

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, November 16, 2006. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with SWHRL President Jim Thayer presiding.

Attendance:

Board present: Alice Stolzberg, Aloha Wyse, Darroch Cahen, Don Livingstone, Jim Thayer, Julia Harris, Lena Lane, Nan Koerner, Norman Turrill, Steve Gann, Tom Miller
Board absent: Nancy Owen

Others: Lou Montgomery, Nancy Seton

Thayer established that a quorum was present.

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

Motion: Approve the minutes from the October board meeting.

Made by: Steve Gann

Second: Aloha Wyse

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers report:

This is corrected from the September report.

Starting balance: \$29,805.43

Expenses: \$4,137.23

Income: \$525.00

Ending balance: \$26,193.20

Motion made to accept the report; passed unanimously.

Jim asked if there were any items to be added to the agenda.

Nan Koerner: The members of the Land Use committee don't represent all of the sub-neighborhoods of SWHRL; we need to find more people. John Grout has volunteered to take on land use issues in his neighborhood (Buckingham). There is a proposed condo development project there, 7 or 8 eight units, which would require a new road.

Don Livingstone: This will impact the neighbors, but the developers are following all of the rules.

Norman Turrill: We can only act if they are requesting a variance.

Aloha Wyse: There may be environmental regulations that are being ignored. We need to try and assure that the development be consistent with the existing neighborhood structures.

Nancy Seton: The Land Use committee is working on this. Sandy Bradley has expressed interest, perhaps as a liaison, will not necessarily attend every meeting.

Don Livingstone offers to plot all board members on a map.

Jim will discuss this issue in the President's Message in the upcoming *Viewpoints*.

Committee Reports:

Land Use: Nancy Seton

Nancy tells the group about the upcoming "ABCs of Land Use" training coming up.

Don Livingstone assembled all of the land use notices and divided them up. He will talk to Tom Miller about some Homestead issues.

Nan Koerner said that Margaret Hooten may be interested in participating.

Nancy Seton has another possibility in Hillsdale.

Jim Thayer: That person can attend meetings but could only vote if they were a member.

Nancy reported on her attendance at a City Hall Land Use meeting. She was the only one there from SWHRL. The topic was updates to the Long Term Transportation Plan. (PDOT). One proposal is for new green street language. They are working on multiple objectives, including bio-swales, walking paths and pedestrian connections.

Presentation by Lou Montgomery, representing builder and partner of a 2-lot partition at 3200 SW Schools Ferry Road, PC-06-127286.

Her client is Mark Bonstadt, he will do the work, partition, and request a zoning change from R20 to R10. Lou is attending Neighborhood Association meetings as required by the city.

Tom Miller asked what the rationale was for the partition. Lou said that they are builders, and they are running out of land to build on. They will build one additional structure on the land.

Tom asked if anyone had negative opinions about the partition. He said that in Bridlemile, there were run-off concerns voiced by neighbors. Lou said that the city has very rigorous requirements, including a tree preservation plan.

Jim Thayer said that the newly created lot will be very steep.

Lou said that the storm water calculations have not been done yet. GeoPacific is doing the work.

Steve Gann said that he is more concerned about water in total, and he has issues with GeoPacific from the past. He cited the instability of the parcels surrounding active landslides. He asked where the closest R10 lots are. Lou did not know, but said that she would get him that information, as well as the storm water report. She had a map that showed that nearby parcels are R20, which means that they could be changed to R10, but she did not know if they have been.

Don Livingstone said that they need to show us the partition proposal. They cannot apply for a building permit until the lot has been partitioned.

Steve asked her if she has discussed this with other neighbors; she has not.

Jim Thayer wants to be clear that we will get the missing storm water calculations, and the location of other nearby R10 lots. The Land Use committee will follow up with Lou on this.

Transportation committee: Julia Harris

Kathryn Levine made a presentation to the Transportation committee to solicit input on the SDC's 10-year transportation plan. She was looking for ideas, not defined projects. Projects need to be capacity-built, and many of SWHRL's streets won't allow this. We want sidewalks and bike paths, which would increase the capacity.

Nan Koerner: Sidewalks are required to be built on both sides of a street; walkways may be constructed on one side only.

Tom Miller: SDC charges are not used for capital improvement projects. They're allocated on a 10 year cycle.

Alice Stolzberg: Other issues are capacity development to fix historical problems. These monies were used for the bike/pedestrian part of the Steel Bridge.

Julia: They mentioned the traffic issues on Broadway and rumble strips on Humphrey. Committee will meet with Mark Lear, our main contact at PDOT, and discuss speed and volume on Patton, Humphrey safety and parking on Fairmount.

Tom Miller: Marquam Hill is looking at installing new parking meters; they want to spend the money collected on transportation issues, including sidewalks on 11th, Gibbs, and Gaines. Sam Adams wants us to look at neighborhood collectors, Marquam, Gibbs and Sam Jackson. He wants to get OHSU to help fix Sam Jackson, and to route university traffic away from Fairmount. Tom wants to get 2 speed-reader signs, and will investigate this.

Nancy Seton will talk to Sam Adams and PDOT about our concerns about bicycles and pedestrians. SWHRL should write up our concerns and give the article to them.

Jim Thayer: Describes a situation on Fairmount where because Fairmount is designated as a Green Street, a less than optimal resolution to an access problem resulted. Green Streets do have their downsides.

Don Livingston: Terwilliger Plaza uses the sewer on Broadway. They will be building a retaining wall, which will involve the use of a 200 ft tall crane, which could impact traffic in that area.

Jim Thayer: Described a presentation he gave with SWNI at the Multnomah Center, to three Canadian land use planners.

Legal Committee: Norman Turrill

The committee has completed employee tax calculations and issued a check to Nanette. They still need to figure out other issues, including year-end calculations and processing.

The committee made 2 minor amendments to the by-laws. The first was substituting "Executive Assistant" wherever "Executive Secretary" appeared. The second was to remove the stipulation that the quarterly membership meetings must occur on a Wednesday.

Motion: Approve the above amendments.

Made by: Aloha Wyse

Second: Steve Gann

Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Thayer: As part of recent changes to the lobbying laws, the agenda must be published before the meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Klimkow

Executive Assistant, SWHRL