

# 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, February 15, 2007. The meeting convened at 7:10 PM with SWHRL President Jim Thayer presiding.

## Attendance:

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

Jim established that a quorum was present.

Nancy Owen is no longer on the Board, due to too many absences from meetings.

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

Approval of the minutes from the January 18 Board meeting and the January 31 Membership meeting is tabled until the next meeting.

## Treasurer's report – Alice Stolzberg

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| <b>Starting Balance</b> | \$24,979.08 |
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### **Income**

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| Membership | \$130.00 |
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### **Expenses**

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| Salary (NK) | \$515.55 |
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| Fed Tax (941) | \$306.60 |
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| State Tax | \$153.66 |
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| Fed Tax (940) | \$14.40 |
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| Worker Comp | \$11.18* |
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| Master Print (newsletter) | \$687.18 |
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| Total | \$1,688.57 |
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| <b>Ending Balance</b> | \$23,420.51 |
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**Motion:** Accept the Treasurer's report, with the deletion of the workman's comp amount and adjustment of ending balance

Made by: Norman Turrill

Second: Jim Thayer

Motion passed unanimously.

## Land Use Committee Report – Nancy Seton

- Leonard Gard attended their meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> and talked about how SWHRL would integrate its efforts with SWNI. He explained that SWNI was an autonomous coalition, and that if there was not consensus on an issue, SWNI would not take a position on it. We can use their meeting rooms, and they have a library of materials related to land use issues. We can also have space in their newsletter. SWNI's Land Use committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month, Transportation on the third Wednesday, both at the Multnomah Center on Capitol Highway. Nancy will go to the Land Use meetings, and Tom and Andrew (Holtz) will go to the Transportation meetings. Norman and Jim will go to the Executive Committee meeting. The Executive and Land Use meetings are on February 20th.
- SWNI gets 75% of its money from the city, and the rest from fund raising. There are 5 committees: Land Use, Transportation, Crime Prevention, Schools, and Parks.
- Jim brought up the issue of the proposed condo development on Sam Jackson Parkway. He said that this is going on because of OHSU's need for housing in the area, but that there are other areas that are better candidates for development, like the area above Marquam Village, and the area south of I-5. The comprehensive city plan is going to be looking at the latter, and we need to ask the city to get OHSU involved in this discussion.
- Tom Miller said that Homestead's neighborhood plan got zoning to allow development, more commercial mixed use zoning, with at least 50% residential. It does not require parking. The R1 area goes further up the hill, then it's R2, and steps into R5. This will allow the maximum density you would want. He describes the Gaines apartments, a 60s style complex, which the University bought and now they can't give them away. They are priced at \$160K - \$260K. He is puzzled that people say that there is a need for development while these units go unsold. Homestead is apprehensive about proposed development plans. They don't have criteria for the road to be upgraded, and there is no sidewalk, even to get down to Terwilliger. Jim said that SWHRL has not taken a position on this yet; we want to talk to Homestead.
- Nancy Seton asked why this project is going to be in that horrible place. Tom replied that he went to a meeting with a city worker, who was totally unprepared, and did not know any numbers. Jim said that there are 2 sidewalk options, along the road or cutting through above. Tom said that a study on this is pending. Alice said that a traffic light will be needed at the condos. Jim said that we need to get in touch with the OHSU person who is now in Mark Kembal's position – Tom will give him the contact information.
- Jim asked where we are on the Broadway condo project. Don Livingstone submitted a letter to the city for SWHRL – we need to follow up on this, as there has been no response yet.
- The developer for the Sam Jackson project spoke at the Land Use committee; they offered a lot of suggestions, asked questions, asked for input. Nancy is going to write something up, with a copy to the Hearings Officer, but is not sure how much detail to include. Jim advised her to stick to key issues – there are only certain ones we can attack on. They want a variance on the height of the units – that gives us leverage. City will ask for traffic study, so we can address this as well. We could make approval contingent on functional address of traffic issues.
- Nancy spoke with Anton Vetterlein from Homestead, and he estimated that this project will generate about 2,200 car trips a day. This could be mitigated by non-car transport, and sidewalks. Alice asked about bus service. Tom said that as soon as Campus Drive is re-opened, all of the buses will be there. Homestead is against this, as they don't want the buses on Terwilliger, especially the express buses, which currently all use Terwilliger. Norman asked if buses will be part of the traffic study. Jim will suggest that express buses go down Sam Jackson.
- **Action item – Nancy and Jim will confer on response to the city/developer.**

- Nancy – There is a city-wide Land Use meeting that she’s trying to recruit someone to attend, it’s on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM at City Hall in the Lovejoy room. They will talk about the budget and work plans. Another meeting on March 17 will be on in-fill. Nanette will put SWHRL’s Land Use meetings on the ONI calendar, and on our website.
- Steve Gann: On the Scholls Ferry development. Three years ago the city took this area from the county and tried (unsuccessfully) to change the zoning to R10; we need to follow up on that. The proposed driveways will be onto Scholls Ferry across from Scholls Ferry Court, which would make that a new intersection. They’re looking into getting a left turn traffic light onto Patton, and a flashing light at the new intersection. We might want to get the developers to pay for this. Water issues are severe.
- Jim said that we need to assign responsibility for who is tracking which projects. He asked
- **Action Items: Steve Gann to write a letter to Kim Parsons to let her know where we are, and also to communicate with the Transportation Committee on this. Don Livingstone will track the Broadway condo project.**
- Discussion about the SW Upper Drive project. Jim said that these developers have worked on projects in very different environments than this, where increased density was desired. This is infill, and the developer is not sensitive to the issues neighbors have. We have leverage on density, neighborhood character, and water issues.
- Jim said that all letters we write for any of these issues should be done in our capacity as SWHRL. Some tightly defined issues can be approved by the relevant committee, but if the letter is written on behalf of the Board, it requires Board approval. Larger and/or contentious issues, like whether or not to join SWNI, are the types of things needing Board approval.
- Nancy said that Leonard Gard told her committee that we are welcome to run any drafts of letters by him for input, and that he could also write letters for us.
- A large older home on Clifton has applied for a permit to build a large 3 car garage. As this would relieve traffic crowding on this dead end street, SWHRL will not oppose it.

