

**Southwest Hills Residential League
2006 Annual Meeting
at Ainsworth School, May 31, 2006**

The meeting began at 7 PM with board member Tom Miller introducing Lewis McArthur, lifetime SWHRL resident and author, who gave a 30 minute presentation on local names, including answering questions from the audience.

At 7:30 the meeting was called to order by President Jim Thayer, who gave notice of the meeting.

Board members present: Alan Bacharach, Aloha Wyse, Jim Thayer, Mark Clemons, Nan Koerner, Nancy Owen, Nanette Klimkow, Norman Turrill, Rick Seifert, Steve Gann and Tom Miller.

SWHRL Members present: Michael Shapiro, Ellene Shapiro, Bob Gibson, Lena Lane, Jill Reynolds, Blythe Olson, Sherie Salzwedel, Scott Salzwedel, Clive Cook, Sara Allan, Kendall Youngblood, Mark Youngblood, Ruby Apsler, Jill Habernigg, Jim Hearn, John Reece, Kelly Reece, Richard Seton, Nancy Seton, William Holands, Don Livingstone, Sybil Barrier, Elizabeth Bergman, Joyce Borgwardt, Mona J. Brett, Carole Connell, Julia Harris, Kelly Holtz, Andrew Holtz, Richard Jones, Marilyn Jones, Amanda Klash, Frank Lippy, Oliver Massesgale, Lewis McArthur, Alice Meyer, Olliemay Phillips, Jim Ruyle, Joanne Ruyle, William Goode, John Slocum, Phyllis Towne, Joanna Cain, Huntie Wall, Mary Taylor, Wesley Whitten, Scott Wyse, Mr. And Mrs. Arthur McArthur.

Visitors present: Brian Hoop (from ONI), Elizabeth Casson-Taylor (Principal of Ainsworth School), Sally DeLeuw, Fred Leeson (from The Oregonian), Claudia Dissel, Marie V. Hall (accompanying Lewis McArthur), Judith Mowry (from Resolutions NW).

A motion was made by Nan Koerner to accept the minutes from the 2005 Annual Membership Meeting, seconded by Steve Gann. The motion was voted on by all members present, and passed with one abstention.

Treasurers Report by Treasurer Norman Turrill

Income: \$2,945.00 (mostly from member contributions)
Expenses: \$4,451.03

Offers to give more details upon request.

Question from the audience: This represents a deficit. Is SWHRL in the red?

Norman Turrill: No, SWHRL has about \$31,000 in the bank.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Norman Turrill, seconded by Nanette Klimkow.

Motion passed unanimously.

State of the League report by President Jim Thayer

Recaps the promises the board made upon election. States that the ouster of the prior board was caused by the single-agenda focus and unresponsiveness to members by the prior board.

The current board has resolved the overlaps with Bridlemile, Hillsdale and Homestead NAs.

89% of survey respondents had their desires satisfied by the new boundaries.

The current board resolved the federal lawsuit brought by the previous board. This closed the grievance against ONI.

The current board, represented pro bono by Miller Nash, succeed in getting a lawsuit against them, brought by the prior board, thrown out. This was the first anti-SLAP suit prosecuted in Oregon.

The current board completed a massive revision of the bylaws. The changes prevent a single interest group from dominating the agenda, increase the number of membership meetings, and holds the board accountable to the membership.

William Goode made a \$11,500 donation to SWHRL at the 2005 Annual, but then requested that the funds be returned to him. This request was denied by the board, in light of the potential for future costly legal proceedings being brought against the current board. The monies will serve as a legal defense insurance fund.

States the need for good hands, new blood, to help SHWRL accomplish transportation and land use goals.

What we want to do in the upcoming year:

Because of pending legal issues, the board did not have enough resources to do an optimal amount of outreach. The annual Ice Cream Social will take place soon.

Issues we would like to address include:

- Drafting a land-use plan for the Southwest neighborhood, specifically addressing in-fill development

- Funding for pedestrian walkways

- OHSU traffic on Fairmount

- Organize an annual SOLV day

- New trails

- Need to find a way to fund efforts to address these issues

Appeals to the membership for increased participation from neighbors to help us accomplish these goals.

Jim Thayer turns the meeting over to Judith Mowry from Resolutions Northwest, who will conduct the election.

Judith appoints Brian Hoop (from ONI), board member Mark Clemons, and SWHRL member Michael Shapiro to a tally committee.

Question from the audience(Ellene Shapiro): How many people can be on the board?

Jim Thayer: Calls on Norman Turrill to answer.

Norman Turrill: This question was not answered in the bylaws before the revision. According to the new bylaws, the maximum number on the board is 15; 9 is the minimum. We can take nominations from the nominating committee and from the floor. We will use the approval method of voting. The 15 people with the most votes win.

Steve Gann: Don't we have more areas in SWHRL than are represented by the current nominations?

Norman Turrill: The current model calls for nominations at large, which is a more participatory model. There are too few people involved to support the previous representative model.

Steve Gann: Requests a reading of the list of unrepresented areas to try to get people from those areas to run.

Question from the audience: What is the total number of areas in SWHRL?

Jim Thayer: 22.

Question from the floor (William Goode): Previously there were 23 board members listed, with the option to have 30. If the neighbors want to increase the number of board members allowed, can they amend the bylaws tonight?

Norman Turrill: No. There is a new process defined in the current bylaws defining how they may be amended.

Question from the floor: When were the bylaws changed?

Norman Turrill: April of this year.

Steve Gann: Wants to have a list of the areas read.

Nanette Klimkow: Reads the areas, which now total 20, due to the eliminations of Sunset and Homestead, that resulted from the overlap resolutions.

