

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association

SHiNA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13th, 6:30-8pm

Attendees:

SHiNA Board Members:

Ron Bevirt
Clay Neal (Minute Taker)
Ralph McDonald
Fred Mallery
Janet Bevirt
Piotr Esden-Tempski
Dana Furgerson
Rita Fiedler
Beverly McDonald

Presenters:

Philip Barnhart (EVEVA)
Jeannine Parisi (EWEB)
Rod Price (EWEB)

I. Call to Order

II. Agenda Approval

- Agenda approved for the meeting - Unanimous

III. Minute Approval

- Minutes approved for September 12th, 2021 General Meeting Minutes - Unanimous

IV. Public Comment

- No public comment

V. Board Nominations

- Co-Chairs
 - i. Ralph McDonald
 - ii. Fred Mallery
- Treasurer
 - iii. Dana Furgerson
- Secretary
 - iv. Clay Neal
- At-Large Board Members
 - v. Beverly McDonald (Newsletter Editor)
 - vi. Pete Frost
 - vii. Michael Lainoff
 - viii. Rita Fiedler

VI. Phil Barnhart (Former State Representative), for Emerald Valley Electric Vehicle Association (EVEVA) discusses Carbon Emission Reduction, plus Q & A. <http://emeraldvalleyeva.org>

- See presentation on SHiNA Website

- Questions
 - i. Rita Fiedler - Fast charging, how can you rely on it? Do you make an appointment?
 1. Tesla is installing 8 chargers in one location for their chargers - the map in your car will let you know where they are and where you need to charge to make it to your destination and which chargers are available.
 2. ODOT will be installing and maintaining additional chargers throughout Oregon in the coming years.
 - ii. Piotr Esden-Tempski - This page is great for EV trip planning: <https://abetterrouteplanner.com>
 - iii. Janet Bevirt - How does the Nissan Leaf compare?
 1. For a city car - buying a used Leaf is an excellent way to go because some older models don't have a long range.
 2. Newer Leaf's models can have a longer range.
 3. Leaf doesn't have a cooling and heating system for the battery. In our climate, that doesn't matter much but in Arizona it wouldn't work well.
 - iv. Clay Neal - Can you provide more info about the environmental costs of making batteries?
 1. There is an enormous amount of research into battery chemistry research and recycling.
 2. You can use older vehicle batteries for less intensive uses like energy storage.
 3. There is one privately owned business in the US that is getting ready to recycle these older batteries.
 4. Cobalt is an expensive and environmentally costly material being mined all over the world. There is a lot of research into moving toward a better mining industry for these chemicals.
 - v. Email additional questions to phil@philbarnhart.com

VII. Speaker: Jeannine Parisi will present EWEB's response to wildfires, plus Q & A

- Presentation available on EWEB website and plans for wildfire prevention are also here: <http://www.eweb.org/Documents/board-meetings/2021/10-19-21/m2-draft-wildfire-mitigation-plan-approach-and-review.pdf>
- Questions
 - i. Is there any evidence of what caused the wildfire in the McKenzie area?
 1. EWEB preemptively turned off service in the area that was impacted, but the investigations are still ongoing because of the complexity of the fire's details.
 - ii. Does any of the work that EWEB is doing go into reducing capacity of the system?
 1. No.
 - iii. When EWEB has to dig up an existing portion of the street, does EWEB contract it out?

There's a portion of road that was hastily filled in on Lorane Highway from Van Buren to Paige.

 1. It is the responsibility of EWEB to repair the road to City standards. Sometimes, EWEB will patch the road for temporary work. EWEB has had some contractor quality control issues in the recent past. EWEB representatives took the address of the street in question in order to take a look at the work.

VIII. Board Business

- Fiber optics cabling and internet service in our neighborhood -
 - i. Piotr is looking into the opportunity for neighborhoods to tap into the existing fiber network that has infrastructure under the roads already throughout Eugene (including along 29th Ave). He will report back on the possibility of private citizens or neighborhoods to tap into this resource in order to develop competition against the other sole provider of internet service in our area.

- Gathering articles for the newsletter with a deadline of mid November
Bev will take articles for layout in the newsletter
 - ii. Article Ideas
 1. New board members after the elections
 2. Phil Barnhart presentation
 3. Mushroom picking in this season
 4. New board member announcements
- Deciding on the 2022 general and board meeting schedule in December,
discuss with Nora and report schedule to Cindy with HRNI

IX. Next SHiNA Meetings:

- Wednesday, November 10th, 2021, 6:30-8:00 pm, SHiNA ZOOM General Meeting
 - i. Speaker:
 1. Megan Kemble on “Map Your Neighborhood”
 2. SHiNA Board Elections
- December - No Public Meeting, New board to casually discusses 2022 meeting schedule
- Future Agenda Ideas
 - ii. Occupy Medical
 - iii. Homelessness
 - iv. Lane County Health

X. 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