

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, March 15, 2007. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM with SWHRL President Jim Thayer presiding.

Attendance:

Board present: Alice Stolzberg, Darroch Cahen, Don Livingstone, Jim Thayer, Julia Harris, Lena Lane, Nan Koerner, Norman Turrill, Tom Miller

Board absent: Aloha Wyse, Steve Gann

Members: Nancy Seton, Betsy Boylston, Cathe Mansfield

Others: Brent Hinrichs, Dean Christiansen, Robert Cumper, Simone Goldfeder

Jim established that a quorum was present and that acceptance of the minutes would be delayed until the next meeting.

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

Jim Thayer reported for Alice Stolzberg, Treasurer that the bank account balance is \$22,891. There were expenses of \$662 and membership contributions of \$138. He noted that our balance is declining and that membership income must increase.

Alice Stolzberg moved to accept the report and the motion passed.

Jim reported that Portland Mayor Tom Potter will speak on the City Charter amendments at the next membership meeting on March 22nd

Land Use Committee Report – Nancy Seton

- SWHRL's letter on the Upper Drive development is being circulated. Cathe Mansfield, who lives at 2947 SW Upper Drive, pointed out that there have been changes to lot designations and placements. Dean Christensen asked when neighbors will be able to testify. Jim Thayer replied that there will be a hearing on April 25th.
- The Sam Jackson condominiums are on hold for the moment. The architect and owner are reviewing environmental and green building options.

Transportation Committee Report – Julia Harris

- SWHRL is now part of SWNI—Julia will meet with Nancy Seton (SWHRL Land Use) and Leonard Gard of SWNI to familiarize him with SWHRL's issues and how we will work together.
- Request by Mary Mark for left turn signal from Scholls onto Patton and reducing speed on Patton: Andrew will craft a letter supporting a planning grant from the state. This plan can then be used to support the project. This intersection is the only TSDC level 5 project in SWHRL. Next steps can be determined after Open House.
- St. Thomas More traffic concern: Our policy should be to have the resident take the first step before we step in.

- Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway accident/speed-Andrew reported that a West Sylvan child was struck by a car on B-V and 6600 block while leaving the median/pedestrian island Feb 6. He now has the crosswalk on the list for Pedestrian Enforcement Action.
- In the future Viewpoints articles will go through their respective committees before being published and carry a by-line.
- Lee Smith was satisfied with Alan's response to her concern about the Patton-Broadway-Vista stop signs.
- None of the \$45 million MTIP (Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program) priorities for 2008-2011 are in SWHRL.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- Andrew Holtz: Humphrey speed/safety: PDOT has been alerted that the arrow sign can't be seen and needs to be moved. The curve needs a street light. It has been placed on speed reader board queue.
- SWNI Transportation: January meeting was canceled due to weather. Tom Miller is also on this committee.
- David Margulis: Patton curve at Homar: Request Item #132100 has been created to track request. It will be referred to an engineer for investigation. Unfortunately there is a back-log of about 12 weeks. Homar is too far from Ainsworth to qualify for school safety protections even though the bus stops there.
- Lynn Takata: Speed enforcement on Patton, Dosch and Broadway: Working with Peter Mason of PDOT who is considering permanent speed reader boards at a key location and placing center-line profiled striping on Broadway. Also the police might be willing to informally give us the contact information on people our speed gun volunteers find speeding.
- Julia Harris: Ditches to Swales: PDOT and BES still have not ironed out their arrangement on this project.
- Broadway Drive & 6th interchange: 2-second all-red began January 31 and has been received favorably. We need to highlight this in the next Viewpoint issue.
- Richard Seton: Walkways: Nothing to report but will make headway this month.
- Mark LeRoux: Mass transit: absent

Jim Thayer said the proposed reconstruction of the Council Crest radio tower will affect many people. There will be a representative from the city's Office of Technology to speak about this at the March 22nd Membership Meeting.

Executive Assistant

- Norman Turrill moved that SWHRL Executive Assistant Nanette Klimkow become an employee of SWNI, instead of SWHRL. She would have the same position and the same benefits; the change would enable SWHRL to avoid paying Workman's Compensation Insurance – it would be paid by SWNI. This is contingent on receiving a written agreement from SWNI. The transfer would occur at the end of March.
- The motion was seconded and approved with two abstentions.
- Jim Thayer suggested that he and Norman Turrill should assist Nanette in increasing membership contributions and establishing performance goals.

Other Business:

- Jim Thayer and Norman Turrill met with Sylvia Bogart, Director of SWNI. SWHRL is a member of SWNI, and Jim Thayer is our delegate. Norman said that as a result of this, SWHRL can drop its Directors and Officers insurance.
- Norman Turrill suggested that the SWNI report should be a part of the regular Board agenda.
- Norman Turrill moved that SWHRL send an agenda to Mayor Potter for the March 22nd meeting. His presentation will be from 7:05 to 7:50, with 10 minutes after for questions and answers. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Other items on the March 22nd agenda include a presentation by the city's Office of Technology on the Council Crest radio tower, a report by the Land Use committee, and a report by the Transportation committee.

The next Board meeting will be April 19th at Stroheckers.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Klimkow, Executive Assistant for SWHRL, transcribing notes taken by Nan Koerner.