

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, September 21, 2006. The meeting convened at 7:09 PM with SWHRL First Vice President Norman Turrill presiding.

Board member attendance:

Present: Alice Stolzberg, Aloha Wyse, Darroch Cahen, Don Livingstone, Julia Harris, Lena Lane

Excused: Steve Gann, Jim Thayer

Absent: Nancy Owen, Tom Miller, Nan Koerner

Others:

Nanette Klimkow, Legacy member

Norman established that a quorum was present.

The agenda for this meeting was circulated via email by Norman.

Motion: Approve the minutes from the August 17 board meeting.

Made by: Lena Lane

Second: Don Livingstone

Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurers report:

Lena handed out a hard copy of the report, which included 2 months worth of entries, as she was not present at the previous board meeting.

Starting balance:	\$???	
Deposit (membership)		\$260.00
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Web expenses	\$407.23	
Klimkow (Exec. Asst.)	\$1800.00	
Klimkow (Exec. Asst.)	\$900.00	
Speed gun	\$10.00	
Web expenses	\$120.00	
Deposit (membership)		\$145.00
Klimkow (Exec. Asst.)	\$900.00	
Ending balance	\$26,193.29	
Total income since June		\$525.00

Total expenses since June \$4,137.00

She requests permission to shred one book of checks, as she has duplicates in slightly different colors with the same numbering system. The board approves shredding one of the books.

Nanette asks about the fee for mailing the Summer 2006 *Viewpoints*. Lena responds that she did not see the email requesting payment for this.

Motion: Approve the Treasurer's report.

Made by: Aloha Wyse

Second: Julia Harris

Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use

Darroch and Don report that the committee came up with a summary of goals 2 weeks ago. Nancy Seton wrote them up. One goal is to have area-wide representation on the committee. Committee members are to be encouraged to go to the city's ABCs of Land Use seminars, and to respond to notices in a timely manner.

Don Livingstone wrote a response to the city regarding the Broadway Condo project, which was presented to the board at the July board meeting. The four major points that he addressed were:

- We want the developer to grant a public right-of-way easement to the city for the stairway
- There are two sidewalks near the project; we want the city to connect the two sidewalks
- We want the developer to re-locate the curb cut, which would afford cars a better view of traffic when they are exiting the site
- We want to encourage sustainable design

He is not sure who to send this letter to, as we do not have the original land use notice.

A discussion follows about voicing our desire that the natural integrity of the area be maintained, along with protection of the existing park-like grounds and trees. A suggestion is made to pick out the parts of the proposal that we like and state our approval. It is clarified that we want an easement, according to Don Baack's advice. Aloha says that may be an easement, but it has not been established.

The consensus is that group likes Don's proposal, and to add a request for an easement and that the character be maintained. Don will find out where this project is in the process. Norman requests that Don bring his final version back to the board for approval. Darroch questions whether or not this is a legitimate pursuit for the Land Use committee. The answer is that by acting as a NA, we have more clout than if this were presented by a single individual, and also as a NA we do not have to pay the associated fees.

A discussion follows about whether or not this is the type of communication that we are bound by the bylaws to have approved by 2 board members and the Executive assistant.

Motion: Approve Don's letter in concept and authorize him to refine it, and have the Land Use committee send it on to the city.

Made by: Lena Lane

Second: Aloha Wyse

Motion approved unanimously.

Concerns were raised about making the minutes of all committee meetings available to the public. They are referenced in the website; Nanette will add language to the site directing people on how to obtain copies of committee meeting minutes, which she keeps.

A decision was made that Land Use committee will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month; the next meeting will be on Oct. 12.

Transportation committee:

Julia Harris reads from the Sept 12 transportation committee meeting minutes. They have 2 new members. One is interested in the Broadway Condo project, the other is interested in Humphreys issues.

The speed gun is being repaired. The question is raised as to whether the Transportation committee requires board approval to conduct surveys with the speed gun. The consensus is that the board merely needs to be informed of the projects.

The committee is tabulating results from their survey. There will be hard copies available at the membership meeting next week. The committee requests \$75 to pay for a one month extension of the survey on-line. The need for this arose because the results from the initial free 10-day period were not retrieved in time.

Motion: Approve spending \$75 to extend the on-line time of the survey.

Made by: Julia Harris

Second: Aloha Wyse

Motion passes unanimously.

Legal Committee:

The committee has not met; there is no report.

At this point the meeting moves into Executive session. Nanette Klimkow, acting as Executive Assistant, leaves the room to allow the board to consider hiring an Executive Assistant.

Thirty-five minutes later Nanette re-joins the group in normal session. Darroch and Don leave the meeting at this point.

Two motions were made during the executive session.

One was to hire an executive assistant for 6 months. This motion passed with one person opposed.

The second motion was to offer a salary of \$600/month for this position. This motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that Alice Stolzberg will handle the payroll duties associated with this decision; Norman will assist her. Lena will write the checks.

Other business:

There is a discussion about the Good Neighbor resolution SWHRL has with OHSU. This is a hangover from the boundary dispute resolution. It was deleted from the resolution agreement by the board, as more detail was desired. There are many traffic issues that exist, including parking on Fairmount, the amount of speeding OHSU traffic that cuts through SWHRL, and traffic cutting through the gas station at the top of the hill. Aloha is concerned that OHSU drafted the agreement, so it is favorable to them, or with omissions favorable to them. Norm wants SWHRL to receive notice of any significant building projects. They did not include language to give us timely notice. Further discussion on this matter will be deferred until there are more board members present to discuss it.

Plans for the Membership meeting on Sept. 26:

Nanette will get cookies and coffee. Lena will do the sign-in, Alice and Tom Miller are going to pass out the survey. Glenn Bridger will be coming from SWNI. Alice suggests having nametags available. Julia will be out of town and will not attend the meeting.

A-frame signboards:

Julia suggests buying lighter ones. Norman says that we need more signs, and want to authorize someone to research this. Lena will look into it. We will not need the signs until late January, which is when the next membership meeting is scheduled.

Motion: Lena is to investigate and purchase up to 6 lighter signboards, after consulting with the President and Executive Assistant; Aloha will assist her.

Made by: Aloha Wyse

Second: Alice Stolzberg

Motion passes unanimously.

Suggestions are made about the A-frames, including coming up with a format where most of the signage would be left intact, and only the date would need to be changed. They could be left with members who live in different areas, and those members would be responsible for putting them out and retrieving them. All would still need to be chained, as one sign did get vandalized in the recent past.

The meeting adjourns at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Klimkow

Acting as SWHRL Executive Assistant