Monday, September 12, 2016 Whole Foods, 2nd Floor Conference Room MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:04 p.m.

Board Member Attendees

Adrianne Cohen

Lauren Gross

Clay Veka

Rachel Lee

Pam Kahl

Claire Bellinger

Shayan Rohani

Jane Zwinger

Kyann Kalin

Don Rouzie

Guests

none

Agenda approved with addition of need for more SCAN deliverers as another position to fill.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Adrianne moves to approve June meeting minutes; Pam seconds the motion. Approved unanimously by board members present. (Kyann and Don joined the meeting later.)

Treasurer's Report

Adrianne presents the September treasurer's report. This report reflects the end of our 6-month budget, which was created as part of the process to align SCA's fiscal year with NECN's. We are under budget for both revenue and expenses. Adrianne will follow up on the grant revenue from NECN.

Potential relocation of SCA Board Meetings

Sabin School's new principal is reaching out to the community and has expressed interest in having Sabin Community Association meetings at the school. We do not yet know if there will be a rental fee or when the custodians need to close the building up. People are generally interested in the idea, and Rachel will follow up with Principal Williams about those questions and whether there might be meeting space that is scaled for our size group, which may not be the auditorium. Holding meetings at Sabin School would also open up the possibility of putting more sandwich boards or signs outside the school during our meetings. Pam will investigate making signs and/or chalkboard. No vote held, and we will revisit this at the October meeting.

There is an upcoming event at Sabin with Black Lives Matter, Don't Shoot Portland, and other groups. Attendance is free, but space is limited. Clay will post the notice on the SCA page and invite someone who attends to do a write-up of it for the SCAN.

Vision for 2016-2017

Projects that SCA is currently engaged in (Projects that have been tabled are in parentheses):

- Communications
 - Committee chair and members
 - SCA editor, distributors, advertising, articles
 - Social media
 - (New resident welcome)
- Land Use & Transportation
 - Committee chair and members
- Events
 - Committee chair & members
 - General meetings
 - (Fall potluck)
 - (National Night Out)
 - (SCA Board retreat)
 - (Holiday party)
- Ad hoc Small Grant Committee
- (Ad hoc Outreach Committee to increase board diversity)
- NECN positions
 - Board representative
- Project leads
 - (Bee-Friendly Garden)
 - (Neighborhood Clean-up)
 - (Sabin Triangle)
 - Community Orchard
 - (Green Streets)
 - Friends of Trees
- Officer Functions
 - Meeting agendas and running meetings
 - Financial and tax over-sight
 - Meeting minutes
 - (Business liaison)

Dreams (that we heard from Sabin community members when we sought small grants ideas, plus ideas contributed during Board discussion):

- Earthquake preparedness
- Hydropark improvements
- Traffic safety, including the intersection murals, speedbumps.
- Community Orchard improvements, including possibly a cobb bench at the entrance at 18th?
- Low-income property maintenance
- Community dialogue
- Low-income housing, including preventing replacement of small existing houses with large, expensive new construction.
- Community bulletin boards, like the one that used to be at Alberta Co-op Grocery.. Maybe paired with micro-libraries.

Shy will follow up with the Building Convergence annual program & City Repair about putting in an application in the next cycle for another intersection mural. SCA could provide small grants/seed money for intersections as well. It is important to get all neighbors to agree, though.

There is a discussion of demolitions and the effect on property tax assessments, with the property tax limitations, and the inter-relationship of demolitions, gentrification, and low of loss-income housing. Pam may follow up to see if there are organizations that SCA could cooperate with on these issues.

Positions to fill

Kyann reports that SCAN really needs additional help with developing content, both contributing ideas and writing up articles. Erin will be stepping down as editor after March. We need to develop a plan for recruiting additional members to the Communications Committee. We also need SCAN deliverers.

Ideas for recruiting: Facebook post, put in SCAN November front page, Kyann can post on NextDoor, follow up with Grant High journalism teacher, Sabin middle school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.