

Southwest Hills Residential League Annual Meeting
May 18th, 2005
At the OHSU School of Nursing

Note: Because of the turmoil during and after the meeting, good minutes were not preserved. These minutes are a compilation by Secretary Nanette Klimkow of two versions of minutes received from David Blum and William Goode and the recollections of Board Members, and observations by Sharon Little and Kris Hudson of the League of Women Voters.

Board members present: David Blum, Jackie Cameron, Tom Dorris, Eileen Johnson, Nan Koerner, Mark LeRoux, Harris Matarazzo, Pamella Settlegoode, Jeff Simpson, Larry Springer, Kathleen Tooke

The sign-in roster was lost, but a partial list of persons signing in or known to have been present as guests: Sy Adler - panelist, Rojiv Batih, Sylvia Bogert - SWNI, Phil Busse - moderator, David Crout, Ian Ehrlich, Kris Hudson - League of Women Voters, Kevin Johnson, Jim Karlock, Hannah Kuhn - Panelist, Robert Liberty - Panelist, Sharon Little - League of Women Voters, Diane Moskowitz, Keturah Pennington, Phil Pennington, Stephanie Reynolds, Ellen Rylea, Mike Spurlock, Robert Spurlock, A "Bonnie" Stein, Tracy Stepp - SW Community Connection, J Taylor, Frank Warren Jr., Ivan Weichbrodt, Scott Westerman

A partial list of members also identified as present: Walt Amacher, Don Baach, Alan Bacharach, Ann Bakinson, Maureen Baldack, Ann Chapman, Mark Clemons, Ann Friday, Steven Gann, William Goode, John Grout, Gray Harding, Jeff Jensen, Robin Jensen, Chris Jones, Richard Jones, Bill Kinsey, Nanette Klimkow, Chuck Habernigg, Jill Habernigg, Celeste Lewis, Liz Mason, Lois Miller, Tom Miller, Nancy Owen, Barbara Page, Rick Seifert, Robert Spurlock, Richard Stein, Jim Thayer, Cynthia Thayer, Max Thayer, Norman Turrill, Aloha Wyse

President Settlegoode called the meeting to order at approximately 7:20PM, 20 minutes behind schedule, and thanked the audience for attending this meeting. She announced that Ted Welsh, Secretary, was unable to attend the meeting, so she gave notice of the meeting. No appointment of a secretary for the meeting was made. The President's report was delivered, giving rise to much public comment from the residents. In light of this, a panel discussion with outside speakers on Measure 37 that had been scheduled, never took place.

There were several questions from the audience about the election and whether the agenda can be approved as written. (Unidentified persons.)

Richard Jones, former board member, questioned the agenda. And whether members elect the board, and then board elects officers.

Celeste Lewis and others questioned whether there was a notice of the election.

Settlegoode said she put the election notice in the Viewpoint; Celeste Lewis said that there was no notice of elections in the newsletter at all.

Celeste Lewis suggested postponing the elections so that proper notice could be given that an election would take place.

Settlegoode countered that the election always takes place at the Annual Meeting, so that notice of the meeting is de facto notice of the election. Also notice was posted on the signboards posted throughout the neighborhood.

The agenda for the meeting was approved; the motion was made, seconded and adopted. Proof of the Meeting Notice was provided.

Mark LeRoux moved to adopt the minutes of the last annual meeting; Tooke seconded. Minutes of 2004 adopted.

Reports of committees: President Settlegoode thanked the board & especially work on transportation. Thanks to OHSU. Exhibits in the hall include a maverick organization, SOS for raising money for arts in the schools. Age 16 included as members of SWHRL and Board. Jackie Cameron was recognized for her service on the board.

Treasurer's report by Eileen Johnson

Litigation last year by SWHRL against the City of Portland resulted in member Bill Goode earning approximately \$22,500 in attorney fees. He donated \$11,250 of this to the League.

The remainder of the meeting was conducted by Vice President Mark LeRoux.

Executive Committee Report by Mark LeRoux

Mr. LeRoux gave a background of SWHRL's position and the litigation brought against the city. ONI quit sending notices, and SWHRL protested.

Jeff Jensen: What is the benefit of the lawsuit?

Mark LeRoux: There is a strong city policy discouraging overlaps, and ONI disregarded its own guidelines by neglecting to provide notice to SWHRL of the overlaps created by Bridlemile, Hillside and Homestead.

Walt Amacher: Speaks for Terwilliger, was not being represented. We do not have a Terwilliger representative for the board.

Richard Jones: We never dealt with other areas outlying.

Gray Harding: Extending boundaries, consent of residents - no - never a vote.

Ann Bakinson: Lives in Hillside. Maybe other NAs have their own interest now.

Celeste Lewis: Speaking of our claim that the Robert Gray Bridlemile boundary (creating Hillside) vote was a sham.

Alan Bacharach: New to SWHRL, terribly confused. Likes the overlap.

Chris Jones: There is a problem with Bridlemile.

Larry Springer: States that he hates the overlap.

Jeff Simpson: Explains that ONI was not following its own guidelines and that was the real focus of the lawsuit, which he came to realize as discussions progressed.

