

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association (SHiNA) Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017, 6-8pm, Wayne Morse Family Farm at 595 Crest Drive

(Approved 3/9/17)

Board Members Present:

Vic Hariton, Chair

Ralph McDonald, Vice Chair

Janet Bevirt, Secretary

John Gogol, Treasurer

Felipe Alonso III, At-Large

Ron Bevirt, At-Large

Dana Furgerson, At-Large

Colleen McCaffrey, At-Large

Francina Verrijt, At-Large

Ann Miller, At-Large

Additional Attendees:

Nora Hagerty, Liaison

Eric Swenson

Agenda:

Neighborhood Open Forum:

Janet: Discusses having Topics of Interest from the Survey taken at the 2016 Picnic.

Vic: Suggest scanning to google docs.

Janet: Gives "Firewise CDs" from Francina to Vic.

Janet: Paul Neville with St Vincent de Paul and the Youth House wants SHiNA reps at their presentation, design display and the start of public fundraising for the media. Set for 3/9/17, 10 am, at the 3350 Willamette Street location. I'll forward Youth House info to the board to post on the SHiNA Website and Nextdoor.

Comments from the Chair:

Vic: Discusses the Agenda topics, a changed order and approving 1/12/17 SHiNA General Meeting minutes.

Colleen: Wants adjustment to the minutes. Change to: Approach the journalism public policy planning management (PPPM) department.

Motions to support 1/12/17 SHiNA General Meeting minutes change.

Endorsed by Vic, Seconded by Colleen.

Approved: 9 approval votes, 1 abstained (did not attend the general meeting).

Motions to approve the 1/12/17 SHiNA General Meeting minutes.

Endorsed by Vic, Seconded by Ralph.

Approved: 9 approval votes, 1 abstained (did not attend the general meeting).

Announcements:

Ralph: 2/14, 12-1:30pm, Atrium/Sloat Room. Human Rights Commission: Rest Stops Meeting.

Janet: Discussed the February 2nd Southeast Neighbors General Meeting about Amazon Corner. Heather was unwilling to support the SE Neighbor members, when the vast majority of sentiment was that people would welcome the Amazon Corner development if it were only three stories, because it would be more compatible with the neighborhood, there would be fewer traffic issues, less on street parking problems, less light pollution at night, and more solar access for surrounding residences. Janet would write a letter on behalf of this sentiment since a letter to the city from the SEN board "welcoming" this development, was not representative of the SEN members. The SEN members also voted to appeal the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) with Friends of Amazon Creek taking financial responsibility.

Ann: I also attended the SEN General Meeting, it was a packed room with over 60 community members. The traffic impact was a huge issue and at the end (after many people had left) the vote of 33 to 3 supported a corrective letter of SEN member representation. SEN members also voted to appeal the TIA. Heather was not hearing any of it.

Ralph: Questions SHiNA involvement.

Ann: Traffic impact could spillover from Hilyard Street onto 31st, 33rd & 34th Avenues to Willamette Street.

Vic: Suggests a letter to the city in support of an appeal to the Amazon Corner TIA.

Ron: Discussed Heather's unsupportive behavior towards the SEN community.

Vic: We have control in SHiNA not SEN.

Janet: I could draft a supportive letter.

Ann: Motions to supports the Traffic Impact Analysis appeal.

Ralph: Seconded the Motion.

Janet: Write up appeal support and send it to the SHiNA Board.

John: Has questions, he doesn't know about Amazon Corner or the TIA.

Vic & Ralph: Explain Amazon Corner and the TIA.

Francina: Amazon Corner is not in SHiNA, we should not get involved.

Colleen: Is there a Motion?

Vic: Motion to draft letter, send via email to the SHiNA board.

Francina: I do not support this.

Janet: We are part of CSEN, this SEN development would affect SHiNA traffic on Willamette St.

Motions to write a letter supporting SEN and their Amazon Corner Traffic Impact Analysis appeal efforts with SHiNA board review.

Endorsed by Vic, Seconded by Ralph.

Approved: 9 approval votes, 1 abstained.

Ralph: 2/10, 7pm, Market of Choice upstairs meeting room. Tiny House Group Meeting.

