



Board Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020
Sabin School Auditorium

In Attendance:

Don Rouzie
Rachel Lee
Shayan Rohani
Claire Bollinger
Vanessa Renwick
Sean Green
Maria Hein

Guest

Benjamin Foote, Sabin neighbor

Meeting begins at 7:07 pm.

1. **Minutes.** Claire moves to approve the October minutes without changes, seconded by Maria. Approved unanimously, Shay abstaining. Motion passes.
2. **NECN report.** Sean circulated a link to recent NECN minutes and comment letters. He reports that NECN has commented on many transportation projects in NE Portland and has started commenting on more air quality issues. At NECN's next meeting, it will be considering the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing proposal. That proposal would allow churches and nonprofits to develop their existing property into housing (either affordable or market-rate) according to the underlying zoning, without needing to go through conditional use review for retaining a nonconforming use on the remainder of the property.
3. **Community Yard Sale.** Benjamin Foote reports that he has enough signs to deploy and will use stickers to update the date. He will update the SCA webpage with this year's information. He would like to find an adult or teenage volunteer to partner with him. Potentially the volunteer would help distribute yard signs, help with collecting them afterwards, or help with emails. Maria will post info on the SCA's Facebook page. He would prefer to do the Yard Sale on the same date as the Cleanup. Benjamin requests \$50 to print stickers. Shay moves that we authorize Ben to spend up to \$100 on expenses related to the Yard Sale, to be reimbursed by the SCA. Maria seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes. Ben mentions that in the future we could grow the annual yard sale towards a fundraising tool, charging a small amount for registration. He may come back with a proposal at our April meeting.
4. **Clean-up.** Shay reports a tentative date of May 16, but he has been unable to confirm with Maranatha Church. The funding has changed this year, because the City is shifting funding to East Portland. We are hoping it will be at least revenue-neutral this year. We will collaborate with Sullivan's Gulch and combine volunteers. We will split the proceeds with them. There will only be 4 sites in May, with 3 boxes per site. Typically, we use 4 boxes just for

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SCA. Shay would like to negotiate with the hauler for SCA to buy a fourth box for \$500 if necessary, and the Sullivan's Gulch board will be deciding whether to do the same, which would bring us to 5 boxes total. There will be no City funding for either advertising or refreshments for volunteers. People will be allowed to bring material to the cleanup regardless of where in Portland they live. Maria moves that we authorize Shay to spend \$500 for a fourth box. Claire seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes. Maria moves that we name this year's cleanup the Betty Walker Memorial Sabin/Sullivan's Gulch Cleanup, Shay seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes. Vanessa will try to use SCA's mailchimp account to promote the Yard Sale.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** Adrienne told Don that, to her knowledge, there have not been any transactions since the last meeting. She reports that NECN has been unresponsive to her requests for a report.

6. **LUTC Report.** Rachel reports that the Sabin LUTC has not been receiving demolition notices from BDS; the City says that notices are mailed only to our NECN address. Rachel will email Sean with a description of the problem. She also reports that the LUTC has been discussing short-term rentals and will vote on a policy at its next meeting regarding which permits to oppose and which to take no action on. Maria is concerned about a multi-unit project being built in the 3800 block of MLK that avoids the need for affordable units by breaking the project up into 4 separate developments, each of which considered separately is too small to trigger an affordable housing requirement. The corner of 15th & Fremont will be developed into a large duplex, which could impact traffic and pedestrian access during construction. The staff report recommended against the project, but the Landmarks Commission approved it with conditions.

7. **Communications.** Maria mentions that she tries to keep the Facebook page active and asks people to email her with news items for her to post.

8. **Historic Photos.** Former SCA board member Bill Youngren has a collection of historical photos from Sabin. There is strong interest in digitizing them. Vanessa knows a local historian, Tom Robinson, who does that.

9. **Annual General Meeting.** Rachel moves to authorize Vanessa to offer Tom Robinson \$250 to make a 45-minute presentation at our General Meeting on May 11, Maria seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes. Vanessa proposes that we package all our events (potentially including a blurb for Ariadne Gardens) in a single mailchimp email, rather than sending multiple emails. If Tom Robinson is not available for the general meeting, then Vanessa could potentially show some of her films.

10. **Library.** Maria mentions that the Multnomah County Library is planning to close the Albina Library and build a larger library on Russell if the bond measure passes. Vanessa notes that there were rallies to save the Albina Library the last time a closure was planned.

Board meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.