

## FAN Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2016

7-9pm

Washington Cottage

Board members present: Morgan Greenwood, Greg Giese, Deb Jones, Nancy Ellen Locke, Nancy Classen, Bernie Corrigan, Carlos Barrera, Kristina Lang, Tim Blood, Lisa Arkin

General public present: Billy Lindros, Ryan Kournovsky, Ron Bevirt, Janet Bevirt, Lena Houston-Davisson, Babe O'Sullivan

### **Public Comment –**

Billy Lindros – Concerned that the presentation on SWSAZ by city planning staff at the General Meeting will be biased, and wants adequate time for neighbors to ask questions and have their concerns addressed. He also noted that at the League of Women Voters mayoral candidate debate, all candidates agreed that SWSAZ should have been considered further.

Ryan Kournovsky – Representing Lane County Democrats. Wanted to know if FAN would be interested in sponsoring ballot collecting site(s) in our neighborhood. Deb asked if FAN would be responsible for providing volunteers, and Ryan said ideally, but that LCD could assist.

Janet Bevirt – Seconded Billy's concerns re: city staff's SWSAZ presentation at the General Meeting. Also wants to be sure that FAN's SWSAZ committee is unbiased.

### **Committee Updates –**

FAN SWSAZ Committee (Babe) – Previous committee meeting focused primarily on the Oregon Consensus report, specifically acknowledgement of (gratitude for?) the civility of tone that had been used by all parties, and curiosity about how the “trust-building process” would begin and be implemented. A work plan for the committee was discussed further, and communication streams (FAN → SWSAZ Committee → CSEN SWSAZ Committee, etc) were identified as an area of future focus. Carlos asked about funding for a facilitation process. No one knows exactly where that would come from, and Babe indicated that some committee members expressed concern that funding for facilitation would come from an already-squeezed neighborhood programs budget.

CSEN SWSAZ Committee (Greg) - Committee members want more information regarding the composition of the “trust-building group” recommended in the OC report. They would prefer that it be comprised of neighbors, as opposed to members from across the city. At issue: will trust be built, or will it make things worse? Currently, there are no answers from the city addressing whether the things that are wrong with the plan will be

addressed. At this point, doing a refinement plan would take as long as going through the proposed 83-page code. Greg also mentioned a letter that is circulating from South Willamette Neighbors that is threatening LUBA action; Greg assumes that creating a refinement plan would probably avoid that. Lisa asked who is responsible for making the next move, re: the OC report? Greg assumes that city staff will look over the report and provide recommendations to city council.

Sidewalk Committee (Greg) – Grinding project is moving forward; checks are coming in. Property owners may turn their payment into a tax-deductible donation through ENI, but no one's requested this yet. Bernie noted that FAN has its own tax ID under which donations could be tax-deductible. Deb wondered if it was kosher to get a tax deduction for essentially improving your own property. Greg clarified, saying that though sidewalk is public right-of-way, it's incumbent upon the adjoining property owner to maintain its condition. Unless its maintenance increases your property value (highly unlikely), you can deduct the cost. It was suggested that the doorhanger should say when to sign up by, not when the project begins. Other suggestions included printing general FAN info on the back as an outreach effort. The board voted unanimously to approve printing of the doorhangers for up to the amount of our remaining FY16 outreach budget (about \$330). HRNI has approved this expense.

Outreach Committee (Deb) – The committee wants to increase Facebook traffic, esp when our newsletters are online only. We noted that one major problem in doing so is that only a couple board members are active on FB. It was suggested that we pay Edward Goering to promote us on Friendly Neighborhood Forum. (Post-meeting update – HRNI may not approve paid promotion on FNF FB page, but they would approve paid promotion of the FAN page.) Additionally, Tim suggested that we add a QR code that routes to our website on the back of the sidewalk grinding doorhangers. Before that happens, though, we'd like to transition to our new website, which we hope to hear from Todd about at the next board meeting.

Charter update (Deb) – In Oct 2014, our membership approved a FAN charter amendment to delete the ban on paid advertising in our newsletter. City council followed suit and changed the city policy prohibiting paid advertising in neighborhood association newsletters. Long ago we sent notice of our charter change to the city council, but we overlooked that we also had to use the established process with HRNI to update our charter. So in the eyes of HRNI, we have not officially amended our charter, or even started the process. We need to submit proposed changes to HRNI for this and any other amendments we think are necessary. Rene Kane/HRNI will look it over and make suggestions before anything is finalized. She also noted that some NA's have transitioned to a very minimal and broad charter--paired with a new bylaws document that would include the details of organizational operations. Any future changes to the charter would still require membership plus city council approval, while changes to the bylaws would only require a membership vote. Rene suggested looking at Jefferson-Westside's and SHINA's for examples of such a streamlined charter and new bylaws. Greg will look at these examples and provide recommendations for how FAN could transition to a similar version.

From there, we may form a charter committee, but further discussion of the charter is tabled for now.

Toolbox Project Grand Opening (Deb) – The Toolbox Project will host their grand opening in May, and would like FAN to borrow equipment from HRNI for the event. Deb volunteered to pick up and return equipment. The board voted unanimously to sponsor the equipment loan from HRNI on the Toolbox Project’s behalf.

Spring General Meeting planning (Morgan) – LTD will make a presentation on MovingAhead, estimated to take approximately twenty minutes. Sherman from Willamette Food & Farm Coalition would also like to make a brief presentation. The bulk of the meeting will be a presentation from Terri Harding on the Oregon Consensus report, and an update on the Willamette Street restriping project. Neighbors will have the opportunity for Q & A after both presentations, but it’s expected that the bulk of the questions will occur after the OC report presentation. To facilitate those questions, the board will approve five questions that Terri Harding will have opportunity to see beforehand, and then the rest of the audience (specifically FAN residents) will have opportunity to ask questions. It was suggested that individuals write their questions on note cards (which we will provide) which will be collected and brought to Terri. It’s hoped that this process will keep the tone of the conversation civilized. All board members present indicated agreement on this process.

Morgan asked whether or not CSEN could host a similar presentation, to allow residents of other neighborhood associations to have Q & A sessions with city planning staff. Greg replied that they’d like to, but that they don’t have the resources to do so. He indicated that the city should provide CSEN with the finances that would be necessary to host that kind of event. Morgan asked whether anyone from CSEN had requested funds from anyone from the city; Greg said no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51.

**Miscellaneous –**

Board forgot to approve minutes from March; will do so at May’s meeting.

Nancy Ellen is stepping down as FAN’s rep to CSEN; will be replaced by our alternate, Nancy Classen. Board will select and approve a new alternate at May’s meeting.