SWNI Board Meeting Minutes December 21, 2016
MAC Room 30, 7:00 pm
Submitted by Carol Porto

Attending

Officers: Sam Pearson (President), John Gibbon (1st Vice President), Fran Laird (2nd Vice President) Carol Porto (Secretary), Lee Buhler (Treasurer)

Staff: Sylvia Bogert (Executive Director)

Neighborhood Associations:

Grethe Larson (Arnold Creek), excused
Michael Kisor (Ashcreek),
Becky Lilliquist (Bridlemile), absent
Elise deLisser (Collins View),
Tony Hanson (Crestwood), absent
Virginia Hendrickson (Far Southwest),
Tom McCarley (Hayhurst),
Glenn Bridger (Hillsdale),
Jackie Phillips (Homestead), excused
Stephan Lewis (Maplewood), absent
Kim Herron (Markham),
Vacant (Marshall Park),
Martie Sucec (Multnomah),
Lynn Pearson (South Burlingame),
Nancy Seton (Southwest Hills Residential League),
Len Michon (South Portland),
Ryan Blum (West Portland Park),
Vacant (Multnomah Village Business Association),
Vacant (Hillsdale Business and Professional Association)

Committees:

Equity and Inclusion Committee: Glenn Bridger, interim
Land Use Committee: Jan Wilson (excused), John Gibbon
Parks & Community Centers Committee: Fran Laird
Public Safety Committee: Donna Herron, interim
Transportation Committee: David Martin
Schools Committee: Maripat Hensel
Watershed Committee: Jill Gaddis (excused)
Communications Committee: Lee Buhler

Other: Will Fuller, Kay Durtschi, Erika Noble - Commissioner of Novick's office, Mary Ann Santana

Voting members = 18

Thanks to Sam and Fran for providing delicious treats.

Call to order

Motion: approve Agenda

Status: PASS

Lee moved, Carol second

Yes: 18

No: 0
Abstain: 0
Introductions

Motion: Approve SWNI Board November 16, 2016 Minutes with change of Chief Davis to Commander Davis.
Status: PASS
Lee moved, Martie second
Yes: 15
No: 0
Abstain: 3 - Glenn Bridger, Nancy Seton, Tom McCarley

SWNI Executive Committee Report

- **President's Report Sam Pearson**:
  - Thanks given to Bylaws Committee of Ryan, Carol, Glenn for their hard work.
  - We may not do yard debris in cleanups anymore since we incur the costs.
- **SWNI Treasurer Lee Buhler**
  - November Treasurer's Report
  - ONI Budget Update: A 5 percent and 1 percent cut package is being requested

SWNI Executive Director Report: Sylvia Bogert

- 1% cut expected across the board is likely, but a 5% maybe necessary for city bureaus, except fire and police may have a 2% cut.
- Jan 3 new commissioners will be assigned. In May there may be reassignments.

Committees Reports:

- **Communications Committee:** Lee Buhler
  Working on a resource web page, request for contacts to include, no Jan meeting.
- **Equity and Inclusion Committee:** Glenn Bridger, interim chair
  The committee revisited the issue of signage for businesses that are open to all peoples. Graphics and language changed. Glenn says disabled left out since not all businesses are accessible. It was suggested that signs be specific to the business. Signs are to go out to the business associations and word documents can be changed by the businesses. Color choice was mentioned. Up-schooling the message to ALL instead of the listing of categories was suggested by some. The impact of seeing the same sign in businesses was mentioned.
  The purpose of the sign was questioned in lieu of federal laws already mandate. The community response to potential white supremacist rally in Gabriel Park in the past was recalled and some feel that many people feel it is needed. It was said that safety was an issue during

the rally mentioned above and we are an inclusive community, we welcome all.
Multnomah Business Association will pilot this. It is voluntary for businesses. SWNI is initialing a possible process. A report back from the business associations was asked for.

The discussion regarding support for Tenants/Renter Rights issue is still active. There is collaboration going on with Land Use committee.

The committee is revisiting the Draft SWNI racial equity policy.
The committee action plan needs to be updated to reflect what they are doing. It was urged that action not just policy wonking should be considered. It was noted that the January meeting agenda includes time for action committee updates.