Vic: Mentions Principles of Participation (PoP) for South Willamette Next Steps.

Motions to support the drafted PoP.

Endorsed by Vic, Seconded by Ralph.

Approved: 10 unanimous votes.

Speaker:

Lieutenant Ron Tinseth: Eugene Police Officer <ron.B.Tinseth@ci.eugene.or.us>

He watches over and is the liaison for 3 neighborhoods including SHiNA, Amazon & South University.

Vic: What support do you give to the neighborhood?

Lt. Tinseth: I'm a conduit for two way communication. An example, the two Downtown focuses which include the downtown core and the park system. Downtown is difficult with the social issues and then there's police work within the parks.

Vic: Like enforcing Downtown dog, no smoking, littering and displacement laws?

Lt. Tinseth: In keeping the business and downtown vibrance, we're taking firm looks at Eugene and Springfield downtowns and their concerns.

Ralph: Discussed the Crest Drive traffic, the roundabout removal and the suggested speed bump that is not in place. It was requested, read board notes, enforcement for park & rec plans and the survey. Questioned the Wayne Morse Family Farm dog park and rest room needs.

Nora: There are rest rooms up near the Wayne Morse shelter from Spring thru Winter, opened at 9:30am and for rentals, locked from Nov to Feb/March. There are no rest room problems.

Francina: Mentions Corvallis downtown.

Lt. Tinseth: Eugene needs assessment of social, housing and food services. We're a tolerant community.

Colleen: There is a no begging ordinance in Springfield.

Vic: With signs and asking for money.

Colleen: In Eugene, people can't be in the roadway or impeding traffic.

Ron: There's panhandling spots, like Coburg Rd and Woodfield Station.

Lt. Tinseth: Coburg has support with the underpass for shelter and alcohol purchases nearby.

Colleen: Checks out the police dispatch log. Questions 3 police cars and a cahoots incident which never appeared in the log.

Lt. Tinseth: Depends on how it was coded.

Colleen: There were a lot of gunshots.

Lt. Tinseth: There is a shooting range near Spencer's Butte.

Ralph: Talked to an officer about dog issues and safety with an incident in the area.

Lt. Tinseth: Police officers are not assigned by neighborhoods but based on 10,000 calls. Highway 99 to the Airport has 4 officers, SHiNA has 1, Downtown has 4, South University has 1, West 11th Ave to Greenhill has 2, River Road has 1. The University has its own officers.

Janet: Asked about reader boards or radar guns for speeding on West 29th Avenue.

Lt. Tinseth: There is training and recording of license plates. There's a problem with kids and cars driving too fast. I've ticketed people that live on Crest Drive.

Vic: Check Brae Burn Drive, it's a wide street so people go 60 mph.

Lt. Tinseth: We do not have speed radar or red light radar. On motorcycles we have speed enforcement with Sergeant Marsh and 4 other officers.

Vic: Do your own enforcement by driving the speed limit.

Francina: In Springfield funds were raised for a new wheelchair when a man in a wheelchair was hit crossing the road.

Lt. Tinseth: The University Fellowship Church funds provide for temporary emergency shelter, gas money and meals. UFC helps families that are not chronic. With Womanspace a dog can preclude assistance.

Ron: How about help with earthquake and ice storm problems?

Vic: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Ann: Map Your Neighborhood. For crime prevention be alert, lock your vehicle and leave nothing visible within.

Lt. Tinseth: Eugene has 1 police officer per 1,200 people, 192 officers, 94 on patrol and a 20% vacancy rate. There is a program with the EPD called Volunteers in Policing. (Info was emailed later.)

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Colleen: Nextdoor and Facebook alert neighborhoods.

Lt. Tinseth: The police use Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and will use Nextdoor.

Ann: Report crime incidents to the police.

Lt. Tinseth: We look at crime special analysis, so do report crime incidents.

Vic: The enforcement on the Downtown area is having crime move outward.

Lt. Tinseth: Over 20 years there have been problems in Monroe Park with drugs and Washington Jefferson Park with shelter. Catholic Community Services provides food.

Vic: It is not a crime to be unhoused. The crime is not respecting property, etc.

Lt. Tinseth: The riverfront has a homeless issue. There are people aware and waiting for services. There are people aware but rejecting services, which is most of that community.

