

## Board Meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Association

June 3, 2021, 7 PM

Zoom Meeting

### Agenda

1. Call to Order - Gail Cerveny  
Present: Gail Cerveny, Brandon Harer, Dana Duval, Karen Blythe, Dick McLane, Teri Knight
2. Minutes of last Board Meeting (Jan 2020) - Teri Knight - Covid approved
3. Treasurer's Report – Dana Duval - No money has been spent. Balance: \$488.40.
4. Coalition of Neighborhood Association Meeting Updates – Brandon
  - a. Duties survey: Proposed one of us attend coalition meetings so that at least one of us are participating in these meetings. Gail and Brandon will send out an email to the board to see if there is any interest to share attendance participation.
  - b. Need expressed for more volunteers for various coalition roles.
  - c. Camping/homeless along Springwater/Jenne Rd Conversation:

Issue: Homeless at 172nd and Jenne Road. Who is responsible for this location? Campers come and go; Gresham enforces code; Portland does not. Who is responsible?

    - 1) Brandon contacted Johnson Creek Water Council. Their initial response was neutral regarding concerns noted regarding homeless-use and potential damage to the water system.
    - 2) On Foster Road, between Barbara Welch & 162nd, there has recently been a very visible increase in homeless camping, abandoned cars and illegal dumping. This was mentioned in a message to Johnson Creek Water Council; their response has not been clear.
    - 3) Brandon brought concern up at last month's Neighborhood Coalition meeting and will follow up Tuesday's upcoming monthly meeting.
    - 4) Gail shared a letter from Gene Wilkinson asking if city codes will be enforced. The codes he referenced in his email to the board:  
ORS 164.775 deposit of trash within 100 yards of waters or in waters  
ORS 468B.005 definitions for water pollution control laws  
ORS 164.381 definitions (community service)  
ORS 164.383 unlawfully applying graffiti  
ORS 164.805 offensive littering  
ORS 161.566 misdemeanor treated as violation
    - 5) In April, Teri had reported homeless camps on Springwater Trail and it was quickly dealt with. Dana and Brandon also had successful interaction with Gresham on this issue.
5. Discussion of Topics and Speakers for July Meeting - Gail
  - a. How to make Zoom meetings better attended
    - 1) Yard Signs - can we add zoom to this sign?
    - 2) Hybrid - in the future, we may do both in person and zoom
    - 3) Postcards - Use for October and January Meeting
    - 4) July Picnic Meetings - Takes a Person.
    - 5) July neighborhood meeting: Will continue with Zoom meetings until Covid concern lessens
  - b. Topics and Speakers for July Meeting

- 1) Speaker to request: Steve Fancher, Director of Environmental Services and City Operations; if he can't, head of departments. Issues for him to address:
  - a) Upgrade of pipe infrastructure and paved roads between now and October.
  - b) Update on Parks Advisory Committee
  - c) Possibility of having a separate park district
  - d) Ground water - update progress
- 2) Other possible topics:
  - a) Homeless: June 2 on Rockwood CDC to open shelter with \$7 million acquire and convert 75 rooms to convert a hotel to a shelter; will open this summer
  - b) Professional Baseball in Gresham?
  - c) Backup if speakers not available: Ask City Councillors if they could come

## 6. Land Use Report - Brandon

### City Planning Site update

- a) Review of procedure for Early Neighborhood Notification Meetings (ENNs) - when there is proposed development in our association, the developer needs to send a notification notice to president and land use chair
  - Need for education on how to interpret ENNS
  - Need to notify certain houses
  - Need to notify neighborhood association
- b) There is public access to city's website where the public can go see what is happening in an area of development
- c) There is a lot of development in Pleasant Valley; what is the impact?
- d) There is an upcoming signal at Giese and Butler
- e) There was a significant zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 9 - first time our residents have heard that Butler Creek School property is to be developed; What will be the impact? Is there a wetland present? Traffic issues?

### New Land Use Chairman Discussion – Gail

- We need a new chairman: bylaws indicate who can serve
- Steve has verbally resigned, but he has not done so officially
- Brandon is interested in this position, but cannot serve in two positions
- Gail can ask Vice Chair to serve in this role as land use chairman role until the situation can be officially resolved
- Request for Steve to officially resign so we can announce the vacancy.
- Brandon will ask Michael Gonzales to request Steve's resignation.

## 7. Discussion

Karen Blythe asked about the impact of development on traffic; wondered what studies are being done regarding traffic; Butler and Binford Ave; what are the traffic issues? Karen shared Jamie Aguilar's online petition <http://chnng.it/DHRnYwGmdZ> for a stop sign.

Blythe and McLane asked about speed bumps as a potential traffic calming measure due to the increasing number of incidents at Butler and Binford. Brandon mentioned that there appears to be a transportation department traffic study in process but speed bumps probably cannot be installed along Butler Road due to it being an emergency vehicle route. Funding is also an issue. Stop signs at the intersection of Butler and Binford may be possible and we will be monitoring this issue.

SWNA Meeting Signage – Brandon has signs; will give to whomever will put one up

8. Board meeting was closed by Gail Cerveny. Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**UPDATE:** From the June 13th Oregonian newspaper: **Portland promotes massive citywide cleanup at month's end** "More than 20 cleanup events will take place in the neighborhoods across the city June 25 - 26...Each of the events will be overseen and coordinated by SOLVE. Saturday, June 26 Foster Floodplain Natural Area and Springwater Trail Cleanup."