

South Tabor Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

4/20/2023

7:00-8:30 PM

Location: In-Person at All-City Church 2700 SE 67th Ave, Portland

Present:

Board Members Present: Juan, Taran, John, Nate, Cathy (note-taker)

Neighbors: Toby Morus, Rene Zumwalt, Taylor Clark, Jane? (illegible), Sandy Strehlou, Scott Fox

Committee Updates:

Treasure Report: \$5495.85 in account, with communications funds from SE Uplift still to collect and deposit. Will be filing annual tax forms with the OR Secretary of State (due 5/15)

Communications:

- Newly-elected Taran is getting up to speed on the transition from Sergio, previous Communications person

Southeast Uplift (SEUL):

- we don't have a rep, so will need to discuss at a future meeting

Land Use (see notes):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q-EKu5jCQVEJuXTDP-UKU79sc-j4MJtT/view>

- pedestrian signal/crosswalk at 78th & Powell is stalled in city bureaucracy and timeline delays
- Discussed idea of a business district association for SE Powell and settled on next step of proposing an STNA business committee in the coming months (Sandy Strehlou expressed interest to lead this effort)

SEUL Land Use:

April meeting of SEUL LUTC was canceled. Nothing to report.

Events:

- Neighborhood Yard Sale and Garden Tour (date confirmed: June 10)
 - looking for more sponsors to generate revenue for future events
 - Looking for a small business liaison volunteer for the Yard Sale Committee [might this be Sandy who volunteered for being business district liaison?]
 - put out event info and online registration earlier this year
 - Need to create a way for people with extra space to host those with stuff but without garage
 - pleas to anyone with connections to reach out to city food businesses to invite them to sell food/drink at the event
 - Kellogg School band still possibly contributing
- Garden Visits
 - encourage neighbors to show off their gardens
 - Be sure to publicize the community plant exchange table (between 62nd & 63rd on Tibbits
 - Future action item: plan for a plant and tool swap for next year

- Tiny library google sheet moving forward:
- Brief discussion of publicizing the PSU heritage tree survey to neighbors with trees 100 years and older

Neighborhood Engagement:

Discussion of what would bring more people to STNA meetings and make the Association seem more vital

- Addresses for South Tabor info kiosks need to be collected & updated; revisit their purpose?
- USPS mailing prices/process needs to be researched
 - Determine content beyond publicizing the June 10 event (helpful safety tips,
- Survey of/for neighbors
 - Determine what issues might get them involved in STNA (safety, connection, dream businesses to lure to the neighborhood
 - Include questions that get at diversity (race-ethnicity, LGBTQ+, disability, age)
 - Plan more fun public meeting opportunities for in-person feedback about what neighbors want and what STNA is about
 - Better communication about what STNA is and does (not a home-owners association, not an arm of city government)

Diversity:

- (see Survey of/for neighbors above)
- Volunteers to draft neighborhood mailing to encourage more diverse people to attend & get involved in STNA: Juan, Cathy, Sandy, Toby?
- Committee needs a chair; Juan is filling in, but this would give him two board roles when we want to be expanding membership and participation

Miscellaneous:

- Board unanimously approved giving a PSU researcher access to info on STNA meeting attendance info for a demographics survey.

Old Business:

Approval of March Minutes postponed to May meeting due to technical issues. Find them here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v4B1IRadOByOAo8YbhzgzeuYm0gmn0VKv1IOCqj3kE4/edit?usp=sharing>

New Business:

- **Discussion on Community Safety (initiated by Toby):** Follow-up from the March meeting about rising crime in the neighborhood and questions about previous neighborhood watch programs.
- STNA reached out to the office of Civic Life about the “Safe Blocks” program. [Safe Blocks Program | Portland.gov](#) Looking for community members interested in potentially planning a training or event with the program.
- Need to get more people out of their houses and paying attention. Ideas included:

- Door to door?
- Events?
- Sharing contacts
- Creating a network of phone numbers, texts, doorbells people can reach out to when something happens
- Checking in on neighbors who are older
- Create a mailer/handout that would lead people to resources other than 911 and the police
- Discussed forming an ad-hoc committees on Public Safety and/or Engagement
- After discussion, the board agreed that the STNA's standing Events Committee overlapped with those areas because of goal of bringing more neighbors together; Toby was unanimously appointed as Events Committee Chair, with the understanding that actual event planning would be allocated to other STNA members.

Elections:

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to postpone board member elections from the May to the June meeting in the hopes that more community members would be present after the June 10 Garage Sale/Garden Visit event: chair and secretary are both up for election this year; John nominated Juan for chair and Cathy for secretary.

Future Meeting Locations: Looking to move around STNA meetings to draw more out of our community, while being mindful of locations that might be uninviting to some community members.

It was decided that Juan would see about booking the May 18 and June 15 meetings at the APANO community space (SW corner of 82nd & SE Division).

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.