Question from the floor: How do we find out about construction issues? We used to have a board member who reported on these issues, but now we never hear anything.

Jim Thayer: Give your contact information to the Land Use Committee, and you will be informed. If your residence is within 150 ft of a project, you are automatically notified by the city.

Question from the floor: (William Goode): What is the record date that determines who can vote in this election? The record date is the date preceding the date that the notice of the election was given.

Jim Thayer: The record date is today.

Norman Turrill: In the future a member must have attended at least one meeting in order to be eligible to vote.

Judith Mowry from resolutions reads the Nominating committee slate, and then takes nominations from the floor. The slate is: Darroch Cahen, Steve Gann, Julia Harris, Nan Koerner, Lena Lane, Tom Miller, Nancy Owen, Alice Stolzberg, Jim Thayer, Norman Turrill.

Question from the floor: If there are less than 15 board members elected, is there a provision in the bylaws to fill the vacancies?

Jim Thayer: Yes.

Question from the floor: What happens at board meetings?

Jim Thayer: Committee reports and new business brought by members.

Nominations from the floor: Don Livingstone, Aloha Wyse, as a legacy member.

Jim Thayer: States the definition of a legacy member.

Question from the floor: Does a legacy member vote?

Jim Thayer: Yes, but Legacy membership is non-transferable. When a Legacy member moves from their residence, the next owners of the residence are not eligible for legacy membership.

Alan Bacharach: Moves to go to a straight vote without speeches by the candidates.

Motion passes unanimously.

Rick Seifert: Can we elect the slate by acclamation?

Norman Turrill: Yes.

Tom Miller: Could we have the committee reports given now, in the hopes of inspiring new members to volunteer to serve on the board?

Rick Seifert: Moves to accept nominees by acclamation. Second by ???

Question from the floor (Lena Lane): Will there be clarity issues with an acclamation vote?

Question from the floor: Wants there to be speeches and reports.

Motion made by Rick Seifert passes unanimously.

Jim Thayer re-reads the slate including the two people nominated from the floor.

Judith Mowry takes a vote from the membership. 2 people opposed, one abstention. Motion passes. Board members elected are: Darroch Cahen, Steve Gann, Julia Harris, Nan Koerner, Lena Lane, Tom Miller, Nancy Owen, Alice Stolzberg, Jim Thayer, Norman Turrill, Don Livingstone and Aloha Wyse.

Transportation Committee Report: Alan Bacharach

Alan recognizes Elizabeth Casson-Taylor, the Ainsworth School principal, and thanks her for her attendance.

Co-chairs of this committee are Tom Miller and Walt Amacher, who has been instrumental in addressing OHSU traffic issues. Recognizes Davis Margulis, who was instrumental in getting the stop sign at the Patton/Vista intersection installed. SWHRL in the past succeeded in building a pedestrian walkway from Stroheckers to the gas station at the top of the hill. Future plans might include getting a walkway installed on Dosch Rd.

Question from the floor: How do I volunteer?

Alan Bacharach: Give us your name and contact information.

Bylaws Committee Report: Norman Turrill

The bylaws were totally reorganized. Many provisions were made to give an increased level of power to members. Members are given the power to veto board decisions. Members are allowed to place agenda items on board meetings. There is a new attendance requirement for voting privileges. The board can no longer change the bylaws by itself; any bylaws changes require member approval at 2 membership meetings. Residents need to apply to become members. There is a new provision for exchanging representatives with the boards of the Hillsdale and Homestead neighboring NAs.

Question from the floor: Do you have to have attended a previous meeting to object to something at a board meeting?

Norman Turrill: No.

Question from the floor: What are the quorum requirements?

Norman Turrill: 15 for a membership meeting, 30 for the Annual meeting.

Land Use Committee Report: Nancy Owen

Other committee members: Nan Koerner, Darrell Cahen, Scott Lewis, Carol Wells Connell, Jeff Miller. The main task of the committee is to review Type 2 Land Use proposals. Examples include the Cardinell Drive and Upper Drive developments, and the Broadways Drive condo proposal. The goal is to have a Southwest neighborhood plan, and a land use plan structure.

Question from the floor: How does the Land Use Committee help deal with the city?

Nancy Owen: We interact with the appropriate people, and can direct you to the right people.

Steve Gann: Encourages people to bring issues to a SWHRL board meeting even if they're not sure of their validity. SWHRL also has standing with the city for the appeal of land use issues and is not charged the usual \$3000 fee for an appeal.

Mark Kemball (liaison from OHSU) Announces two open house events at OHSU, Saturday June 3, 9 – 11 AM, and Sunday June 4, at 1 PM, for the Kohler Pavilion and the Center for Women's Health.

Question from the floor: How does one get new people to become members, and what are the dues?

Jim Thayer: Dues are not mandatory; contributions are accepted. People can apply on the website, www.swhrl.org, or get applications in the Viewpoints which is available at Stroheckers, or at the city's ONI website.

Move to adjourn, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM.

Meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors convened at approximately 9:05 PM.

Present are Jim Thayer, Norman Turrill, Nan Koerner, Nancy Owen, Tom Miller, Aloha Wyse, Julia Harris, Lena Lane, Steve Gann, Don Livingstone, and Nanette Klimkow acting as secretary.

Nominations:

Jim Thayer for President

Norman Turrill for Vice-president

Julia Harris for Second Vice-president

Lena Lane for Treasurer

Nan Koerner for Secretary.

A vote on this slate passes unanimously.

Jim Thayer: Moves to establish the intent to hire an Executive Assistant, as defined in the bylaws. Suggests establishing an Executive Assistant position with the details of salary and job

description to be established by committee and with advice of counsel. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Nanette Klimkow.