

**Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 13, 2017**

**MINUTES**

Meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m.

*Board Member Attendees*

Shayan Rohani  
Clay Veka  
Jane Zwinger  
Pam Kahl  
Adrienne Cohen  
Lauren Gross  
Rachel Lee

*Guests*

Willa Rabinovitch  
Christine Siemens  
Sean Green

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Agenda

Add agenda item to discuss committee membership.

January Minutes

Motion by Shayan to approve the January minutes without change, seconded by Adrienne. Approved unanimously.

February Treasurer's Report

Adrienne will circulate the February Treasurer's Report after the meeting. The Sabin NET small grant project is not ready to receive money from SCA yet, because they are still discussing the specific items that they intend to purchase. Sabin-King Street Tree Project has begun removing dead or dying street trees of low-income homeowners identified through the project, but has not yet requested reimbursement from us.

Finalize May General Meeting Topic and Yard Signs

Clay summarized our discussion at last month's board meeting. Shayan investigated and attended a Conversation Project event during the month. He thought that the conversation that the presenters had was excellent, but it was too large a group for the audience to participate significantly. The scale of our General Meeting would be more suitable for the model. During the month, several Board members reviewed the topics offered by the Conversation Project, and would propose (1) The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon; (2) Power, Privilege, and Racial Diversity in Oregon; or (3) What We Risk: Creativity, Vulnerability, and Art. The first topic is obviously timely, might attract many people, and perhaps we might invite IRCO (Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization) to come and join the discussion. We could hold a potluck. We might connect people with an organization that facilitates sponsorship of refugees. Regarding the second topic, a conversation about race would

be incredibly important and is linked to immigration as well. Regarding the third topic, art may be a way to bring more people in (we could invite an artist or musician), and then people might be willing to talk about some of the more complex issues in a more accessible context.

The group consensus is that the interest in the Sabin community will be highest for the immigration topic, and people may also want to discuss the issue of sanctuary cities. Clay will follow up with the Conversation Project to attempt to arrange the immigration topic for the May General Meeting.

We could also consider bringing yard signs and making them available at the May General Meeting. Clay has print-outs of sample signs, at \$10 per sign. They are locally printed, and all proceeds are donated to a refugee shelter. There is a discussion of purchasing several signs, so that people have choices. We could also ask Weina to help us design our own sign. There is some concern that some of the phrasing of some of the samples may be divisive. The consensus is to try to come up with a Sabin-specific, inclusive, and positive message. Clay requests that during the month each Board member suggest a positive message to her by email.

Note for General Meeting 2018: consider holding a Sabin Talent Show.

#### Portland United Against Hate letter

There is a joint statement from a community-initiated partnership, Portland United Against Hate. SCA could sign on to the letter. There has been a big jump in removal of political and hate graffiti since the election, signalling that there is a problem. There is concern that the quote in the joint letter from Amanda Fritz (“Best Coast”) is divisive, but there is support for the letter even if it is imperfect. Shayan suggests that we give feedback to the organization that they should be careful in their tone. Motion by Adrienne that SCA endorse the statement by Portland United Against Hate, seconded by Jane. Motion amended to include that SCA will provide feedback to the statement’s authors that the phrase “Best Coast” is divisive, despite Amanda Fritz’s good intentions. Motion as amended passes unanimously.

#### NECN Update

Lauren Gross is SCA’s representative to the NECN Board. Lauren shares highlights from the NECN Executive Director’s recent update to the NECN Board. The first issue of the new NECN newsletter was distributed recently. NECN is working on air toxics. NECN was working on gentrification events and will be supporting another round focused on African-Americans. NECN will host monthly meeting for the Public Safety Advisory Committee. NECN is launching Neighborhood Emergency Action Teams.

#### Clean-up Preparations

Lauren is preparing for the clean-up. There may be more restrictions from the City on what we can accept this year.

#### Update on Abandoned House

We have invited Commissioner Eudaly to a future Board meeting. The City Auditor is reportedly going to take action on the property that we heard about last month, because it has significant liens on it.

#### Committee Membership

Rachel reports that holding the LUTC meetings after the Board meeting is not increasing Board membership, and it is making the LUTC less useful because the timing prevents the LUTC from discussing issues *before* the Board meeting. LUTC may request that its meeting time be moved to a different schedule..

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.