

CVNA MINUTES Sept. 2, 2020, Zoom Meeting

***10*Attendees:** Anna Browne, Bob Fischer, Brendan McGillicuddy, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Elise deLisser, Fran Laird, Mark Duntley. Maryellen Read, Prakash Joshi.

Approved current Sept. 2, 2020, agenda — 7 yes

Approved June 3, 2020, and Aug. 5, 2020, meeting minutes: — 7 yes

Approved the article for the October SW News — Majority approved. Dave abstained.

***Monthly article (collaborative input) — generate a plan for next six months:** Brendan will write an article (500 words max.) on tree code and send to board by Sept. 25.

The board will generate four topics every month for Maryellen to choose one and write an article for the newspaper. Anna suggested this should be a small piece of monthly discussion if enough suggestions are not received prior to the meeting.

***Equity and SWNI Rep. Fran Laird requested a directive vote re: BLM and police funding letters from Equity and SWNI:** The motion was that Fran would vote yes to approve/support the Equity article (which was unwritten at the date of the CVNA meeting) if the word “defund” is not in it. Motion approved with 9 yes votes.

***Lewis and Clark College — Mark Duntley:** The college plan for in-person instruction is a hybrid format. Assessments of the health of students and staff occur every day. If anyone tests positive, they are isolated. Updated Covid-19 response plans are on LC website. Mark has high confidence of the plans in place. Not 100% confident as far as student compliance.

Mark: We do need better communication with the neighborhood, so people have a better sense of being protected from hazardous students and just being generally informed. We needed to have more robust, effective ways to notify the neighbors, including about the annual meeting.

Prakash: Maybe publish a guideline to students who live in the neighborhood regarding how we need to conduct ourselves. 12 years ago we raised conversations re: a college-sited active shooter response. We need to talk and coordinated with the college about having some joint communication system in place.

[Zoom Recording is started.]

Mark likes the idea of having a collaborative working relationship. How do we communicate with the neighborhood as a whole?

Prakash: The board is the hub. The hub for listening is CVNA.

Mark proposes a meeting with a couple of board members and Dave Reese, Public Relations people and Public Safety people. The board is in place as a central communication hub. Mark suggests we start with notifying him first about problems etc. A communication model should be more effective than what we have now. It would be useful and efficient. I've already talked with Dave [Reese] about this and he thinks it is a good idea.

Oral Committee Reports

Parks — Brendan McGillicuddy: Westside Natural areas have a new supervisor. Westside Watershed Resource Center Manager, Eric Horngren's office, has moved from SWNI over to Neighbors West/Northwest [<http://nwnw.org/resources/livability-resources/>]

Tree code Update: Brendan does not have any objections from our neighborhood on the tree code update. The document refers to heavy industrial areas. It doesn't affect us.

[<https://www.portland.gov/bds/planning/projects/potential-tree-code-amendments/about-proposed-updates-portlands-tree-code>]

Brendan wants to talk to Dave about the tree code. Brendan will send Dave and Dixie a copy of what the city sent.

Transportation — Prakash Joshi: TriMet has a problem with spacing ridership. They have rules in place but they can't enforce it.

Explanation on the signs on some streets is they're part of the Portland Greenways slow streets program;

<https://pdx.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a2d86839cc1242e0bb62a9620e4a033a>

SWNI — Fran Laird: Commissioner Eudaly is very outspoken that she wants to abolish Neighborhood Associations.

Submitted Committee Reports:

Sign Cappers Report from the city's Andrew Aebi: Mid-fall for the sign cappers. (9/2/2020: "I just paid the contractor for the Riverdale street signs, so the coast is clear for me to place the order for City of Portland signs.")

CVNA Treasury: Refund from Multnomah Arts Center auditorium to CVNA General Account — Crayton from the center said: "I have submitted a \$130 check refund request to PP&R Customer Service Center today (Mon, Aug 24, 2020)."

General Account Financials July 30, 2020:

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT SUMMARY SHEET
 Collins View Neighborhood Association
 July 2020 through June 2021

RS-CVNA General

FYE 6-30-2020 Balance	\$321.90
<u>FY 2020-2021</u>	
06-30-2020 Balance	\$321.90
July 2020 Activity	\$0.00
07-31-2020 Balance	\$321.90

RS-CVNA Nature & Science Series

FYE 6-30-2020 Balance	\$118.96
<u>FY 2020-2021</u>	
06-30-2020 Balance	\$118.96
July 2020 Activity	\$0.00
07-31-2020 Balance	\$118.96

Updated Financials Received 9/11/2020:

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT SUMMARY SHEET
 Collins View Neighborhood Association
 July 2020 through August 2020

RS-CVNA General

FYE 6-30-2020 Balance	\$321.90
<u>FY 2020-2021</u>	
07-31-2020 Balance	\$321.90
August 2020 Activity	\$51.48
08-31-2020 Balance	\$373.38

RS-CVNA Nature & Science Series

FYE 6-30-2020 Balance	\$118.96
<u>FY 2020-2021</u>	
07-31-2020 Balance	\$118.96
August 2020 Activity	\$0.00
08-31-2020 Balance	\$118.96

NOTE: On 1-21-2020, \$130.00 was paid out of the RS-CVNA General account to reserve the auditorium for the Collins View Songbirds talk, which was eventually cancelled due to Covid-19. SWNI received a credit for this reservation. When we are able to reschedule this event, SWNI will use \$130.00 of its credit towards rescheduling another event for Collins View NA.

UPDATE: PP&R issued the check for \$130.00--received in September. It will show up on your September Report.

