

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association (SHiNA) General Meeting Minutes

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

(Approved 4/13/17)

Board Members Present:

Vic Hariton, Chair

Ralph McDonald, Vice Chair

Janet Bevirt, Secretary

Felipe Alonso III, At-Large

Dana Furgerson, At-Large

Colleen McCaffrey, At-Large

Francina Verrijt, At-Large

Ann Miller, At-Large

Board Members Absent:

John Gogol, Treasurer

Ron Bevirt, At-Large

Additional Attendees:

Nora Hagerty, Liaison

Paul Bishop

Jeff Blonde

Jim Carpenter

Wendy Dudelheim

Barbara Gleason

Mary Leighton

Christine Sundt

Potluck

Comments from the Chair:

Vic: Janet, Ann & I went to the Youth House presentation and fundraiser for Housing Homeless Teens at 3350 Willamette St. The Youth House has received 70% of the 1.7 million funds needed in donations. They have a \$50,000 challenge matching grant from Tom Bowerman of the Barbara Bowerman Foundation. There are 400 homeless high school students in Eugene and Springfield. This project will provide housing for 13 students, ages 16 to 18. Remodeling will start in June and operations will begin before the year's end. Their large meeting room presently has a maximum capacity approved for 184 persons. SHiNA can possibly use this venue for SHiNA General Meetings and it is located within SHiNA. www.svdp.us/homeless-youth

Discussions and Presentations, Speakers:

Bird Watching & Feeding with Barbara Gleason of Wild Birds Unlimited at 2510 Willamette St. Dan, her husband, taught Biology at the UO as a Ornithologist. Their business is a franchise, open 7 days a week.

They have many solutions for problems including raccoons, squirrels, wet or wasted food, domes, bears, pole feeders, ants, etc. They try to buy US made, repairable products. Their bird nerd staff have field guides and like to ID birds by photos or with apps of bird sounds. Their food is specific to the region and season, with no fillers. For bird health, feed all year long. There are different feeders, a bottom wood panel helps support woodpecker tails. The quality of suet is important, beef kidney fat is used in plum pudding, peanuts can be added. There is no-melt summer suet for baby woodpeckers. Hummingbirds need nectar with 4 parts sugar to 1 part water, 2 to 1 causes dehydration. There is bark butter which is mushy, meal worms and 8 well feeders. They offer different seeds, feeders, books, pine siskin, chickadee, mason bee and bat info too. They have bird houses that are easy to clean with a side opening and a clear observable side. Many different birds take to boxes like wrens and swallows. Sap suckers are a kind of woodpecker, they drum and have no song, they put holes in holly trees but rarely kill them. They're high-strung and do not like flashy items hung about. The store offers monthly seminars and bird walks on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays with a 15 person max. Call the store (541-844-1788) to preregister, give staff your email & phone number, leaders will email you with directions to the meeting location. Their website www.eugene.wbu.com has bird/store information, including the Hobby Guide. We were given an "All Seasons Bird Feeding Hobby Guide" and a sample bag of bird feed.

-Barbara voiced that the Willamette St restripping has setback their business since July 2016. That the City needs to report this financial loss caused by the street change to the businesses. The congestion does not help their business and the bicyclists need to use the bike paths, not the sidewalks.

Crime Prevention with Eugene Police Officer Paul Bishop,
paul.k.bishop@ci.eugene.or.us, 541-682-8186

Non-Emergency Police Line: 541-682-5111, www.eugene-or.gov/crimeprevention

Facebook: Eugene Police-Crime Prevention, Twitter: @EPDCrimePrevent

-Problems include homeless panhandlers and travelers. Don't give money, food, cans or have numbers sprayed on street curbs. They caution against hiring people off the street re safety and liability issues. There is the Mission, Red Cross and Food for Lane County.

