

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 6:00-8:00 pm

Wayne Morse Family Farm, 595 Crest Drive

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Ron Bevirt

Ralph McDonald

Janet Bevirt

Rita Fiedler

Clay Neal

Nora Hagerty (Wayne Morse Family Farm Liaison)

I. Public Comments

- Awaiting news on bike rack grant
- Use of WMFF downed tree for some furniture or artistic pupose – the Board for Wayne Morse considered the idea and liked it but tabled it and will discuss it at their June meeting.
 - Park service will take over after a certain point
 - SHINA could reach out to UO for integrated design opportunities (RAIN or elsewhere)
 - Could it be used for the county courthouse – as a part of the “arts” component of the project?
 - Could be used for benches – along park trails
- Wayne Morse projects
 - May 20th through the Fall, the WMFF shelter and house will not be available for rentals or community groups due to construction work
 - WMFF picnic tables were damaged in the recent snow storm
 - Public Works has traditionally replaced them to supply for rentals at the park.
- Previous meeting attendance was very high – beyond the capacity of WMFF. If the board can predict when meeting attendance may be high, then a different location should be considered.

II. Approval of 4/7/19 Meeting Minutes

- Will be done by email

III. Community Announcements or Updates on Meetings (Janet)

- **Sustainability Committee (Ralph):**

- Upcoming City Council action: Monday, May 13, 2019, 7:30 –ordinance related to plastic bags, knives, forks, and spoons, and Styrofoam, plastic cups and plates
 - Probably will not include straws
 - The intent is to reduce pollution and waste.
- Density and urban growth
 - Similar issues are at stake in Hawaii
- **Neighborhood Leaders Council (Ron)**
 - Chief of Police and Chief of Fire Department were at the meeting
 - Police will be fully staffed for the first time in decades
 - Airbnb
 - Neighbor experiences dealing with rental houses being turned into Airbnbs were a topic at the last NLC
 - No restrictions in Eugene at this point
 - Some neighborhoods are against Airbnb
 - The board discussed how a reasonable set of regulations could be a good idea related to airbnb's
- **Eugene City Council**
 - Secondary Dwelling Units – Considerations by Council
 - Reducing minimum lot size
 - Parking requirements – potentially dropping the requirement
 - Number of total bedrooms – maximum per lot or per structure?
 - Allowable number of dogs per property
 - Complying with state mandates related to ADUs
 - ADU Public Hearing is on May 20th, 7:30pm, Harris Hall in Eugene
 - Very diverse opinions about the subject and City Council on May 20th will be an active city council meeting
- **Potential Board Survey of Neighbors**
 - The Board has the opportunity to use an online platform to survey SHINA neighbors. The Board hopes to be strategic and effective with any surveying they ask neighbors to participate in.
 - Disaster preparedness – use a survey to get more people thinking about it
 - Questions need to be vetted by Rene Kane and other helpful experts to make sure that the questions are not leading
- **SHINA tabling at Wayne Morse Open House, May 19th**
 - Open house for Historic Preservation Month
 - 1-4PM, SHINA can table but must bring a table
 - SHINA will come with a banner, bulletin, emergency preparedness supplies

IV. Emergency Preparedness at April, 2019 Neighborhood meeting

- Very successful – some neighbors did “Map Your Neighborhood” already

- SHINA Board should divide the neighborhood into regions – look for advocates in those areas to become neighborhood captains
 - There's a growing interest in the topic of emergency preparedness
- It was a large meeting. SHINA should be prepared to book meeting places for large-scale meetings
 - Good Samaritan – a good option but sometimes there is not enough parking
 - 4J may retrofit the Willard Building – will replace or fix up the gymnasium as part of the Bond construction – **ACTION**: Nora will inquire
 - Hillyard Community space - **ACTION**: Nora will inquire
- Should SHINA have another emergency preparedness meeting?
 - It would be good to have the Red Cross tabling at the Annual Picnic
 - SHINA – prepare some resources and a survey that relates to Emergency Preparedness and continue to have neighbors involved.
 - Print a large scale poster of the neighborhood for people to ID where they live and whether they want to become a leader for the block
 - **ACTION**: Clay will prepare this image for the board to review and potentially display at the Annual Picnic

V. Picnic Planning – September 8th, 2019 (Sunday), 4-7PM

- i. Board considered alternative locations to Wayne Morse Family Farm given the summer construction at WMFF. However, the field and restrooms at WMFF will be available throughout the summer. A hose spigot will remain available. Alternatives:
 - 1. Tugman Park
 - 2. Later date
 - 3. Field at Wayne Morse Family Farm
 - a. Could put up a tent where the field isn't irrigated
 - b. **ACTION**: Janet will inquire about a tent if we are to use the field
- ii. Planning begins soon for entertainment, raffle items, food preparation
- iii. Raffle
 - 1. Silent Auction was a success and the Board agreed to continue with this over a regular raffle
- iv. Entertainment
 - 1. Past entertainment
 - a. Mood Area 52, Girls Rock, Marimba, Taiko
 - b. Need acoustic musicians
 - c. Mood Area 52 – is a good option
 - d. High School Band?
 - e. African Dance and Drumming?
 - 2. **ACTION** – Clay will ask Roosevelt and South Eugene High School music departments

3. **ACTION** – Nora will ask other 4J District music departments
4. **ACTION** – Nora will inquire about Mood Area 52

VI. Meeting Announcements

- i. **ACTION:** Add board meeting to Wednesday, June 5th, 6-8PM
- ii. ~~June 2nd~~ Neighborhood Meeting, 4-6PM – **ACTION:** Nora will ask about Hillyard Community Center
- iii. **MOTION:** To add a Board meeting to the calendar - June 5th, 6-8 at and to move the next General meeting to June 30th, 4-6PM both at Hillyard or Amazon Community Center (as available).
 1. **Approved Unanimously**
 2. AGENDA ITEM OPTIONS for General Meeting:
 - a. Master gardening
 - b. Tiny House Builders
 - c. Housing groups
 - i. Potentially Better Housing Together
 - d. ADU development
 - i. Design and cost
 3. **ACTION:** Change meeting to June 30th Neighborhood
- iv. July 10th Board Meeting, 6-8PM – Nora will ask about Hillyard Community Centers
- v. August 7th Board Meeting, 6-8PM – Nora will ask about Hillyard Community Center
- vi. Annual PICNIC (see above) – Sunday, September 8th, 4-7PM
 1. Will have the picnic in the lawn of Wayne Morse Family Farm if the shelter isn't available

VII. Newsletter

- i. More news will come about the timelines associated with reimbursement for printing for the newsletter
 1. **ACTION:** Janet will send Ralph information about this
- ii. Potential Topics
 1. Emergency Preparedness
 2. Mapping boundary image
 3. Announce the picnic
 - a. Plug the picnic with details
 4. Housing issues
 - a. Blurb about the speaker for housing
 5. Sustainability issues