



Sabin Community Association Board Meeting
March 8, 2021
video/telephone

In attendance

Don Rouzie
Rachel Lee
Sean Green
Maria Hein
Genna Golden
Shayan Rohani
Rika Penk, resident
Greg Bourget, guest from Cascadia Action

Meeting started at 7:15 pm after technical problems.

1. Cascadia Action. Greg Bourget works on air pollution data for Portland. Currently, he is analyzing diesel particulates. Multnomah County ranks very high in diesel particulate pollution nationally, which is particularly dangerous. California regulates diesel more stringently. The metro area also has wood smoke and some significant smokestack emitters. Citizen action has spurred some companies to install emissions devices. Different neighborhood associations have signed onto letters asking specific businesses to take action. Many neighborhood associations have appointed a liaison to the project. Sabin itself does not have significant commercial or industrial emission sources for air pollutants in its boundaries. Maria thinks that her husband would be a good fit, if he is interested. Greg will also assist in writing an article for the newsletter if we are interested. Sean comments that NECN has been supportive of the organization's work.

2. Introductions. Board members introduce ourselves to the new newsletter editor, Rika Penk. There is a discussion of updating the sabinpdx.org website. Rachel will follow up with Maria and Rika about access to the weebly platform.

3. Cleanup updates. Shayan reports that there is nothing happening with the cleanup right now. He leaves the meeting at approximately 7:35 pm.

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4. LUTC. Rachel reports that there has been an interruption in receiving land use notices because ONI was erroneously given an NECN email address as her contact information. Rachel also reports on complaints submitted for the duplex under construction at 15th and Fremont; LUTC understands that the correct windows have now been ordered and will be installed. One of the LUTC members is continuing to work on developing a website that can be a resource for neighbors of short-term rentals.

5. NECN. Sean reports that City budgeting season is beginning, and NECN anticipates that funding may be reduced by at least 3%. Commissioner Hardesty is holding an open house tomorrow. NECN has backed several environmental and houselessness advocacy projects. Jessica Rojas is the interim executive director, and there is a search committee forming for a new executive director. The SW coalition had its contract terminated after an audit.

6. Treasurer's Report. NECN continues to fail to provide a report to our treasurer. Maria believes the balance to be \$10,511.18. We have paid and/or reimbursed Maria for our current and back fees to the State, and we paid Doug Decker for his presentation at the General Meeting. The Mailchimp fees will need to be reimbursed but haven't been submitted to NECN yet. Maria cannot submit it until the new bookkeeper lets her know about the new check request process. Maria also notes that SCA is currently operating without an approved budget.

7. Advertising in the Newsletter. A neighborhood business has expressed an interest in advertising in our new e-newsletter. Maria and Rika will investigate what other neighborhood associations are doing with their electronic newsletters, as well as the mechanics of collecting.

8. General Meeting and Elections. Our General Meeting will be May 10, at 7 pm. We need to request that NECN supervise our elections, and we need 10 SCA members present for quorum. Don would like to step down as SCA President, but is willing to continue if necessary to assure the continuation of SCA. We are supposed to have four officers and at least four members at large. There is a discussion of potential speakers. Don suggests Commissioner Mapps. Sean will invite him. If Commission Mapps declines, Maria moves to authorize up to \$200 as an honorarium for another speaker, Sean seconds. Motion approved unanimously, no abstentions.

9. January Minutes. Maria moves to approve the draft January minutes without changes, Don seconds. Motion approved unanimously, no abstentions.



10. Yard Sale. We had previously talked about the possibility of doing a yard sale in the fall, but will table the discussion for now.

Meeting concluded at 8:44 pm.