

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association (SHiNA) Board Meeting MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18th, 2022; 6:30PM

Attendees:

SHiNA Board Members:

Ralph McDonald (Co-Chair)
Fred Mallery (Co-Chair)
Clay Neal (minutes taker)
Beverly McDonald
Rita Carmen Feidler
Dana Furgerson
Chris Jockheck
Michael Lainoff
Nora Haggerty (Wayne Morse Family Farm representative)

Community Members:

Michele Corlette
Alexandra (no last name)
Margie James from Friendly Area Neighbors (FAN)
Thia (FAN)
George Classen
Janet Bevirt
Councilor Matt Keating – Eugene City Councilor

I. Call to Order

II. Agenda Approval

- Agenda Approved for the meeting with additions received via email – Unanimous

III. Minute Approval

- Minutes approved for March Board meeting minutes and April General meeting minutes
- Unanimous

IV. Public Comment

- **Matt Keating, Eugene City Council**
 - i. Library has created a Zero Fine system
 - ii. There might be an additional book return box placed at Amazon Park
 - iii. Matt hosted the Library's annual gala – raised over \$100,000 for the library
 - iv. Next week, 5/25, City Council will consider downtown opportunities for City Council downtown. Matt supports locating City Hall in the downtown Lane Community College building. This would free up

- v. Rosa Parks statue at Lane Transit District is the first such statue erected at a transit system in the US
- vi. There are public safety issues related to the University of Oregon – Matt supports the idea of
- vii. ARPA funds have been directed toward providing housing for Eugene’s most vulnerable communities. Matt provided many examples of how these funds will be delivered.
 - DevNW
 - Square One Villages
 - Homes for Good housing agency
 - Cornerstone Community Housing
- viii. City Council will move decision about Middle Housing Code Amendments to Tuesday, May 24th.
 - Monday, May 23rd 5:30PM is an opportunity for a Public Forum related to Middle Housing Code Amendments.
 - City Council has received input from community members about this proposal.
 - a. Matt has heard consternation about height, setbacks, and parking. Matt amended the proposal to reduce the distance from transit that on site parking is exempt from new middle housing development. In his view, this encourages development along transit corridors and reduces the on street parking impacts further away from transit lines.
- Rita Fiedler – Alerted the Board to the film “Community First, the Movie”
 - i. This film relates to housing solutions in Austin
 - ii. It could provide inspiration for ideas to address homelessness in Eugene.
- Fred Mallery
 - i. EVEVA is having a meet up Sunday, May 22nd 11-3 at Amazon Community Center.

V. General Business

- **Wrap up HB2001 Council Actions, SHiNA April Resolution**
 - i. SHiNA provided a resolution to Council about tree preservation related to Middle Housing Code Amendments.
 - Council approved a work session down the road for strengthening tree preservation in Eugene’s zoning code generally.
 - ii. Question about how the decision was made to discourage parking impacts for south Eugene
 - Councilor Keating proposed that he has walked streets and heard from neighbors about hilly locations with streets that are not up to City standards, where additional street parking will reduce safety.
 - iii. Question from Michele Corlette
 - Noted that there is concern from some Council members about moving forward with approval of the code amendments without knowing the

specifics of potential future work sessions on solar access, tree preservation, and

iv. Ralph

- Ralph reported that of the 893 comments about the City Council proposal on middle housing, 80% were opposed in some way to the current proposal for Middle Housing amendments
- Ralph shares concerns in those testimonies about sustainability, neighborhood character, and whether denser housing improves affordability or makes Eugene less affordable.

v. Clay Neal

- Shares concerns about affordability and sustainability, thinks that the challenge before us is to provide for density that meets both demands. How can density contribute to a more sustainable city, provide for more affordable housing, and not detract from our vibrant neighborhoods. Our housing financial crisis demands that we address it in some way.

vi. Rita Fiedler

- Are there ways to support homeowners through home-lending, energy efficiency?

- **Discussion of Summer Picnic Options w/SEN, FAN**

i. SEN wants to have the joint meeting the first Sunday, September 11th after Labor Day at Tugman Park

- FAN may not be interested in a mid-September meeting

ii. It is more work for organizations to set up for multiple neighborhood picnics than it would be for one large, combined event

iii. The downside is not having the individuality of a specific neighborhood hosting its own neighbors

- Janet Bevirt comments
 - a. If you combine to have a joint picnic, you lose the individual connection to specific neighborhood neighbors
 - b. It's challenging to raise necessary funds for the Board from the picnic
 - c. Limit that the City provides for supplies (tables, coolers, canopies, etc)
 - d. Might be large amounts of parking required for three neighborhood picnics in one at Tugman

iv. FAN will bring these ideas back to the board and get back to SHiNA.

- Is there a way to continue to have the identity of each neighborhood present at the event?

v. SHiNA Board members who are interested in participating on the Picnic Committee – they can connect with the FAN Board members

- Bev, Rita, Clay will work on the subcommittee

vi. MOTION: SHiNA will work toward a summer picnic

- Motion seconded and approved 5-3

- **New Buildings Willamette St. & Cascade Manor**

- i. A few houses have been demolished on Willamette south of 29th to make way for 24 units in a multifamily building. Ralph has heard from some neighbors who are upset about this development.
 - Ralph will send information to the Board to discuss further
 - ii. Cascade Manor – also proposing a large improvement that some neighbors are upset about
- **Summer Bikes for Kids**
 - i. Ralph will send additional information to the Board to see whether there is support for this campaign
- **Next newsletter, June meeting, program speakers**
 - i. June Meeting and program speakers
 - Chris is talking with a number of community representatives to have a panel discussion with Q&A about Eugene's unhoused population.
 - a. Prefers to have this meeting in person
 - MOTION to have the next General Meeting for SHiNA with a program focused on Eugene's unhoused population and associated issues
 - a. Motion seconded and approved
 - Location
 - a. Ralph will look into Amazon Community Center for June 12th
 - ii. Newsletter ideas
 - Matt Keating joined SHiNA meeting in May (CLAY)
 - Burrito Brigade
 - HB 2001 SHiNA Resolution on trees (RALPH)
 - Upcoming June program (CHRIS)
 - Library information from Will O'Hearn
 - Community First, the Movie (RITA)
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- **Nora Haggerty**
 - i. Update on bike hoops that were broken and removed (or saved) from the Wayne Morse Family Farm.
 - ii. The Board will look into it and respond to Nora's comments via email.

VI. **Next SHiNA Meetings:**

- Sunday, June 12, 2022, 3:00 p.m. **General Meeting**
- Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**
- Sunday, August 14, 2022, 3:00 p.m. **General Meeting**
- Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**
- Sunday, October 9, 2022, 3:00 p.m. **General Meeting**
- Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 6:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**
- Sunday, December 11, 2022, 3:00 p.m. **General Meeting**

VII. **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