

Southwest Hills Residential League
Quarterly Membership Meeting
Ainsworth School, Sept. 26, 2006

The meeting began at 7 PM with SWHRL president Jim Thayer presiding. Jim established that a quorum was present.

Board members present: Norman Turrill, Lena Lane, Aloha Wyse, Darroch Cahen, Nan Koerner, Alice Stolzberg (*These are the people that signed in, I can't remember who else was there*)

SWHRL members present: Ruby Apsler, Mona Brett, William Goode, Nanette Klimkow, Ellene Shapiro, John Slocum, Cynthia Thayer, Max Thayer, Kendall Youngblood, Mark Youngblood

Others present: Richard Stoltze, Glenn Bridger, Greg Epkes, Sylvia Bogert, Patty Lu, Wes McMillen, Elizabeth Casson-Taylor

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report. (*This is a mess. I took this from the minutes of the Sept. board meeting. There was no report at the August meeting. I took the starting balance from July, but the math doesn't work, using that start and the debits and credits listed here gives an ending balance of \$26,251. Help!*)

Starting balance:	\$29,863.23	
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	

Land Use Committee Report: (*I used the notes from their 1/24 meeting*)

The committee is focusing on finding representatives from each of the sub-neighbors in SHWRL to monitor land use issues.

They are also monitoring the proposed Broad way condo development, and will send a letter to the developer listing SWHRL's concerns regarding this project.

Nancy Seton will attend a meeting of the Citywide Land Use Group on Oct. 23rd.

Transportation Committee Report: *(I used the notes from their 9/12 mtg)*

Alice met with BES and Don Baack about improving 4410 Dosch Road for pedestrians. Andrew Holtz will be our liaison with SW Trails, and Tom Miller will be our liaison with Marquam Hill Traffic Calming.

The committee is getting the speed gun repaired and making plans for where and when to use it.

Lynn Takata and Andrew Holtz are coordinating with area schools to have children make speed signs, as part of International Walk to School day on Oct. 4th.

The committee is collecting returned Transportation surveys and will compile the results in a report.

Legal Committee Report: Norman Turrill *(from the email agenda Norman sent)*

Norman explained recent changes to the bylaws that include calling for member meetings to discuss progress and strategic issues affecting the neighborhood.

Another change states that if 10 members object to a vote, the decision can be tabled and reconsidered at the next membership meeting.

The rules of debate stipulate a 2 minute limit, and that everyone gets recognized before anyone gets a second turn.

President's Message about joining SWNI: Jim Thayer *(from the Viewpoints article)*

Jim summarizes the main points:

Pros:

- By actively collaborating with our neighbors, SWHRL can extend its influence to impact all SW neighborhoods.
- Joining a coalition does not mean that we will lose our independent character. There is nothing to prevent us from “taking on the city” on matters affecting our neighborhood.
- Being part of a coalition will assure services from both SWNI’s and ONI’s staff
- We would have quicker and more reliable access to information about municipal events and policies. Currently not all city bureaus know that we exist.
- Wider and timelier distribution of SWHRL news through SWNI’s monthly newsletter. Ours is only published quarterly.
- We may be more effective in resolving transportation and land use issues in conjunction with our neighbors, as many of the issues are intrinsically regional.
- SWNI’s 501(c)(3) status would allow people to deduct their contributions to SWHRL.
- We would gain access to SWNI’s event insurance.

Cons:

- SWHRL has been independent for 37 years, and many residents are heavily invested in this status. Why should we sacrifice it?
- Being part of an organization that is partially funded by the city could pose a conflict of interest that would diminish our ability to oppose city policies.
- Joining SWNI would be yet another monthly meeting for Board members, who already devote large amounts of time to SWHRL.
- Working in coordination with other neighborhoods would intrinsically limit our independence as we seek a broader consensus around issues that affect us

- Being affiliated might adversely impact our ability to collect contributions, as people might think that we get all of the money we need from the city.

Jim said that the Board has not taken a position on this matter yet, and wants to hear community feedback before making a recommendation on this matter. A vote on this will be taken at the next membership meeting in January.

Open discussion on joining SWNI:

People in the audience expressed their concerns which included losing independent status.

Sylvia Bogert from SWNI made it clear that she was not there to advocate for us joining SWNI, but to provide information.