Vic: Should we have luncheons with the unhoused and housed to start a dialogue? What is a safe manner to deal with crime prevention before a police officer arrives as a civilian? In the parks there is no way to help with overdoses.

Lt. Tinseth: Call 911. Previously an anti-opioid overdose drug cost \$300 but now Narcam nasal spray cost \$6. The police department provides security and the fire department provides medical aid. The White Bird Clinic, Cahoots provides street medic and mental health assistance.

Ralph: Downtown there are kids in sleeping bags vulnerable to crime.

Lt. Tinseth: Looking Glass Community Services provides assistance for educational deficiencies, behavioral health issues, drug addiction and homelessness for those under 18 years old. Food for Lane County, Dining Room, provides for those over 18 years old.

Colleen: The unhoused are in the Eugene Library and there are incidents.

Felipe: Police deal with mental issues, are they dealt with in a positive way?

Lt. Tinseth: The University area Peace Health Sacred Heart has the Johnson Unit for inpatient psychiatric care. The Laurel Hill Center helps people with psychiatric disabilities. The Eugene police department uses the Memphis Model. They do not have mental health professionals but deal in large part with the mentally ill.

Vic: SHiNA would like to help you and show support to the police department. We have the SHiNA board and SHiNA google groups to share two way communication.

Meeting:

Vic: A roundabout was removed on Crest Drive and now the City is saying the **speed bump** replacement will be too expensive.

Colleen: Hasn't heard from anyone re **outreach**. Every 2 weeks she's doing an electronic newspaper. SHiNA has 512 on Mail Chimp, 862 on Nextdoor and 3,757 households.

Ann: It's an awkward time of year for job requests, she hasn't heard back from the University. Maybe the project can start in the Fall. She supports communication input and thinking outside the box.

Vic: Do Mail Chimp and Nextdoor have the same or a different audience. Mail Chimp has a Facebook component.

Nora: Consult on an aggregator.

Colleen: Looking for more neighbors.

Janet: May need addresses or phone numbers if neighbors do not have emails.

Colleen: Time to let go of paper newsletters.

Vic: It is a Charter requirement.

Ann: The Charter is outdated.

Colleen: Read the Charter and Bylaws.

Vic: Likes two way communication with Nextdoor. The City website and Mail Chimp is one way communication.

Janet: People need paper newsletters if they do not have a computer.

Vic: With voting at meetings, who are we representing?

Nora: Representing 3,757 physical addresses.

Vic: Let's work on the Charter and Bylaws.

Felipe: I'll work on it.

Janet: I'll send you my drafts.

Vic: The City has the SHiNA Charter/Bylaws.

Nora: The current Charter/Bylaws is March 2015, it was worked on twice. Are four paper newsletters required yearly?

Vic: **Eugene Planning Commission and South Willamette Next Steps meetings.** Janet took notes from the City EPC meeting video. The City Council SW Next Steps meeting was moved to March. The City staff, including Terri & Jenny sent info to the Eugene Planning Commission and never showed FAN or the other neighborhoods. Two Rental Owners Association Lane County reps including Dennis Casady, on the ROA Board of Directors, supported a South of 29th boundary at the EPC meeting.

Janet: The SHiNA and SEN, CCRs were left out of the CSEN letter sent to the City. The CCRs support the north of 29th boundary.

Vic: Mentioned some board members from other neighborhoods having issues with Paul Conte. Paul is an incredible resource as far as refinement plans and working with the city as a neighborhood.

Ann: Dennis Casady wants up to 32nd Avenue because of his rental properties. The CCRs need to be clarified. If the boundary goes South of 29th Avenue SHiNA needs equal representation.

Vic: I told Morgan, Margie and Heather that if the boundary goes South of 29th Avenue that SHiNA will need equal representation to FAN. Amazon Corner demonstrates the problem of not having a refinement plan.

Janet: We also need to deal with the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and the City's desire to lower the Level of Service (LOS) from D to E.

Felipe: We need to push back the City Council re the south boundary.

Ann: It all goes together, a refinement plan, zoning issues, C2 near R1 at Amazon Corner.

Next Meeting: March 9th

Minute Taker: Janet Bevirt, Secretary