-Problems include graffiti, use Citizen On-Line Reporting, (Upload Graffiti Images)

<http://www.eugene-or.gov/policereportsonline>, Questions: 541-682-6844

-The police offer home/business inspections for crime prevention assessment against burglaries. Use night lights. Record the serial numbers of your electronics. There is a program to check on houses when on vacation. **www.eugene-or.gov/1969/Home-Vacation-Check**

-Car break-ins can occur because of Craigslist or Offer Up listings.

-Report crimes of mischief, traffic issues, break-ins or someone odd in the neighborhood, etc. These are entered into the police dispatch log for crime mapping and statistics. With numbers the police will cover an area intensely. Take photos, they need info to actively investigate. There are copy cat, hate crimes occurring now. The Whiteaker neighborhood has the most crime.

Bike, Watch & Radar Program with Eugene Police Officer Jeff Blonde, jeff.v.blonde@ci.eugene.or.us, 541-682-8332

-Register your bike in the county data base, a stolen bike report needs a serial number.

It's free to register and to receive a sticker at: www.eugene-or.gov/bikeregistration

If you see a person chopping up a bike or ghost riding, report the crime.

-City Watch, encourages business employees out in the community to become active partners with the Eugene Police Department. www.eugene-or.gov/3476/City-Watch

-Park Watch, report information related to park safety, illegal camping or illicit activities.

www.eugene-or.gov/2411/Park-Watch---Report-A-Safety-Issue

-Radar Program, If you are concerned about speeding in your neighborhood please volunteer, it's a 2 hour training. Check out a radar gun and battery pack. Work in pairs to aim the radar gun, and to log the license, vehicle description, time, location and speed. Two letters are sent out before a visit from traffic enforcement. No citations are given but it gets people's attention and is a visual deterrent. A decoy car may be deployed.

www.eugene-or.gov/2759/Citizen-Radar-Program

Paul and Jeff also discussed using caution with credit cards around people's camera phones.

Do not answer yes or OK to any spam calls. (Ex. Are you doing OK today?) This could have you recorded and used as if your agreeing to charges.

Do not accept checks over an amount due with a request for returning money.

Do not give out personal information unless you initiated the communication.

Cautioned about an elderly scam requesting money from and for a relative.

Do not click to open links within an email from unknown or questionable sources re computer hacking, spam emails, friends stolen email lists, ransom ware and spoofing devices from overseas. Install blockers.

Eugene is under-policed, it takes 2 years of training to be deployed within the department.

Please request more financial support for police staffing.

Meeting:

Discussed We Can's letter requesting that the City Planning Staff ask the City Council to withdraw support for the FAN Willamette Street Refinement Plan and move on to the River Road area. We need to have a SHiNA refinement plan to avoid a situation like Amazon Corner.

Motion: write a letter.

The Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association at the General Meeting on March 9th, recommends that the City of Eugene proceed on a timely basis going forward with the South Willamette Street Initiative Next Steps as currently before the City Council. We reaffirm our support for the Friendly Area Neighbors in drafting a refinement plan.

Endorsed by Ralph, Secoded by Ann.

Approved: 9 approval votes, 1 abstained.

Ann: At the Eugene Planning Commission meeting, Terri Harding did not present SHiNA's many reasons for not going south of 29th Avenue.

Janet: A Rental Owners Association man spoke up for south of 29th Avenue. The Planning Commission asked, coaxed Dennis Cassidy to speak up, he wanted south of 29th Avenue.

Christine: 10 stories are not cost effective to build.

Motions to approve the 2/9/17 SHiNA Board Meeting minutes.

Endorsed by Vic, Seconded by Colleen.

Approved: 7 approval votes, 1 abstained.

Neighborhood Announcement & Ideas:

Mary Leighton: Is running for the 4J School Board and will speak with people after the meeting.

Colleen: Wants more neighborhood involvement, a Twitter and Facebook account would help.

Nora: Use a aggregator.

Next Meeting: April 13th Board Meeting

Minute Taker: Janet Bevirt, Secretary