



## **SCA Board minutes**

October 12, 2020

videoconference/telephonic meeting

### In Attendance

Don Rouzie

Rachel Lee

Maria Hein

Sean Green

Shay Rohani

Claire Bollinger

Kathleen McConnell, guest

Meeting commenced at 7:08 pm.

### **1. Introductions and agenda.**

**2. Status of SCA.** Maria received a notice that we need to file an annual report (the CT-12) with the Oregon Department of Justice, Charitable Division. She prepared and filed that, but it appeared to trigger a notice from Oregon DOJ that we had not filed the previous 2 years. Maria has now filed back reports for those two years and paid the \$150 fee. She believes we are now in complete compliance with Oregon DOJ. This must be done on an annual basis going forward.

Sean mentions that NECN lost the staff member who was handling fiscal sponsorships and is in the process of hiring her replacement, which should facilitate communication and support of SCA and other neighborhood associations.

**3. Treasurer Report.** We had one check for the current CT-12 report, so she calculates that our current balance is \$10,901.18, with a pending withdrawal of approximately \$150. We have not yet adopted a budget for this year. Rachel will send a Maria a copy of the budget we adopted in June 2019, and Maria will draft a budget for the Board to consider.

**4. Sequoia Report.** Claire reports that she has not yet received notice but understands the Code Hearing Officer has filed his decision, which stated that the City has not followed its Core Values and favored one property owner over another. They are planning to file a writ of review with the court and are hoping for communication with Amanda Fritz, which has not occurred to date. They have a petition with 8,000 signatures in favor of preserving the tree. They understand that Amanda Fritz's office is doing internal fact-finding on the matter right now. Don asks whether the Board should take action, such as perhaps a letter to the Council (as opposed to the previous letter to the mayor) asking them to move ahead with support for conversations between the property owner and the City. There is a discussion of the history of the property and the City's failure to allow Claire and Shy to participate in the process of negotiating the stipulation with the other property owners. Don also will send an email (plus a copy by mail) forwarding to Amanda Fritz and Dan Ryan the earlier letter than SCA sent to the mayor. No motion is necessary to forward the previous letter to the commissioners (Fritz and Ryan) who have now taken over the relevant bureaus.



**5. LUTC Report.** Rachel updates the Board regarding the draft letter to the City re amendments to Tree Code; the duplex under construction at 15th and Fremont; and the LUTC's work on short-term rentals this year, including Maria's map of properties in Sabin that are listed on Airbnb or VRBO. A large number of properties are listed as registration pending. The SCA has not received notice about a lot of them, which should occur under the City's permitting process, and Maria has posted a general reminder to property owners on Facebook. Board members who receive notices as neighbors could remind the property owners to give notice to Rachel as LUTC chair.

**6. New Member of LUTC.** Sabin resident Kathleen McConnell would like to join the LUTC. She has been a valuable contributor for the last year already, but will not have the right to vote until the Board officially appoints her. Rachel moves that the Board appoint Kathleen McConnell to the LUTC, Don seconds. Motion approved unanimously, without abstentions. Motion passes.

**7. Communications Chair Discussion.** Maria summarizes that the SCA no longer circulates a paper newsletter, and the Board has shrunk. She believes that SCA needs to become more visible. She would like to recruit a Communications Chair for a one-page bimonthly email newsletter to our current email list, including possibly a small stipend. Maria also wants to investigate the current status of the MailChimp account, and Rachel suggests contacting Erin Brasell for details. Sean Green notes that our previous sources of revenue are drying up, but he is supportive of offering a stipend anyway, and we can look at alternative ways to raise revenue if we reach the point when we need to bring in additional revenue to meet the SCA's needs. Sean also proposes that we move forward with a virtual General Meeting using potentially the same speaker as was planned last year, as a way to raise SCA's visibility. There is discussion about holding a General Meeting in early November, if he is prepared to do the presentation on relatively short notice, and record it for later distribution. Sean is happy to host it on Zoom. Maria will develop and print a flyer. Kathleen volunteers to help distribute it. Claire suggests distributing at businesses, rather than door-to-door to all households. Rachel will find the list of email addresses from our previous General Meetings.

**8. Resignation of Board Member.** Vanessa Renwick has resigned from the SCA Board.

**9. Board Meeting schedule.** Maria suggests meeting the second Monday of every other month. Don proposes November, January, March, April, May, June. Shy suggests second Monday of odd-numbered months, except the summer months, with the General Meeting in May. Rachel proposes moving the usual meeting following the General Meeting to July (rather than June) to keep to odd months. Maria moves to have the Board meet on the second Monday of odd months, with the General Meeting in May. Don seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes.

**10. June meeting minutes.** Maria moves to approve the June meeting minutes, Shy seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes.

**11. Other items for general discussion.** Sean mentions that the City is starting a shelter-to-housing continuum project. The goal is to discuss where shelters are allowed and in what forms. He also reports that the implementing board for the Metro housing bond is taking public input right now, and there will be public meetings. Sean is also organizing a virtual forum with Seattle operators of 11 villages serving 50-60 each, from 10 AM to noon this Wednesday. Don is interested in having SCA be actively involved in this and take it to the next level. Maria is concerned that the short-term rentals are reducing the supply of long-term low-income rentals. Sean notes that there



are both positive and negative effects of short-term rentals. He also notes the government's failure to respond appropriately to the needs of unhoused residents and the villages and failure to engage and listen to the voices of the people who are most affected. The most basic needs are a safe place to sleep and a bathroom. The City prioritizes resources to congregate housing, but those are very difficult living environments and the government does not support services for people who live outside. It could be a very good General Meeting topic, perhaps with a panel discussion. There do not seem to be good possible sites within Sabin because there is so little public land within our boundaries, but we might partner with neighborhood associations adjacent to us.

**12. Election.** Don encourages everyone to vote in the upcoming election and notes that he has not received his ballot yet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.