

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association (SHiNA) Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:30-8pm, ZOOM

Attendees:

Board Members:

Ron Bevirt, Ralph McDonald, Clay Neal (Minute Taker), Janet Bevirt, Bev McDonald, Dana Ferguson, Michael Lainoff, Fred Mallery, Piotr Esden-Tempski

SHiNA Liaison: Nora Hagerty, Wayne Morse Family Farm Manager

6:30pm Call to Order (5 mins)

a. Approval of Minutes

- i. February 10th, 2021 General Meeting Minutes. Motion Seconded and passes unanimously.

6:35pm Public Comment (15 mins)

- Friday is moderate risk level in Lane County so bottles will be able to be returned to grocery stores. Janet has been calling around to inquire at grocery stores where cans will be accepted. No news yet.
- Dana Ferguson - We now have two grants (ODF and a Neighborhood Matching Grant) and what that will entail.
 - i. One through ODF is \$4k – We are supposed to identify 100 properties in the wild land urban interface. They will be chosen and put on a list and evaluated with a no cost assessment. Then they will be put on the list to be fire hardened to reduce fire risk. There will be before and after photos of the work to demonstrate the visible impact. Neighbors will be able to apply for the free work to be done by ODF.
 - ii. Other grant is from the neighborhood matching grant program to buy tools and PPE, for people to do wildfire fuel reduction in their own yards. That will be accompanied by training before you check out the tools. The tools will be housed at the Toolbox Library in the Friendly Area Neighborhood.
- Also revamping the group's website to become a wild-fire information hub for the community.
- There's also support for the neighborhood evacuation routes. Neighborhood associations will have the opportunity to work with an expert to develop neighborhood based evacuation routes.

6:40 pm Speakers/Topics for General Meeting on April 14th (15 mins)

6:55 pm General Business (25 minutes)

1. Report on results of SHiNA's Food For Lane County Drive and Eugene totals (**Beverly**)
 - a. Saturday, February 13th, Noon to 4 PM at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Willamette Street & 48th Avenue and Wayne Morse Family Farm, 595 Crest Dr.
 - b. The food drive was very successful especially for a cold day.
 - c. Participation was somewhat low, but each person contributed a large amount!
 - i. Wayne Morse – 692 lbs
 - ii. Sunset Hills – 650 lbs
 - iii. Total – 1342 lbs as well as \$120 cash
 - iv. Grand Total for Eugene – 11,800 lbs which will make something like 13,000 meals
 - d. Cash donations continue to be accepted at <https://foodforlanecounty.org/donate/donate-funds>
 - e. The effort was effective!
2. EV Event with US Rep Defazio and State Rep Marty Wilde (**Fred**)
 - a. 96 attendees
 - b. Lots of conversations about electrical vehicles and about the climate. Good presentations from Oregon Congressman Defazio and Oregon Rep Wilde.
 - c. Charging stations may be a part of the federal infrastructure bills that are coming up in congress.
 - d. It's not just about electric cars and charging network, but also about public transport like busses and trains.
 - e. Personal train transport is not being address adequately because of historic issues of Right of Way, where personal rail transportation is secondary to freight transportation. Mid-range travel is so supported structurally in Europe and other countries in a way that is not happening here. Regularity of train schedule and reliability could change the culture of train transport here.
 - f. Reviving the route from Ashland to Eugene?

g. Future event: RevUp Eugene events on March 11th and March 16th

i. [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rev-up-registration, 141065030303?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rev-up-registration-141065030303?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch)

3. SHiNA's next newsletter/post card

a. Money is available for a newsletter and postcard now

b. Dana's update on new resources for wildfire reduction strategies pursued by the NLC subcommittee. She is drafting something with Bev for the newsletter that announces the grants and resulting programs.

c. ACTION: SHiNA will pursue a postcard for March deliverable with the following information:

i. Next SHiNA General Meeting and meeting topic

ii. Wildfire Prevention grants update

iii. Food For Lane County collections update

4. NLC letter to council: No Net Loss of Affordable Rentals and Preventing HB2001 infill from Cannibalizing Marginal Housing Stock **(Ron)**

a. HB 2001 was passed in Oregon Legislature in 2019. Any residential lot can have a duplex and a quadplex, triplex, cottage cluster can be developed on some lots in residential areas.

b. One feature of the push for middle housing is that this kind of housing will provide affordable housing. But, there is also the risk of this type of housing being unaffordable for many community members due to new construction costs and the market for higher end centrally located homes.

c. Rentals that are undervalued are perceived as the most vulnerable properties to redevelopment.

d. NLC is requesting a number of things for City Council to address affordability in this new context.

(See proposed letter)

e. Michael Lainoff definitely supports affordable housing in our community, but sees a personal conflict with advocacy on this issue and would like to explore the issues of how the board treats recusing of votes in cases of personal conflict.

f. ACTION: The board will review the letter and offer feedback via email to other board members by the end of the week for a board vote on the letter over email

5. Discussion HB2001 **(Ron)**

6. Alert re other Oregon Legislature bills of potential interest for SHiNA **(Ron)**

a. One bill allows for a duplex to be divided into two lots, which then may potentially be divided again.

b. One removes limits on the number of people living in a rental house.

7:25pm Next SHiNA General Meetings (5 mins)

April 14th, 2021, 6:30-8PM, ZOOM Meeting

a. Topic for the meeting: A nurse from Lane County Health addressing the general meeting about COVID-19 vaccinations would like to do this in May.

b. Ron and Janet will reach out to the Eugene Police, Office of Crime Prevention to ask for a representative to speak.

c. SHiNA will work offline to try to get the information together for next week

7:30pm Adjourn Meeting

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