

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association (SHiNA) Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 6-8pm

Zoom Meeting 96983686250 - password 111504

6:00pm Call to Order (5 mins)

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 4/14/2020 Board meeting – approved unanimously
 - b. 6/9/2020 Board meeting – approved unanimously

6:05pm Public Comment (15 mins)

- a. Matt Sorensen – Affordable Housing Infographic
 - 1. Part of leadership Eugene from Springfield and Eugene Chambers of Commerce
 - i. Homelessness is the topic that the group is looking into this year
 - ii. Civic engagement and discussion on the topic of homelessness with the goal of addressing homelessness at the policy level. The group hopes to engage in further dialogue to ensure that people have a roof over their head.
 - iii. At this point – request of the Board is for feedback and information about what the neighborhood association is interested in related to this topic.
 - iv. See infographic provided by Matt ([posted on SHiNA website](#))
 - 2. Pete Frost – we have a neighborhood that is largely single family housing. How is it that if we build more housing units they will become affordable?
 - 3. Ron Bevirt
 - i. Worried about building density to supply the Airbnb market and not the long-term rental or home ownership stock.
 - ii. HB 2001 is turning single family R1 zoning into more of a multifamily residential neighborhood.
 - iii. The way to build affordable housing is with subsidy.
 - iv. Regarding homelessness – our neighborhood doesn't have many services that attract or serve the homeless population. We also don't have many spaces for rest stops to temporarily house individuals who are experiencing homelessness.
 - 1. Possibility of neighborhoods funding small cottages or conestoga huts with limited services to be outside of the weather.
 - 4. Janet Bevirt
 - i. Asked Matt to send a PDF for SHiNA
 - ii. Part of the group named "YIMBY" – should reconsider naming as it's something that turns some neighbors off.
 - iii. Rising City Taxes are challenging affordability for rentals (Janet is a rental owner)
 - iv. SDCs for ADUs are expensive and challenge the affordability of developed units
 - v. Subsidies are important to look at for affordability

5. Ralph MacDonald
 - i. Demographically, SHiNA is a socially liberal location in Eugene. We are trying to address homelessness with support for development in our neighborhoods.
 - ii. We are also sustainability conscious – we are interested in retaining canopy and trees in our neighborhood. Density can challenge that interest and so we would want to see some protection of the tree canopy and other legacy environmental elements of the neighborhood.
6. Pete Frost
 - i. The Eugene City Council yesterday punted on the question of short term rentals, which will be incredibly impactful to Eugene’s housing situation. If STRs are allowed to become the norm for any property, we will see a very large problem with availability and affordability.
7. Ron Bevirt
 - i. Suggests that Matt checks in on Student Housing developments – are they full? Do they have units available? Or are the units too expensive?
 - ii. We will also have a rise in evictions, most likely, when rents are due for the previous 3 months for renters who opted to not pay rent due to the COVID crisis.
8. Fred Mallory
 - i. Concerned about this issue. How can we reduce the cost of housing? What about tiny houses on a single lot?

6:20pm Reports (10 mins)

- a. Neighborhood Leaders Council, NLC (Ron)
 - a. Issues – 911 calls routed to Police vs. CAHOOTS for camping calls. 40% of calls that police respond to are related to illegal camping and homelessness.
 - i. NLC discussed expansion of CAHOOTS type responses
 - ii. It’s been difficult for many years – this and other cities are trying to deal with it.
 - iii. It seems like there is talk but not action.
 - b. Could SHiNA raise money to build structures for individuals experiencing homelessness?
 - c. Homelessness is a large scale issue – people are experiencing drug addiction, mental illness, and other issues that neighborhoods are concerned about when talking about arriving at solutions within our neighborhoods for addressing homelessness.
 - d. What is SHiNA’s role in trying to understand the problem and address the issue?
 - i. Does SHiNA support land acquisition for temporary housing?
 - ii. Would SHiNA fundraise for the construction of temporary housing?
 - e. Pete Frost feedback
 - i. In our neighborhood – what can feasibly be done?
 1. We don’t have big parcels of land
 2. It doesn’t necessarily seem like a neighborhood association issue – more like a LLC
 - ii. Outside of neighborhood – what can feasibly be done?
 - f. Ralph will send Clay information about a good contact for information about work on transitional housing

- b. Sustainability Report (Ralph)
 - a. Passed a Black Lives Matter resolution
- c. State House Bill 2001 Report (Ron, Clay)
 - a. Work session coming up with Eugene City Council – July 27
 - b. Ron waiting on the HB 2001
 - c. Pete Frost had a conversation with staff attorney with 1000 Friends of Oregon. She made the case for HB 2001 related to density.
 - i. Her reflections included that Eugene is a focal place for what the State wants to do because Eugene has dragged it's feet in the past.
 - ii. She also suggested that Portland's experience with allowing greater density has not been as apocalyptic as people were worried about
 - iii. We have a state law but we will also have a state rule – which will be very detailed – about what can happen where
 - iv. Appreciate