### **Transportation Committee Report – Julia Harris**

- The committee met Monday at Nancy’s house. They are still working on Humphrey Blvd issues. The arrows will be moved by the city. The area also needs a light. They will get a speed reader, and permanent reflective markers in March, which will be good until it snows and the road is plowed.
- On Patton there is an issue with the curve at Homar, on the Stroheckers side. The sidewalk is narrow, and not raised very much from the road. Residents have requested a guard rail, and the city has said that they will study it.
- They are also working on speeding problems on Broadway, looking at getting reflective pavement markers to slow people down. The police department has offered to informally give us the names and addresses of license plate numbers of speeders.
- At the bottom of Broadway Drive, the 2-second delay of traffic lights is working to permit people coming down Broadway to enter the road. Julia wonders about the possibly detrimental effect this might have on drivers coming up Broadway from downtown.
- They are also working on the Scholls/Patton left turn lane light; this is ranked #5 on SDC projects. The committee is writing a letter to the state requesting a planning study. Julia will attend the TSDC open house Feb 21.

### **Viewpoints/March Quarterly Membership Meeting**

- Ainsworth School is closed for spring break the last week of March, so alternative meeting venues were discussed. Suggestions included Ascension Church, the racquet club by Highlands, and the Korean church at the bottom of Humphreys, which is close to some of the more distant neighbors. There is no perfect date for the meeting; there are conflicts for everyone on each date. Jim and Nanette will resolve the issue this week.
- Jim's president's message may be about our decision to join SWNI, including a discussion of what it means, what are benefits are, and how we can use SWNI. Steve suggested that Leonard Gard might be able to write this.
- We also need a Land Use article, discussing SW Upper Drive, the Sam Jackson project, the Council Crest radio tower and the Measure 37 claim.
- A Transportation article should include reports on current work, Humphrey's, and the 2 second delay on Broadway. Nanette will write articles on the Yahoo! listserv, speeding, and about membership contributions now being tax-deductible. We may try to get Don Baack to write an article on the 4T trail – Train, Trolley, Tram and Trail.
- Jim received a response from St. Thomas More to the letter he wrote about traffic concerns, and said that he might ask them to write an article profiling themselves. We should thank Stroheckers, and profile them in the next issue. We could include a sidebar to list donors, and put Strohecker's in as a regular.
- Steve Gann asked if we can mail our newsletter under SWNI's permit. This would save us some money.
- It was agreed that all articles will be submitted to Nanette by the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and that she will get the final draft to Steve by the 26<sup>th</sup>, to hit the mailboxes by March 12<sup>th</sup>. This issue will also include an article about the Annual Meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim will contact City Commissioner Sam Adams about speaking at the March Quarterly meeting.
- Nancy suggested Kendall Youngblood, a member who is on the Energy Trust, to speak on green building.
- There should also be a presentation at this meeting about the radio tower on Council Crest.

### **Other Business:**

- Norman called Sylvia Bogart of SWNI and told her of our decision to join the coalition. She requested that he write a letter to Glenn Bridger. He will follow up to get information about insurance, including Workman's Comp Insurance. They can cover us for liability and D&O, but didn't answer about Workman's Comp; he will pursue this. We are the only NA in SWNI with an employee. We may be able to drop our D&O coverage and save some money. Norman has arranged for him and Jim to meet with Sylvia.
- We also need to follow up on what it means to be a member of SWNI, and what our responsibilities are.
- Several people expressed a desire for an excellent map of SWHRL, that was easily portable, to be used in walking the neighborhood. Don Livingstone has a good map. This is a project we want to think about.

- Norman will find out the rules for contributions, how people need to address their checks to get the tax deduction. We need to include this information in the newsletter and in our membership reminder letter.

**Motion:** Designate Jim Thayer to be our delegate to the SWNI Board.

Made by: Norman Turrill

Second: Julia Harris

Motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion about storage of SWHRL records. Nanette has several huge boxes of ancient documents and raised the issue of how much of this we want to keep. Norman will ask SWNI about storage space for this; there may be people who would want to access this for research in the future.
- The most momentous occasion of the evening was Jim's announcement that he most likely will not run for President again. He has to move, and may have to move out of the neighborhood. Besides that, he wants to work on other types of community issues. SWHRL is up and going now, and he thinks that we should be able to get other good people on board. He may write his President's message about his decision to move on.

Everyone thanked Tom Miller for the yummy treats he generously brought to the meeting.

The next Board meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup> at Stroheckers.

There will be a Membership Meeting, most likely on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Ainsworth School.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Klimkow

Executive Assistant for SWHRL