

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 6-8pm

Zoom Meeting

### **Attendees:**

**Ron Bevirt, Co-Chair**

**Ralph McDonald, Co-Chair**

**Janet Bevirt, Treasurer**

**Clay Neal, Secretary (Minute Note Taker)**

**Pete Frost**

**Piotr Esden-Tempski**

**Rita Fiedler**

**Karen Almquist**

**Fred Mallery**

### **6:00pm Call to Order (15 mins)**

- a. Minutes Approved Unanimously for:
  - a. 1/16/2020 Board meeting
  - b. 2/23/2020 General meeting
- b. Notes from the City Liaison to neighborhood associations:
  - a. Minute Drafts should be Neutral, All Opinions Noted & Board Edits Included
  - b. Caution with Board Member Title Usage
  - c. SHiNA Meeting Book Sales Allowed with Donation of Book for Fundraising or Give Away

### **6:15pm Public Comment (15 mins)**

- a. Emerald Valley Electric Vehicle Association proposes to participate with Neighborhood Associations (Fred)
  1. Discussion:
    - i. Fred proposes a demonstrations of EVs at a neighborhood event – look at, ask questions, and even drive them
    - ii. SHiNA could promote an event to encourage neighbors to gain an understanding of EVs
    - iii. SHiNA members have concerns about the precedent it would set for how SHiNA promotes different ideas
    - iv. Fred will present proposal for an event and how SHiNA could support it for discussion at a future meeting
- b. Board response to issues presented to the SHiNA (Ron)
  1. Support for Homelessness Response
  2. HB 2001 – rules set up at State level
  3. See item under “General Business, h. Neighborhood member input”
- c. Participation on Zoom Meetings
  1. Clay will make a flyer to post on the website with simple instructions for how to use Zoom to participate in SHiNA meetings.
    - i. SHiNA will ensure that there is a back up for people who have trouble joining the meeting

## 6:30pm Reports (15 mins)

### a. Neighborhood Leaders Council, NLC (Ron)

1. Homelessness is a major current topic. Ron sent a document for SHiNA review and potential support. Board members should read the document and offer comments to Ron.

Discussion:

- i. Is the homelessness issue relevant to the SHiNA neighborhood?
  - ii. Board members suggest that homelessness is not neighborhood specific but it's an issue all neighborhoods should be a part of resolving. However, there's not an immediate question for the neighborhood to consider.
  - iii. Ralph suggested that a start could be showing SHiNA support for the letter that the NLC drafted and that Ron sent to SHiNA for review.
  - iv. Board members discussed that this actually is an issue within our neighborhood and city-wide. People are unhoused everywhere, sleeping wherever they can, and using all kinds of outdoor locations as a restroom.
  - v. Rita is hoping that the NLC letter has particular suggestions for community solutions. Progress in terms of this issue seems to be at a standstill. Rita would support a designated site for camping, for example, with support for restrooms, cover, etc.
  - vi. **ACTION:** Ralph and Ron ask Board members to read the letter within 3 days and respond to Ron with their comments.
    1. SHiNA Board members should review the NLC letter regarding homelessness and write to Ron with comments, questions, or support.
2. HB 2001 – Ron states that local control seems to be unsupported by Eugene representatives on the HB 2001 Technical Advisory Committee.
    - i. There is a long document from the first rule-making meeting that Ron sent to Board members for review.
    - ii. This is a statewide issue that has complexity with regard to Urban Growth Boundaries, housing accessibility and affordability, neighborhood integrity, etc.
    - iii. Implementation of housing density can be done poorly or well and Ralph suggests that Eugene could be a location where we are able to shift the idea of providing more housing in our community without negatively impacting neighborhoods.
    - iv. NLC wrote a letter prior to the passage of HB 2001 that warned against some of the elements included in the final bill.
      1. The NLC Land Use Committee which Ron serves on discusses this issue regularly and the committee reviewed the document in their last meeting.
    - v. Janet suggests that the bill does not support affordable housing because there is not financial support from the state for subsidized housing.

### b. Sustainability Report (Ralph)

- a. Waste meeting with Counselor Semple, Ward 1 City Councilor, last week and guest speaker from Berkley Zero Waste in California.
  - i. A lot of reusable container policies are being reconsidered because of COVID
  - ii. Plastics recycling is still in flux with the international market
  - iii. Karen mentioned The Story of Plastic as a documentary that provides a good overview of the issues at hand.
- b. One component of the meeting was discussing the national events with regard to police, race, and justice and how to support calls for equity.

- c. Piotr posted a link to Precious Plastics – a group from Holland that is promoting reusability of plastics and creating community run recycling centers. They have manufacturers building machines, instruction manuals, business plans, etc. for turning plastic waste into plastic products.
  - i. <http://preciousplastic.com>

- c. State House Bill 2001 Report (Ron, Clay) – See discussion above

#### **6:45pm SHiNA Annual Picnic (15 mins)**

- a. Zoom Entertainment, Fun Presentation & Silent Auction on Sunday, Sept 8th, 4-7pm instead of Wayne Morse Family Farm, 595 Crest Dr, Eugene
  - 1. Board continues to table the idea of a 2020 picnic due to the Coronavirus limiting public gatherings.
- b. Newsletter and/or postcard could be sent in the Fall, 2020
  - 1. Possible Topics
    - i. Plastics and recycling
    - ii. HB 2001
    - iii. Update on COVID
    - iv. Update on protests
    - v. Voting information