NET — Bob Fischer: As with most NET teams around the city, the Collins View NET remains hunkered down with no planned physical activities or exercises for the immediate future. Fortunately there are several weekly ZOOM meetings for NETS, organized by both the PBEM and our local SW consortium managed by the Arnold Creek NET. These permit team members to keep abreast of what neighboring teams are doing and, in the weekly PBEM meeting, to participate in advanced training lectures and presentations. Though this does not implicate the Collins View NET directly, it is noteworthy that both the City of Portland and Multnomah County have been using NET volunteers to help with a number of activities like making masks, packaging food boxes and delivering supplies. NET volunteers are increasingly recognized as a valuable resource for the city beyond their immediate local neighborhoods.

SWNI: Fran Laird:

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- * Ted Wheeler will be speaking at the Multnomah NA meeting Sept. 8, 2020, sometime between 7 and 9 p.m. Login at swni.org/multnomah for more information.
- * The SWNI Board voted to retroactively accept Don Baake as the representative from the Hillsdale Business Association. The SWNI Board accepted the three business associations at our March 2020 meeting, but there has been discord from two members of the SWNI board regarding Don's vote.
- * Executive Session — I cannot speak on what was discussed in Executive Session but want to say that I am more confident with the progress being made between the City and SWNI. There is a very informative and honest article on page 3 of the SWNI News September 2020 issue. Please be sure to read either your paper copy or pull up the link at swni.org.
- * **Returned to Regular Session:**
- * Confirmation of Diane Victoria as the new chairman of the SWNI Equity and Inclusion Committee
- * Confirmation of Sam Pearson as the new SWNI Second Vice President
- * Confirmation of the formation and personnel of a new SWNI Legal Committee.
- * Financial — Regarding the PPP funds of \$66,300, approved by federal government to pay payroll, rent and other accepted expenses during the Covid-19 pandemic. \$66,300. was asked for, \$65,453.12 was used. The paperwork to close the account on 8/31/2020 will be submitted, which will allow forgiveness of the loan.
- * **Motion** — Approve cutting SWNI employee hours to 75% for September and October 2020 and 50% November and December 2020 and beyond if necessary because of lack of funding from the city.
- * Amendment to cancel or postpone CEAP grant decisions to another meeting.
- * Amendment to cease paying rent for the SWNI space at the Multnomah Arts Center in order to free up money for personnel salaries.
- * Amendment to investigate Workshare Oregon for possible help with personnel.
- Final vote on the above motion — 19 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain**
- * **Motion** — Keep at least two full-time SWNI employees at 20+ hours to allow for continuance of health insurance benefits. There are currently three full-time employees but one has declined/does not need the SWNI health plan.
- Final vote on the above motion — unanimous yes**
- * **Land Use motion** to have SWNI write the following letter to appropriate city officials:
The SWNI Board opposes the proposed rules for implementation of HB2001 for the following reasons:
 - The proposed rules impose a one size fits all approach to including middle housing types in all areas of a city.
 - The proposed rules essentially require cities to allow triplexes, quadraplexes and cottage clusters on all lots that are zoned for single residences. This is not consistent with the language of HB2001. Only duplexes are required to be allowed on all lots — other types are required in "areas."

- The proposed rules limit cities from using minimum lot sizes and maximum density, for example, in allowing middle housing types on lots formerly restricted to single residences.
- The proposed rules impede cities from basing minimum off street parking requirements on local conditions.

Final vote on above motion — 14 yes, 1 no, 5 abstain

10:36 p.m. — Meeting adjourned!!!!

Three members of the **SWNI Schools committee** reported the following:
Covid-19 has a harder effect on lower income population resulting in a learning loss and higher drop-out rate. School closures mean that a major support system is gone. Students feel the stresses of food and job insecurity. Portland Public Schools plan to open online classes on 9/2/2020 and begin in-school classes on 11/5/2020. Their policy statement is "Service all kids with racial equity and social justice."

SWNI Schools Committee is working on the following projects:

- Code Squad
- Home Forward Laptop/Desk Project
- BLM group at Jackson Middle School
- Black Student Union at Robert Gray Middle School
- No Place for Hate group at Wilson High School

Portland Public Schools says there will be a name change for Wilson High School. A committee is forming for this purpose.

The Equity & Inclusion Committee reviewed the 2019-2020 Action Plan.

SWHRL neighborhood association will be hosting a **Panel Discussion on "Portland, the Black Experience: Neighborhood Reflections."** Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Participants are: Martha Jembere, Mingus Mapps, Kevin Rhea. They will speak about the challenges they and their families have faced being part of a predominantly white city, as well as the actions they would like to see to make ours a more inclusive home for all. Participants from across SWNI and Portland are welcome. To be part of the conversation, send an email with your name, address, neighborhood affiliation and question for the speakers if you have one,

to contact@swhrl.org

Land Use — Dave & Dixie Johnston: We have no new land use cases as of Sept. 2. City Council passed RIP as amended on Aug. 12. With various bonuses for affordability, it would allow up to six living units on single family lots in the R2.5 through R7 zones citywide except in the new Z zone. Street requirements have been replaced with an infrastructure fee to be paid to the city.

Public Safety — Gene Lynard: The committee convened via Zoom on Aug. 6 and heard from Don Merrill, who has initiated a program to help reduce the growing workload of the Portland Police Bureau, focusing on reducing the occurrence of unnecessary situations that have the potential to spiral out of control. His program provides free replacement light bulbs for motor

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vehicles. Don reported that the program, which only began recently, has to date included more than half the city's neighborhoods, about 52. Portland Police statistics reveal that motorists are pulled over for one reason or another, including burned-out vehicle lights, about 9,000 times a year.

Other highlights included the fact that the PPB is not doing any active patrolling these days due to the attention that has been given to the ongoing protests. The bureau's patrol officers are in reactive mode. And while the overall crime rate is down from what it was last year, burglary, vandalism and arson are up.

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Submitted by CVNA Secretary Maryellen Read