Lois Miller: Was a founding member of SWHRL. Told of original boundaries going from the river to the county line and Burnside south. When Mary Pedersen headed the organization. Lois is now a member of Homestead since 1974. Homestead worked with SWHRL before.

Robert Spurlock: Claims that a conflict of interest exists when a member, William Goode, acts as attorney for SWHRL.

Mark LeRoux: Explained that it is difficult to retain *pro bono* lawyers on a matter that, were it to go to a trial, could involve hundreds of hours. He had the privilege of being deposed.

William Goode: Explained that Charles Merten and Greg Kafoury were contacted and they declined to take the case.

Ann Friday: Spoke of history with undergrounding by Hillside.

Rick Seifert: Spoke to the undergrounding. Would like to have an overlap.

Mark Clemons: Did the membership decide or did the board decide?

Election of the 2005-2006 Board of Directors

Mark LeRoux: Moved to begin the election process. He read the slate submitted by the nominating committee.

Ainsworth - Harris Matarazzo

Broadway Drive - Kathleen Tooke

Chesapeake - Dr. Pamela Settlegoode

Council Crest - David Perzik

Davenport-Hoffman - Nan Koerner

Dosch Road - Mark LeRoux

Dosch Road - Jeff Simpson

Fairmount – Eileen Johnson
Fairmount – Larry Springer
Fountain – Bill Kinsey
Gander Ridge – Barbara Page
Green Hills – Ann Chapman
Healy Heights – Liz Mason
Highlands – Ted Welch
Humphrey Park – Rita Pederson
Marquam-Homestead – Jackie Cameron
Marquam-Homestead – Tom Dorris
Myrtle-Buckingham – John Grout
Scholls Ferry – Steve Gann
Westwood-Hillsdale – David Blum

After announcing the slate of candidates put forth by the nominating committee, 16 nominations were made from the floor. Together with the already nominated slate this number exceeded the allowable number of board members.

Nominated from the floor from the respective areas were:

Broadway - Alan Bacharach
Chesapeake - Aloha Wyse
Chesapeake - Celeste Lewis
Chesapeake - Mark Clemons
Council Crest - Chris Jones
Dosch Rd - Nanette Klimkow
Fairmount - Nancy Owen
Homestead - Tom Miller
Stroheckers - Jim Thayer
Stroheckers - Max Thayer
Stroheckers - Norman Turrill
Sunset - Rick Seifert
Terwilliger - Walt Amacher
Vista Bridge - Maureen Baldack
Westwood Hillsdale - Richard Stein

Mark LeRoux explained that the bylaws decide how many can sit on the board. A motion was made to recess the members meeting and to have a board meeting; it failed on the first vote.

Motion to have a board meeting per a change of the agenda passed on the second vote.

Board meeting convened to decide how the vote would be handled for the 22 current positions.

David Blum moved for individual votes on each of 22 areas; seconded by Kathleen Tooke.

Jeff Simpson moved to expand the list to 30 members

Harris Matarazzo suggested that the additional 8 members have at-large positions, one for each area and 8 at-large positions, accepting no more than a total of two from any neighborhood area.

Motion carried. Board meeting adjourned and member meeting resumed.

The election of the directors then followed, using the method prescribed by the board.

A number of questions were posed on how the process will work.

84 members present at the start of the vote; 57 present at the conclusion. The number of votes necessary for a majority was adjusted throughout the voting based on the number of members present.

Celeste Lewis withdrew her nomination for Chesapeake.

Larry Springer withdrew his nomination.

Rhemy Olson withdrew his name from the nomination.

The following board members were duly elected from the following districts:

Ainsworth:	Harris Matarazzo
Broadway:	Allen Bacharach
Chesapeake:	Mark Clemons
	Aloha Wyse
Council Crest:	Chris Jones
Davenport-Hoffman:	Nan Koerner
Dosch Road:	Jeff Simpson
	Nanette Klimkow
Fairmont:	Eileen Johnson
	Nancy Owens
Fountain:	Bill Kinsey
Gander Ridge:	Barbara Page
Green Hills:	Ann Chapman
Healy Heights:	Liz Mason
Highlands:	Ted Welsh
Humphrey Park:	(vacant)
Marquam Homestead:	J. Cameron
	Tom Miller
Myrtle-Buckingham:	John Grout
Patton-Hewett:	(vacant)
Scholls Ferry:	Steven Gann
Stroheckers:	Jim Thayer
	Norman Turrill
Sunset:	Rick Seifert
Terwilliger:	Walt Amacher
Vista Bridge:	Maureen Baldack
Westwood Hillsdale:	David Blum

Following the election of these new board members the members' meeting was adjourned about midnight.

Immediately thereafter the new board was convened and called to order by David Blum, the 2nd Vice president of the 2004-2005 SWHRL board. The following slate of officers was the elected by a legitimate quorum of the newly elected board members:

President:	Jim Thayer
First Vice President:	David Blum
Second Vice President:	Chris Jones
Treasurer:	Eileen Johnson
Secretary:	(vacant)

After the election of the new officers the board meeting was adjourned.