Sabin Community Association
Minutes of General Meeting
May 14, 2018
Sabin School

Social hour from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

Presentation by Dr. Ken Burns of Portland State University about The Big One and steps that Sabin residents can take to prepare.

After some of the people left following the presentation, Rachel Lee did an oral roll call of those who had signed in during the social hour. 14 SCA members remained present for the start of the business portion of the meeting.

Bylaws
Rachel Lee summarized the proposed amendments to the bylaws. Many of the changes are housekeeping in nature, but the proposed amendments also:

- allow the Board to reduce the number of meetings from 9 per year to at least 4 per year;
- reduce quorum for a Board meeting from 6 to 5;
- eliminate the office of Second Vice President;
- allow the Board to create committees that can exercise delegated authority;
- provide additional details about how committees should function; and
- reduce the number of General Meetings from 2 per year to at least 1 per year.

The current SCA Board hopes that these amendments will reduce the burden on the SCA Board of monthly meetings; increase the likelihood of achieving quorum at its meetings; give the Board the option to transfer some of the work of SCA to committees; and bring the bylaws into conformity with the SCA’s recent practices regarding General Meetings. The draft amendments were approved by the SCA Board at its April 2018 meeting and publicized to the SCA membership at least 7 days prior to the General Meeting.

Following discussion of the proposed amendments, Rachel Lee moved to approve and adopt the proposed amendments to the bylaws, as shown on the attached document. Adrienne Cohen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the 14 SCA members present, with no abstentions. The amendments are approved and adopted.

Elections
NECN staff ran the election.

The officer nominations were:
- President: Clay Veka
- Vice President: Erin Brasell
- Treasurer: Adrienne Cohen
- Secretary: Rachel Lee

The uncontested slate of officers was elected unanimously. They will take office on July 1, 2018 for a one-year term.

The nominations for At-Large Members were:
- Clare Bollinger
- Shayan Rohani
The uncontested slate of At-Large Members was elected unanimously. They will assume their positions on July 1, 2018 for a two-year term.

At-large members Sean Green and Don Rouzie will continue on the Board for the second year of their two-year terms.

Proposal for SCA Donations
Erin proposes that at its June meeting, the SCA Board consider donating to the Sabin Foundation. PPS has shrunk Sabin’s boundary and transferred the middle grades to the new Tubman Middle School, and as a result, Sabin will be significantly under-enrolled next year. Because school funding is determined by the number of students, Sabin is set to lose a large number of positions, including the assistant vice principal, school counselor, restorative justice coach, paraeducators, educational assistants, and two teachers. Adrianne suggests that SCA also consider making a matching donation to the King Foundation, because King School is also under-enrolled and facing a similar funding problem.

Vanessa Renwick announced her upcoming virtual reality show about solitary confinement, May 18-20 at 3726 NE 7th Ave.

Meeting ended at 8:50 pm.