

Board Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2017

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m, without quorum.

Board Member Attendees

Clay Veka
Rachel Lee
Erin Brasell
Jane Zwinger
Claire Bollinger

Guest

Marshall Runkel, chief of staff for Commissioner Eudaly, coordinates with BDS for her
Sean Green

Agenda

Remove the LUTC meeting time & place item.
Add an agenda item at the end of the meeting for general updates.

March Minutes

For lack of quorum, we pass over this agenda item.

Treasurer's Report

The two approved grants still have not applied for reimbursement. The only transactions this month appear to be SCAN ad income, payment to the printer for SCAN printing, and a fee for the speaker program at the Sabin General Meeting.

Problematic Properties

Marshall Runkel reports that Commissioner Eudaly is aware of the general problem of vacant properties that accumulate liens for code problems, nuisances. He has done research on the geographic distribution of liens within the City. There are \$28 million in outstanding liens in the City. It is difficult for the City to distinguish between distressed property owners who can't maintain their properties, and absentee landlords or bank-owned properties. The City does not foreclose often, and it did some foreclosures last year for the first time in 15 years. It requires too much City time and labor to foreclose on all of these. Eminent domain is another tool that the City could use, but it would be very aggressive and would require broad community support. He thinks that there are 700 that are real nuisance properties, but isn't able to define exactly how that figure was determined. Erin asks what steps he would recommend for neighbors. In three to six months, he feels that he would have a better handle on the system, options, and consensus. There can't be discriminatory enforcement against different groups, but there could be objective standards depending on the characteristics of the property, the violations, the liens, etc.

Clay asks if this is a priority for Marshall and BDS right now. BDS has four large issues as priority right now: leadership; human resource issues; design review issues (not the neighborhood development issues); and span of control (ie, the fragmentation among City bureaus of the permits necessary for a project). But he is also working on

this as an individual project, and the demolition and hazardous materials issue. But he is Commissioner Eudaly's chief of staff and has many responsibilities.

General Meeting Preparation

Clay spoke to Oregon Humanities about the Conversation Project, who recommended that she speak to Manuel, our conversation facilitator. Erin will contact people at Sabin School to publicize it through the school. Henry is working on flyers. Then we will need volunteers to post & distribute the flyers. Claire and Erin volunteer. We are also planning on having Board members bring a dish to share. Clay will circulate a sign-up sheet.

Board Elections & Vacant Positions

Paul is not going to run again.

Adrienne will not be the Treasurer again.

Sean will run for our Board as at-large member and is interested in being SCA's rep to NECN.

There is a need for succession planning and a strategy for making the SCA Board sustainable.

Biketown Letter

For lack of quorum, we pass over this agenda item.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43.