

Minutes of the Southwest Hills Residential League

Call to order:

A meeting of the Southwest Hills Residential League board was held at Stroheckers, on Thursday, October 19, 2006. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with SWHRL President Jim Thayer presiding.

Board member attendance:

Present: Aloha Wyse, Darroch Cahen, Don Livingstone, Julia Harris, Steve Gann, Jim Thayer, Norman Turrill

Excused: Alice Stolzberg, Lena Lane, Nanette Klimkow

Absent: Tom Miller, Nan Koerner, Nancy Owen

Thayer established that a quorum was present.

The agenda for this meeting were circulated via email and distributed at the meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes from the September board meeting, with the exception of the Treasurer's report which requires correction to reflect the correct opening and closing balances. It was suggested that the Treasurer's report would be resubmitted for approval at the November meeting. In addition, the minutes were amended to correct the salary figure for the Executive Assistant from "\$1800/month" to "\$600/month".

Made by: Norman Turrill

Second: Steve Gann

Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurers report:

Was deferred to the November meeting, due to Treasurer's absence.

Committee Reports:

Land Use

Don Livingstone shares map of current land use issues in the area.

Only two of the cases in the area were in SWHRL. Another was in Hillsdale and Aloha volunteered to provide the contact information on the Hillsdale land use planning committee so that Don could contact them directly about that case.

Transportation committee:

Julia Harris shares letter written to support swales, with the stipulation that they have walk-able trails on them. The letter was to be signed by both the President and the committee Chairperson. Aloha suggested copying the neighboring NAs and SWNI.

Julia also shared the results of the transportation survey based on only 26 respondents that showed the highest transportation priorities for the community as:

- Biking
- Walking

Legal Committee:

The committee has not met; there is no report.

Communications Committee:

Jim Thayer discussed the forthcoming *Viewpoints* newsletter edition slated to hit mailboxes in early January. Articles discussed included:

- Lead article about January members meeting - Jim
- Land use article about the Broadway development – Don
- Article about the disconnected downspout issue – Don
- Article on using funds resulting from SWHRL vs. City of Portland suit.
- Norman will provide a legal committee article on suggested bylaws changes.
- Nancy Locke’s article will be forwarded to the transportation committee for review before publication.

There was also a short discussion of the new city ordinance regarding the registration of lobbyists. The amended version, which will be implemented in six months, will exempt neighborhood associations that are recognized by the city. It also includes neighborhood associations that follow the state non-profit guidelines. Jim reported that at a recent meeting held in City Hall, Commissioner Adams indicated that ONI requirements for recognition would include the public posting of meeting announcements including the proposed agenda, and meeting minutes. It was concluded after discussion that SWHRL already meets these requirements and so should have no trouble avoiding the registration requirement.

Other business:

There was a discussion about a proposed Good Neighbor agreement between SWHRL and OHSU. This is a hangover from the boundary dispute resolution. It was deleted from the resolution agreement by the board, as more detail was desired. It was resolved that SWHRL needs to re-establish contacts with the OHSU representative. Jim indicated that he would follow up on this. Darroch indicated that he would follow up with re-establishing contact with Tom Miller.

A-frame signboards:

Jim indicated that he would seek out the contact information for lighter plastic sign boards.

Healy Heights crime/vandalism:

Harris Healy Heights has had a spate of crime and vandalism associated with drugs and will have a neighborhood meeting at Liz Mason Kahn’s house in the next couple of weeks when they can have the neighborhood police representative present. They would like Jim or a representative from SWHRL to join them and will be contacting him.

Presentations to the board by outside groups:

Bond Measure 26-80

SW Emergency Preparedness Group <http://ep.swni.org>

The meeting adjourns at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Thayer
President, SWHRL