

Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI) Standing Committees

Roles and Responsibilities

The **Transportation Committee** acts as a forum in the community for improvement of the transportation system in SW Portland in all its modes: auto, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, even freight. More specifically, the committee:

- Lobbies the city/state for infrastructure and safety improvements for the above transportation modes.
- Works with neighborhoods to resolve speeding problems and locations with frequent crashes.
- Supports the community in infrastructure planning projects like the Barbur Streetscape Plan, Barbur Concept Plan, Capitol Highway Plan, and Southwest Corridor Plan.
- Participates in city and regional transportation system planning like the city's Transportation System Plan and Metro's Regional Transportation Plan.
- Recommends actions and positions, as appropriate, to the SWNI Board.

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Contact Roger Averbek: 503-679-1447 or transportation@swni.org

The **Parks and Community Centers Committee** acts as a forum in the community to promote parks, community centers; public spaces such as squares and monuments; open spaces of any types, including cemeteries, golf courses, and school fields; and recreational and educational programs of Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R). More specifically, the committee:

- Develops working relationships with PP&R that allow the community a voice in decisions that affect parks and park programs in SW Portland.
- Participates in citywide planning projects like Parks 2020.
- Participates in and promotes neighborhood participation in master planning for individual parks.
- Supports efforts to acquire new park space and build new community centers
- Monitor school district actions to help preserve school district buildings, playgrounds, and fields.
- Recommends actions and positions, as appropriate, to the SWNI Board.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Conference Room 4 at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Chair Kirky Doble: 503-246-7970 or kdobseven@gmail.com.

The **Land Use Committee** acts as a forum in the community to address land issues. More specifically, the committee:

- Advises and aids neighborhoods in responding to land use reviews.
- Participates in a wide range of planning projects and public discussions related to land use: proposed changes to the zoning code, environmental protections such as tree preservation and stormwater management, and district planning such as the Marquam Hill Plan and South Waterfront
- Recommends actions and positions, as appropriate, to the SWNI Board.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Conference Room 4 at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Contact John Gibbon: 503-708-6708 or Jtgorygun@aol.com

The **SWNI Public Safety** acts as a forum to support community partnerships to prevent crime and the fear of crime in the community. More specifically, the committee:

- Increases community policing and livability by encouraging the formation of Neighborhood Watches
- Focuses on neighborhood priority issues such as car prowls, car theft, identity theft, and burglary.

- Works with the Southwest Crime Prevention Specialist and Neighborhood Response Team Officers to problem solve, share information, and address crime issues.
- Host community meetings to increase awareness and give residents preventive measures

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Hamilton Room of the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Chair Betsy Shand: 503-545-8831 or betsy_shand@hotmail.com.

The charge of the **SWNI Schools Committee** is to enhance communication between schools (both public and private) and neighborhoods. More specifically, the committee will address issues such as:

- School boundary adjustments
- Role of school property as community open space
- School closures
- Sale of school properties
- School events and partnership opportunities with neighborhood associations

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the SWNI Conference Room at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Chair Will Fuller 503-764-5501 or schools@swni.org

Operation of SWNI Standing Committees

The SWNI board may establish no more than five standing and any number of special committees, as it deems necessary. The board has established Standing Rules that set forth the responsibilities and authorities of the committees. The committees shall be responsible for implementing their adopted action plan.

All committee recommendations and decision must be presented in a timely manner and ratified by a majority of the SWNI Board. Each committee is permitted to take autonomous action if it acts in conformity with criteria previously approved by the SWNI Board.

Any person may serve on a SWNI standing committee. However, only one authorized representative from each ONI recognized Neighborhood and Business Association within the boundaries of SWNI is eligible to have his/her vote recorded. The SWNI Board may approve additional committee voting members by request from the committee.

Committee meetings are open meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend.

SWNI does not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, legal citizenship, national origin, income, or political affiliation in any of its policies, recommendation or actions.