7:00pm (55 mins) General Business

- a. SHiNA's role in homelessness policy (related to NLC discussions) (Ron)
 - 1. See notes above
 - 2. Ron would like to see whether neighborhoods could support solutions for homelessness within our neighborhoods
 - 3. Ralph asked - What's the reading from the NLC?
 - i. Whiteaker has experienced lots of problems related to homelessness. They are opting to try to build a place with a bunch of small houses
 - 4. ACTION: Clay will reach out to Ron and Pete for a conversation moving forward about SHiNA and supporting strategies to reduce homelessness. Possible future agenda item and/or proposal for the Board to consider.
 - i. Pete Frost – suggests that SHiNA consider developing subcommittees for issues that are of importance to the Board and to individual members.
 - ii. Ralph – we have had committees in the past that have worked well.
- b. Update on Willamette Street Improvements (Ron)
 - 1. Will discuss with Rob Inerfeld
- c. Policing in Eugene (Clay)
 - 1. Clay inquired whether SHiNA would be the appropriate venue to discuss policing issues and how SHiNA would want to be involved in the community discussion.
 - 2. Janet would like to see greater funding for CAHOOTS compared with Police funding.
 - 3. Ralph would support SHiNA passing a resolution to consider balancing the funding of social service agencies with police.
 - i. Ralph will send a resolution text to the Board for consideration.

4. Pete asked whether the Board is required to engage with neighbors prior to sending letters to City Council or elsewhere.
 - i. While it is not required, the Board is generally in agreement that seeking feedback from neighbors on issues that we consider and resolutions that we pass. We may be able to do this by posting text on the website and asking for comment.
- d. SHiNA outreach protocol and response to inquiries (Clay)
 1. Ralph and Ron respond to emails coming in from neighbors
 2. Chair or Co-Chair will respond to inquiries and will ask for input from other board members as necessary
 3. Fred has been asking neighbors to sign up for the SHiNA newsletter
- e. EV Virtual Event (Fred)
 1. Fred is going to video EV owners to represent their cars.
 2. Fred needs to learn how to do the video editing – but the content is coming.
- f. General Discussion

7:30pm Transportation safety discussion with Rob Inerfeld and Chris Henry (30 mins)

- a. Brief update on South Willamette Project
 1. Chris Henry, Traffic Operations Manager
 - i. Not managing South Willamette project now but was involved with design
 - ii. Will be working up until the holiday season and will reopen in the Spring
 - iii. The street will be open and accessible in both directions
 - iv. All businesses will remain accessible
 - v. Construction of the street will be concrete
 - vi. Pedestrian scale or short lighting
 1. Overhead lines on the east side will be buried underground
 - vii. Trees planted along the corridor
 - viii. 27th street protected left turn
 - ix. Stormwater treatment along the side streets
 - x. Accessible ramps at intersections throughout the corridor
 - xi. Completion sometime in 2021
 2. SHiNA is concerned about non-pedestrians using the sidewalks.
 - i. Bicycling on the sidewalk is legal in Eugene and legal in the State of Oregon
 - ii. The only way to address that outside of specific zones is to change state law
 - iii. Electric scooters are now allowed on multi-use paths but not on sidewalks
 3. Curb cuts are important to board members because too many curb cuts impact pedestrian safety
 - i. Rob and Chris discussed specific curb cut locations

b. Electric Vehicles

1. The City has EV plan that Rob will send to the Board
2. The City is looking for opportunities at Community Centers
3. For individuals who have electric vehicles, they typically have charging at home that meets their daily needs
 - i. If the City is providing charging location, they want to measure the charging to understand the offsets from charging

c. If we have concerns about traffic volumes and traffic speeds – what would be the best approach with the City to address mitigation measures

1. Particularly 28th from Chambers to Willamette
 - i. The City does not install traffic calming (speed bumps) on arterial streets, which 28th is
 - ii. The speed limit on 28th is already 25 traveling east until Lorane, when it changes to 30.
 - iii. The City believes the best strategy is to wait for legislation to pass at the State level to allow Cities to address speeds across the city.
 - iv. Open to looking at Vehicle Activated signs (speed feedback signs)
 1. SHiNA could ask for a speed study on 28th
 - v. The narrow bike lane at Friendly – the striping could potentially be adjusted to allow for more space adjacent to the sidewalk
 - vi. Radar speed enforcement is a priority for the City to allow for radar without an EPD personnel in a van. But law would need to change at the State to allow for that.
 1. Meanwhile, SHiNA could request EPD to have a police officer in a van
 - vii. The section from Lorane to Willamette
 - viii. Speed bump on Friendly between 27th and 28th would be doable if SHiNA and FAN

d. Newsletter

1. If EV event is happening August 30th then newsletter deadline would be 2 weeks from now.
2. Content
 - i. Pete will summarize the transportation issues described by Rob Inerfeld
 - ii. Ralph will write something up about police issues

7:55pm Next SHiNA Meetings (5 mins)

- a. Sunday, August 30th, 4-7PM – Virtual Picnic?
- b. Tuesday, October 13th, 2020, 6-8PM - SHiNA Board Meeting

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