



SWNA BOARD MEETING

March 7, 2023

6:00-7:00pm

In Person: Cheri's Office – Total Real Estate Group in NWX – 2900 NW Clearwater Dr. Suite 320

or

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84748263028?pwd=TnBnU0lnMXBoUk1aSm9lYXVvSyt1UT09>

In Attendance: Cheri Smith, David Knitowski, Shannon Mara, Cheryl Stark as guest attendee

Meeting convened 6:25 p.m. via conference call, due to issues with Zoom

Action items

- Shannon will purchase table cloths, sticky notes for survey, and food for 90 people from Costco.

- I. Meeting Called to Order - 6:02 called to order
- II. Introductions and descriptions of roles:
 - Cheri Smith - Secretary
 - Shannon Mara - NLA rep
 - David - Land Use Chair
- III. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
- IV. Central Oregon Land Acknowledgement - read by David
- V. Business
 - A. Updates from each board member
 - Cheri - no update
 - Shannon - attended February 14 NLA meeting.
 - City Council is in goal setting mode for 2023-2026 with decisions being made over the next 2 months that will go into effect in July. Some are rollover items from previous 2 year sessions, new individual projects can fit into those. Example: NSSP (street safety) from previous 2 years, 360 projects were submitted, highest priority 25 were identified. Those projects were completed but there's new and more funding and will continue on. City will ask neighborhoods if prior projects not approved are still viable and of interest.
 - Sound issues from amphitheater - if there's a complaint, contact Old Mill District management.

- Homeless services and management will not appear in council goals because it's not a city responsibility/identified service (i.e. police deal with safety) and there's no mandate in the charter to make sure people are housed. Instead, the City coordinates with service providers (nonprofits, city/county personnel, police, sheriff). The city contracts out services, similar to providing city services like garbage.
 - Tree Code is way behind what residents want and expect. New development is technically operating per the current code. March 15 Council work session is the first step to revising Tree Code to reflect current public expectations and it will likely take a year to put in place. Neighborhoods can focus on enforcement and calling out violations. Shannon suggests adding FAQ on our website.
 - SE Bend NA and some residents oppose the gas station complex development and they are frustrated that the city didn't do anything to stop it despite opposition. They appealed to city council, council declined and deferred them to LUBA. Jim Cristo from the SE Bend NA wanted to know if other NAs have had issues with city staff seeming to ignore engineering codes that they are responsible for. Their NA is fighting it - NA's don't have the money to go to LUBA or to hire an attorney and there should be a less expensive option for appealing a decision. He asked for anyone with knowledge or ideas to contact him at nla.sebna@gmail.com.
- David - Land Use
 - 6 notices received in February, all notices of Decision
 - A 69 unit apartment complex with 6 building was approved at Mt Washington and Shevlin Park Rd.
 - City adopted housekeeping codes to bring development code into compliance with comprehensive plan and transportation system plan (low stress streets, transit hubs, etc.)
 - Adopted new off street parking ordinance (basically eliminated parking requirement)
 - Approval of a public plaza in Discovery West off Crosby Dr.
 - Approval of application for a 4 bed STR at 42 NW Skyliner Summit Lp
 - Approval of application for a 5 bedroom STR at 505 NW Flagline Dr

B. Introduction - Cheryl B. Stark guest attendee

Bend resident since 2015, now retired. She's interested in volunteer work, enjoys outdoor recreation, and is passionate about understanding what's happening in our city and helping spread the word about issues. Cheryl had a career with a technology background and is willing to update the SWNA website. Shannon Motioned to appoint Cheryl to the board, Cheri 2nd, all were in favor.

C. Planning of annual general membership meeting

- Meeting will take place from 6:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday May 2, 2023 at UUFCO.
- Agenda items will include:
 - board member introductions and sharing of past accomplishments
 - mention of open seats and member recruiting efforts
 - Makayla will present benefits of joining the NA
 - new city council liaison Megan Norris will speak
 - BPRD will send a rep to discuss a new project called Shevlin West.
 - survey/brainstorming session about priorities/concerns/interests
 - Start at 6pm at Unitarian Center.
- Outreach - Makayla will do a mailing for us. David was interviewed by Bend Bulletin and mentioned the membership meeting. Local news channels have a news calendar that we can post to. Shannon suggested posting notice about meeting in local coffee shops, etc.
- Venue - for an additional charge UUFCO will provide coffee, tea, water. No plastic is allowed. Cost is \$700 for gathering hall use, \$1500 for overflow area. Costco sounds like the most reasonable route for snacks. Not on Agenda – other business to come before the board

V. Public comments, questions and input - no members of public in attendance.

VI. Meeting Adjourned 7:35pm

Notes submitted by Cheri Smith, Secretary