

Swede Hill Neighborhood Association

September Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 9

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Carver Library, 1161 Angelina St., Meeting Rm #2

Agenda plus Minutes

SHNA Board of Directors members present:

Toria English - President

Sean Garretson – Vice President

Louisa Brinsmade – Secretary

Polina Koronkevich – Treasurer

Hunt Andre – at large

Jennifer Pritchard – at large

Kirsten Siegfried – at large

Total SHNA Members present = 38

At 6:30pm, the meeting was called to order by SHNA President Toria English.

Item #1 – By-Laws update by By-Laws Committee Members

- 1. Discussion and Resolution of By-Laws membership/voting language**
- 2. Discussion and Resolution of all issues of interest to a majority of members present.**

SHNA Secretary and By-Laws Committee Member Louisa Brinsmade led discussion on the By-Laws update. Members were offered a summary of the By-Laws Committee efforts by Chair Kirsten Siegfried. Ms. Brinsmade described the conditions of the floor discussion: each member who wanted to speak should raise a hand and wait to be called upon. Members would be allowed 2 minutes to speak (SHNA Member Bill Minor would keep time on his stopwatch), after which point they would relinquish the floor. Each member would be allowed to speak once before anyone would be allowed to speak twice.

Considering that the issue of primary importance over the past three months of member discussion is the Membership/Voting language choices in Section 4, Ms. Brinsmade suggested that the members begin with this issue. The floor was then opened for discussion.

At 8:00pm, following discussion, a vote was taken on the two membership language options offered by the By-Laws Committee with the following result:

Version A: Residents Only = 19 votes

Version B: Residents & Non-Resident Property/Business Owners = 19 votes

Ms. Brinsmade called for a recess of 10 minutes to bring compromise language to the membership.

After 10 minutes, having compromise language on the white board visible to all members, the meeting was called back to order and the language for a Version C was announced and read aloud:

Section 4.1. Membership in the SHNA is open to any person 18 years of age or older who is a Swede Hill Resident or a non-resident owner of a Single Family Property within the boundaries of the SHNA.

Section 4.3. Non-Resident Swede Hill Business Owners are invited to participate in the SHNA as non-members.

Discussion ensued. At 8:15pm, Ms. Brinsmade made a motion for a vote, the motion was seconded. Some members had exited the room, but the result was:

Version A: Resident Only Membership = 8 votes

Version C: Residents and Non-Residents of Single Family Property = 24 votes

Version C was approved to be inserted into the By-Laws update.

At 8:25pm, a complaint was raised by SHNA member Ann De Llano, who insisted the membership take up the issue of Absentee Voting to include it in the By-Laws update. SHNA member Mike Tolleson reminded Ms. De Llano that provisions to allow absentee voting for those members who are physically handicapped and are unable to make it to meetings had been inserted into the By-Laws update already.

Ms. De Llano did make a motion to discuss Absentee Voting and won a second from Joanna Vaughn. However, there was no time for a vote on the motion as time had run out for the meeting, and the librarian announced that the meeting rooms were closed.

- **Item #2 OCEAN update**

No time left for this item.

- **Item #3 Development Committee Update**

No time left for this item.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm upon closure of the meeting room.