- **Watershed Committee**: Jill Gaddis (excused), Sylvia
  The committee did not meet in December due to weather conditions. They will meet in January on the 19th.
- **Schools Committee**: Maripat Hensel
  Post snow catch-up – activity in Jan 9th week but no information available now. Please like the schools committee on Facebook. There is a review of Common Core at Jan meeting. Maripat will be absent from SWNI board meeting in Jan.
- **Parks & Community Centers**: Fran Laird
  Discussed budget and Steve Mullinax 's good work on city parks budget committee. We are thankful that he is on it. Priorities are more rangers in parks and some sort of sanitation in some parks. April Hill Board walk is finished. Dedication is this spring. Parks is working on lead abatement. Fran and Sam said the recent PP&R survey wasn't very good, it did not allow choices or forwarding. Steve Mullinax found a way to distribute it.
- **Transportation**: David Martin
  Committee did not meet in Dec. ODOT at West Portland Cross Roads; is suggesting traffic not be allowed to take left turns from Northbound Capitol Hwy onto the I-5 and instead direct traffic to go around Barbur Foods (right turn onto Taylors Ferry near Barbur Foods, then a right turn onto SW Barbur Blvd, and then use the I-5 entrance).
- **Public Safety Committee**: Donna Herron, interim
  Last meeting the NET manager of PBEM Jeremy talked about NET and Sears Armory. Next meeting Stan Houseman will present "Take 5 to Survive" program – which encourages individuals to be prepared for an emergency. There will be another WomenStrength class on Jan 30th, Feb 6, Feb 13th. Registration is Jan 3rd, register even if full

because they have a waiting list. Committee wants a MAP Your Neighborhood presentation in the near future. Action Plan still calls for advocating for stronger building codes and a possible CPR class, movie in park. Vision Zero signs are available from PBOT or from Donna.

- **Land Use Committee**: Jan Wilson excused, John G. reported December meeting was cancelled. Sylvia distributed updates from Joan Frederiksen, with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, via email. It was noted that the City Council took final vote on Comprehensive Plan. Martie Sucec noted the process is not over. Regarding the new Under Armour building, it was reported the proposed large skylights size has been reduced and angled. Large sign issue did not go through the land use committee. Parking will be under the building.

New Business

Motion: Approve Neighborhood Small Grant Selection Committee
Grant Selection Committee: **Jimmy DeBiasi** (Neighborhood House Development Associate and Community Involvement Specialist, **Gordon Campbell** (chair of the Multnomah Arts Center nonprofit board), **Doug Roge**rs (former executive director of a nonprofit and member of Hayhurst NA), **Ryan Blum** (experience with nonprofits and SWNI Board Rep. for West Portland NA, **Fran Laird** (SWNI 2nd Vice Pres.).
Status: PASS
Moved: Carol
Second: Glenn
Yes: 18
No: 0
Abstain: 5 - Martie, Ryan, Kim, Donna, Fran
Martie said the committee was not gender balanced and wanted more women on it. Sylvia asked for suggestions but none were voiced.

Unfinished Business

- **Update from SWNI Bylaw Committee**
  Wording is proposed to allow for more inclusion in purpose statement. Equity Committee agreed with changes.
  Discussion included;
  Concerns that we are not inclusive for everyone.
  Groups left out historically were mentioned but language in purpose statement says “it is not limited”. The end of statement

from "including… to end of statement was voiced by some to be unnecessary.
It was pointed out that the list of groups came from the Equity Committee. Members of that committee are present at this board meeting. The discussion was suggested it take place in the equity committee. Sylvia said this language is very close to our ONI grant agreement and that unless you name/acknowledge under-represented groups, they feel left out.
This is a discussion, not a first reading of bylaws. Elise said that spelling out certain groups exclude others by not being mentioned. It was asked what is the definition of access and ability? Do we have the resources to accommodate needs? Sam clarified access and SWNI capacity. SWNI needs to be informed when individuals have disability needs.
It was stated that there is criticism of the NA systems that it doesn't welcome the whole community. We have to figure out how to reach out to everybody. It was suggested that the city needs to fund additional outreach efforts.
Next step in Purpose Statement Bylaw Change: These changes should be brought to NA and feedback brought back to SWNI board next month. Any bylaws suggestions are asked to be sent to Sylvia or Bylaws committee members in writing.
Sylvia says other ONI organizations are discussing equity issues and recently SWNI was accepted into an Intertwine Equity Cohort where we will exchange and share ideas of how to initiate organizational changes.

Announcements/Suggestions for the good of the organization

- City Council Meeting to vote on the entire Early Implementation Package, including amendments - **December 21**, 2016 at 2:00 pm (no testimony)
- SWNI Small Grant Deadline– Friday, **January 13, 5**:00 pm
- Community Recycling Event – Saturday, February 4, 9 am to noon, St. John Fischer parking lot, entrance SW 45th Ave at SW Nebraska Street (new location)

Adjournment

Meeting Reminders:
SWNI Public Safety–Thurs. Jan 5, 7:00 pm
SWNI Parks & Community Centers – Thur., Jan 5, 7:00 pm
SWNI Communications – no meeting in January
SWNI Newsletter Deadline- Friday, Jan. 13, 5:00 pm
SWNI Land Use – Tues., Jan 17, 7:00 pm
SWNI Transportation – Wed., Jan 18, 7:00 pm
SWNI Watershed - Thursday, Jan 19, 7:00 pm
SWNI School Committee– Thurs., Jan 19, 7:00 pm
SWNI Equity & Inclusion: Monday, Jan 23, 4:30 pm
SWNI Board –Wed., Jan 26, 7:00 pm