



Sabin Community Association Board Meeting

January 11, 2021

7:00 pm

video/telephone

In attendance

Don Rouzie

Maria Hein

Sean Green

Rachel Lee

Shayan Rohani

Claire Bollinger

Genna Golden

Mark Meininger, guest from Sabin Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)

Nathan White, guest from Sabin NET

Meeting commenced at 7:05

1. Introductions.

2. October minutes. Don's name is misspelled in the October minutes. With that correction, Sean moves to approve the October minutes, Shy seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes. Rachel will draft minutes for the December General Meeting.

3. LUTC. Rachel reports that the LUTC has been working on short-term rentals, commented in support of the City's Tree Code amendments, and is monitoring the construction at 15th and Fremont.

4. Treasurer's Report. Maria reports that it has been difficult to get financial information from NECN. Our starting balance was \$10,921.18, and there have been expenditures for our state filing fee plus late fee (\$190), and an honorarium to Doug Decker for speaking at our General Meeting (\$200), totaling approximately \$390. Thus, Maria believes that the current balance is approximately \$10,531.18.

5. Communications. Maria reports that a Sabin resident, Ulrike ("Rika") Penk, responded to our advertisement for a volunteer. She has a background in communications and is interested in helping us. Maria wants to clarify our expectations, which would be an every-other-month email newsletter and editing, with Maria's support. The Board is grateful to Maria for finding Rika and If we want to have multiple authorized users, it would cost \$21 per month at Mailchimp (\$252

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annually). Don is in favor of that expenditure. Sean suggests that there may be alternatives, including making an SCA email account the owner of the account. Rachel pointed out that SCA already has/had some organizational accounts, but tends to lose track of them. Sean will set up a standard operating procedures document to facilitate keeping track of that information. Rachel agrees to look up our previous advertising revenue. Shay asks Maria to download the email list, so that we have that stored outside Mailchimp. Rachel moves that we authorize Maria to purchase the \$21/month level access to Mailchimp for the next four months, Shy seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes. We will plan to take up an SCA budget at the next meeting.

6. Sabin NET. NET training focused on earthquakes, but the pandemic has been a quiet, slower-motion disaster. The Sabin NET put up posters around the neighborhood offering to help, and some members were volunteering in the City's emergency command post. A problem was that the most vulnerable people are those who are not connected to an organization or family, leaving neighbors as their only safety net. In addition, even in an earthquake, there are not enough NET members to provide all the assistance. Neighbors are the best positioned to help their neighbors in either the current pandemic or in an earthquake. Sabin NET has been thinking about trying to organize blacks into modern versions of phone trees. They would like to find people willing to volunteer to be a neighbor coordinator, who solicits the contact info from a couple of blocks worth of neighbors. Only the neighbor coordinator will have the neighbors' contact info; it will not be shared with other neighbors on the block. They are going to call the existing roster of NET volunteers, applicants, and previously trained neighbors, asking them to be neighbor coordinators, who would hand-write contact invitations to their neighbors. They would like us to help get the word out to recruit neighbor coordinators, and they invite board members to serve as neighbor coordinators. Maria says that if Mark puts together a concise statement, it could go in our first e-newsletter. Don reports that ringing doorbells was the most successful when organizing Neighborhood Block Watches in Sabin years ago. Sean asks whether the Sabin NET has considered helping homeless individuals. Mark says that the NET teams have been deployed by local government in certain large-scale events, like the fires or extreme cold-weather shelters, but that the problems of the homeless are otherwise not really within NET's capacity.

7. Standard Operating Procedures. Sean has created some documents to populate with our information and policies, and he will email them out to the board to continue filling them out.



8. NECN. The former Executive Director Adam Lyons resigned to take the position of communications director for Commissioner Mapps. Jessica Rojas has been appointed as interim Executive Director. Lisa Loving has been hired as communications coordinator. A fiscal coordinator has been hired, which will hopefully alleviate some of the issues that Maria has been experiencing. NECN has been focusing on houseless advocacy, and NECN is a fiscal sponsor for a coalition that helped prepare a grant for a grass-roots organization. Sean summarizes much of the work and services of NECN.

9. Clean-up. Shay reports that clean-ups are not being coordinated and supported by the City at all. It is premature for SCA to attempt to organize an independent clean-up. Similarly, it is too early to try to plan another yard sale, but hopefully that can be done once the pandemic eases.

10. Reverend Bethel's death. He was the pastor of Maranatha Church and president of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, and he passed away in December. There has been no formal relationship between the SCA and any neighborhood church. Particularly in light of the support that the Maranatha Church has offered to the SCA throughout the years of our clean-up, and the significant past and present role of churches in the Sabin community, Don suggests that we should honor the Reverend Bethel's life. Maria suggests that the SCA send a letter to Maranatha. Genna also suggests using our newsletter and Facebook to educate Sabin neighbors about his life and legacy. Shy has a contact at Maranatha and would be willing to reach out to them to see if there is information that they would like us to include in our write-up, and suggest that SCA would also be pleased to have someone from Maranatha join our board, or do projects with them after the pandemic.

11. Multnomah County Charter Review. The County is preparing to do a charter review, which it does every six years. There are positions for community members to get involved. Don has the contact information.

Meeting ends at 9:06 pm.