

SWEDE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

March 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Carver Library 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Paula Reckson, SHNA President at 6:35 PM. Four Board members were present, constituting a quorum. Kirsten Siegfried absent.

Minutes of the February 2nd meeting were read and approved.

Bruce Sheehan, SHNA Treasurer, gave his report.. No expenditures, ten dollars deposited. Current balance: \$2,748.93. One membership was renewed in February bringing the total to 26 renewals. A renewal reminder will be emailed.

The agenda was adopted unanimously after adding a proposal to adopt procedural guidelines for use when an owner/developer is seeking neighborhood support on a project or application.

Old Business:

Discussion of residential parking permits, enforcement and the push effect on adjacent streets further east and south. Trash is secondary to construction parking. Trash in the alley along Oakwood Cemetery has always been a problem area. The city will be contacted.

One Two East project update - postponed to April 14th at City Council.

New Business:

Copies of a proposed set of procedural guidelines compiled by the Swede Hill NA Board were distributed and discussed. Board members expressed their goal of establishing a consistent and fair process through which owners and developers can seek SHNA support for variances, zoning applications or general compatibility issues on their project. The guidelines aim to make the process transparent for both applicants and residents. **A vote to adopt will be placed on the April 5th agenda.**

General discussion on the difficulty of navigating some of the intersections in the western area of Swede Hill due to vehicles parking right to the intersection on all four corners. RPP signs stop the encroachment into intersections. Close calls on several occasions have been reported. Concerns for a serious accident were expressed. Traffic circles and 4-way stop intersections were mentioned.

Development of Brackenridge site will extend construction parking in the neighborhood for at least a decade. Seton Hospital will not be torn down until new hospital is completed in 2017.

OCEAN Update: Kirsten Siegfried was absent - Tracy Witte gave a report on upcoming issues for other neighborhoods in OCEAN.

ANC Update: Charlie Reckson, SHNA Secretary, gave a report from the February ANC meeting. CodeNEXT is a perceived threat to neighborhood plans and much concern over lack of transparency in the process. Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) is trying to effect changes in the way the city conducts changes to the code. Austin's Vision Zero Plan is an attempt to reduce/eliminate traffic deaths, particularly for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorcycles.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM