

## **Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association (SHiNA) Board Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2017, 6-8pm, Wayne Morse Family Farm at 595 Crest Drive

(Approved 6/8/17)

### **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

Ann Miller, At-Large

Francina Verrijt, At-Large

### **Additional Attendees:**

Nora Hagerty, Liaison

David Monk

### **Public Comments**

**Ron:** Voiced that people he communicates with agree with his viewpoint about neighborhood issues and appreciate his representation in the SHiNA community.

### **Presentation and Discussion with Speaker, David Monk**

#### **Introduction of City Accountability/City Auditor Ballot Measure**

#### **[www.cityaccountability.org](http://www.cityaccountability.org)**

A City Auditor is needed. This summer he wants to collect signatures and funding for the May 2018 ballot. The City Attorney writes the ballot. An independent, elected Auditor would look after taxpayer's money, evaluate and make sure tax dollars are used efficiently. There would be a hotline to report fraud, abuse and waste. The City is lacking good financial performance (ex. demolition of City Hall & related costs) and it will improve Taxpayers trust with the City.

**Dana:** Asked about an appointed person verses an elected person?

**David:** The pros and cons of both were discussed.

**Ralph:** Questioned if there is money savings?

**David:** Even though the Auditor is paid it would save money in the long run.

**Felipe:** Would findings become a tangible developed report?

**David:** The Auditor would address concerns with the City Manager and Councilors before they are made public. The Auditor is not a regulator.

**Francina:** Commented that the Garden and Picnic Events gather SHiNA and community people.

**Vic:** Outreach, at the Wayne Morse Historical Park Event - SHiNA Table

Should we have a SHiNA survey for ideas?

He's backed away from City involvement because the City takes away from neighborhood effectiveness.

**Dana:** Should there be 4 general meetings a year instead of 5 with a focus on community?

**Vic: Approved Agenda Amendment:** 7 approve, 3 abstain.

**Approved 3/9/17 General Meeting Minutes:** 7 approve, 3 abstain.

### **Treasurer's Report - Funds, Use or Lose Funds**

#### **Wayne Morse Historical Park Event Table, Fund/Advertise/Setup/Takedown 5/21, 1-4pm August Picnic Funds**

**Vic:** SHiNA account balance: ~\$699

SHiNA tax-deductible donations via ENI, takes 5%. [www.eugeneneighborsinc.org](http://www.eugeneneighborsinc.org)

**Janet:** Cindy Koehler, HRNI/Program Coordinator 541-682-5272

SHiNA FY17, 3rd Allocation Balance: \$5,255.29

Newsletter costs ~\$1,523 for 3,647 SHiNA addresses.

Submit all reimbursements (picnic insurance & supplies) by June 10th.

Submit all invoices (from printers for newsletter, brochures, flyers, banners, etc) by June 15th.

Use it or lose it, there is just a 40% use of neighborhood funds.

### **Community Announcements or Updates: Janet**

**Traffic Calming:** Speed Cushion on Crest Drive near Lincoln St.

**Transportation System Plan:** Addressed LOS lowering and complete streets everywhere.

**South Willamette Refinement Plan:** ~~Waiting for Councilors Next Steps approval.~~

(**Update:** Shifted neighborhood planning to River Road/Santa Clara, Bethel and the University of Oregon areas.)

**South Willamette Street:** Want safety, pedestrians on sidewalks & bicyclists in bike lanes wearing helmets.

**Amazon Corner:** The City denied the Traffic Impact Analysis appeal. This development is an example of no affordable housing and unaddressed parking & traffic issues from the 117 residential units and 9,000 sq ft of retail space.

### **Charter/Bylaw Issues or Updates**

Look at the other neighborhood charters to solve conflicts.

Look into email voting.

## **Discuss Emails**

**Dana:** What can and can not be done by email?

Info and voting by email.

Critical and time-sensitive issues.

Keep in the loop as SHiNA Board.

Make relative subject line.

**Colleen:** Free speech.

## **Discuss Outreach for Attendance, April Newsletter Information & May General Meeting**

Prepare a 5/11 Agenda for SHiNA General Conversation and Forum

**Janet:** Suggests Business List for newsletter interviews.

**Francina:** Brought up that SHiNA brochures could be produced using budget funds and distributed to raise awareness of the organization.

**Motion:** At the next SHiNA General Meeting called a neighborhood discussion and conversation forum we will vote, Should the City of Eugene have a paid city auditor?

There could be gathering of signatures and donations for the ballot.

Endorsed by Ralph, Seconded by Ron.

Approved: 10 approval votes

**Next General Meeting:** Was planned for ~~May 11th, 6-8pm at Wayne Morse Family Farm~~

(**Update:** SHiNA General Conversation and Forum

Thursday, May 11th, 7-9pm

Washington Park Community Room)

**Event Table:** Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association Table

Wayne Morse Historical Park Event

Sunday, May 21st, 1-4pm

**Minute Taker:** Janet Bevirt, Secretary