Sabin LUTC Minutes

October 10, 2016

8:30 pm

Mt. Bachelor Room

Attendees:

*Rachel Lee*

*Kirke Wolfe*

1. September minutes approved unanimously.
2. Follow-up re new City Code provisions re garages & setbacks. The new code allows garages within the setbacks without a variance, if certain requirements are met. Last month’s proposal for a garage that extended beyond the previous footprint met those requirements.
3. Liquor license renewals occur annually, with an opportunity to comment if SCA perceives a problem with any local establishment. We aren’t aware of any issues that would warrant comment this year.
4. Residential Infill Project: There will be City Council hearings in November, and SCA has been asked to endorse the Portland for Everyone position. Kirke attended the Missing Middle event on October 7 and brought informational materials back. There is absolutely a real need to make housing less unaffordable, and SCA has traditionally supporting increasing density. But the proposal to City Council appears to assume that building costs are what drive the unaffordability of housing, rather than supply & demand for housing. If supply & demand are the drivers, then the proposal will make housing less unaffordable only to the extent that it leads to the construction of a significant number of new units (which will likely be accompanied by a significant number of demolitions). These are difficult issues, and we don’t have a definite recommendation for the SCA Board.