

Board Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2019
Location: 3612 NE 12th Avenue

In attendance

Don Rouzie
Maria Hein
Rachel Lee
Claire Bollinger
Adrienne Cohen

Guests

John Charles, Cascade Policy Institute

Meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions.

Additions to agenda.

Maria suggests that we invite the Sabin Principal to attend an SCA board meeting. Adrienne suggests that inviting the Sabin Foundation would be a good alternative. Adrienne will invite Erin Brasell to the February meeting.

Measure 26-203.

Cascade Policy Institute is a nonpartisan research non-profit based in Portland. Measure 26-203 was referred to the ballot by Metro to borrow \$475M in bonds. It will probably entail \$700 to \$900 million in taxes over 20 years. This is casually referred to as a renewal of the current bond, but it is not. The mil rate will remain the same as the current tax. The original bond was passed in the 1990s to fund protection of land outside the urban growth boundary, to provide public green space given that there would be denser growth inside the urban growth boundary. In 2005, there was another bond. With the \$363 million of bond money spent to date, 70% of the land purchased is outside Metro boundaries. Only twelve percent of the properties are accessible to the public. When Cascade Policy Institute submitted public records requests for the land, they were told that Metro did not want the properties to be disclosed. Most of the land is being banked. Metro still has \$27 million of bond proceeds from the last bond, and project that it will spend only \$2 million next year. Cascade Policy Institute recommends voting no.

Thank-you to Sabin Yard Sale Organizer.

Benjamin Foote is the neighbor who organized the Sabin Garage Sale in the spring. Rachel proposes a (belated) thank-you card and a gift card. Claire has his contact info and can get a gift card and write a thank-you note. Maria would like to know how to connect people to him for recruiting for next year's garage sale. Rachel moves to authorize \$50 for a gift card to Grain & Gristle as a thank-you gift for Mr. Foote. Don Rouzie seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions.

June Meeting Minutes.

With the correction of "SCA" to "LUTC" in the item re LUTC membership, Claire moves to approve the minutes. Adrienne seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions.

Adrienne will follow up with Erin about the problem that not all the minutes are visible on the SCA webpage.

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Treasurer's Report.

Adrienne does not have a treasurer's report this month. There has been turnover at NECN, and she has not received the report that she requested.

NECN Communications Grants

But if we want to request communications funds from NECN for this year, we need to request it. We can request up to \$500 and a proposal for how we will spend it. Adrienne will submit a proposal for (1) printing costs for one-time flyer for the clean-up, garage sale, and general meeting; (2) yard signs; and (3) social media promotions. Adrienne will research costs and request an appropriate amount.

Potential Changes in City Code re Neighborhood Associations.

There is interest in learning more about this and what position other neighborhoods are taking on it. Maria will follow up on that.

New Business.

Don will request that our representative to the NECN Board, Sean Greene, email us monthly reports regarding the NECN Board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.