#### **7:00pm (55 mins) General Business**

- a. Mention Wayne Morse Bike Rack Damage & the possibility of parks doing the repair. (Janet)
- b. Should SHiNA funds be used to repair the Dog Park Bulletin Board? (Ralph)
  - 1. The cork is in bad shape. Ralph will look into the bulletin board repairs and SHiNA could support the materials needed.
- c. Request possible 28th & 29th Ave lowered Speed Signs and Yellow Speeding Light Machine near hill off Chambers St? (Janet, Pete)
  - 1. No further conversations have been had with Rob Inerfeld, Eugene Transportation Planning Manager, since COVID and stay-at-home orders.
    - i. Ideas include lowering the speed, adding a flashing speed limit sign.
    - ii. Pete suggests asking Rob to speak to the board directly about his ideas.
      - 1. Most effective slowing strategy – raised infrastructure like speed bumps.
    - iii. Motion: authorize Pete to request Rob Inerfeld to join SHiNA for a meeting with the board – July 14<sup>th</sup> is the next Board meeting.
      - 1. Motion passes
      - 2. Janet would like that conversation to include comments from the community regarding ways to address speed issues.
- d. Mention 1880 McLean Property & Park Possibility. (Ralph)
  - 1. This would likely take a citizen initiative to raise the money for this project.
  - 2. Fred wants to ask the owner of the property whether she would like to donate the property for public use.
    - i. Ted Taylor (former publisher of the Eugene Weekly) contacted the owner about her plans for the project.

3. Pete would like support some kind of opportunity for public use on even a portion of the land.
  - i. Fred will look into this.
  - ii. Ralph volunteered to contact Counselor Semple (who he is meeting with through Zoom) to discuss the opportunities for the property and potential purchase by the City of Eugene.
- e. Request Trees at Willard School Site along 29<sup>th</sup> Ave next to the new building wall in place instead of the open field to buffer the sound of vehicles passing. (Janet, Piotr)
  1. About 5 trees were removed for the development of the “temporary” school.
  2. MOTION: Ron and Janet be delegated to email the 4J board to request information about visual and noise mitigation along 29<sup>th</sup> related to landscaping and other buffers.
    - i. Discussion:
      1. Potential alternative – call Friends of Trees. Talk to the Eugene Director, Eric Burke
      2. Setback is 20’ (Janet was told it was 24’ by 4J re site developer) – could landscaping be located in the setback?
      3. Amendment to MOTION:
        - a. Include Friends of Trees in the discussion.
    - ii. Amended motion: Ron and Janet will reach out to Eric Burke at Friends of Trees to seek out a strategy to have a landscaped buffer on 4J property along 29<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. Motion Passes
- f. Promote wearing masks, distancing & washing hands to minimize Covid-19 spread.
- g. Support peaceful protests, not damaging rioting.
- h. Neighborhood member input.
  1. Ralph would like to thank Ron and Janet for keeping SHiNA alive in many respects. Ralph is immersed in civic affairs and through Zoom. We owe it to our co-chair Ron to respond to the questions that Ron sends to Board members.
  2. Ron recognizes that some city-wide issues are not issues that are of particular concern to our neighborhood but that we may want to be supportive of. Ron would like SHiNA to demonstrate more solidarity with other neighborhoods.
  3. MOTION – If a Board member requires feedback from SHiNA Board members, the Board member who needs the response will provide:
    - i. A clear deadline for Board response; and
    - ii. if there’s not a quorum, phone calls to board members to achieve a quorum; and
    - iii. if there’s not a quorum still, the Board will not respond officially to the particular issue.
      1. Discussion: Some board members can’t physically be available to read 111 page documents and respond within a couple of days with work and family requirements.
      2. Motion Passes
      3. Homelessness resolution from NLC – Ron needs response within 3 days.
- i. General Discussion
  1. Rita is interested in further collaboration between neighborhoods and would like to participate in NLC meetings.
    - i. Ron will send out information about the NLC meeting schedule and access to the online forums

2. Ron is interested in further community discussions about affordable housing.
  - i. Affordable housing in the Whitaker neighborhood is of interest to that neighborhood but there's not a lot of funding available for affordable housing right now.
  - ii. Mental illness – wrapped up into the homeless community but without the appropriate resources
  - iii. The issue is complicated by a variety of factors that limits the response rate to provide stable housing for people
3. Future meeting in person
  - i. Try to meet in person as a board
  - ii. Invite Matt Keating, new Ward 2 City Councilor, to our Fall board meeting to introduce the board and to establish the three to five initiatives that the Board is most concerned with
    1. Board will discuss this at the July board meeting

#### **7:55pm Next SHiNA Meeting (5 mins)**

- a. Tuesday, July 14th, 6-8pm, Board Meeting, Zoom or Wayne Morse Family Farm?
  1. Agenda items:
    - iii. Rob Inerfeld and traffic issues
    - iv. Board preparations for meeting with Matt Keating
    - v. Proposal from Emerald Valley Electric Vehicle Association (EVEVA, <http://emeraldvalleyeva.org>) for EV event and SHiNA support (Fred)

#### **8:00pm Adjourn Meeting**

The Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association meetings are open to the public and all neighbors (residents, property owners and business owners) are invited to participate. [www.swHillsEugene.com](http://www.swHillsEugene.com)