

SNG Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 – 8:30pm, July 24, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Tami Traeger, Terry Barnes, Ryan Morgan, Mary Pumphrey, Lisa Boehlke, Steve McCauley, Andy Carroll, Ron Schlatter

Board Members Absent: Greg Smalley, Farah Habad

Others Attending: Sara , Marilyn Matheny

PRELIMINARIES

Andy called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Terry gave a brief overview of the Environment Committee Charter.

Preliminaries

Welcome & Call to Order

Consent Agenda Items:

- This Agenda
- Minutes of June Board Meeting
- Environment Committee Charter

Consent agenda

Presentations and Reports

The following written reports or notes are in the board materials folder (please send any questions to admin@sng.org):

History Committee (Marylin Mathney)

The committee is working on the Historical Buildings of Seward project, They are currently focused on Bethany Church. They are working with the former congregation to honor the legacy of the church and will meet this Thursday at Soup for You with people who are protesting the planned demolition of the church and the congregation to try to plan an event to honor the history of the church.

Treasurer/Finance Committee (Ron)

- Financial Report Narrative - July 24, 2024

Organization has assets and equity amounting to roughly \$600,000.

- 2024 Draft Revised Budget - Operating & Program

The finance committee is revising the monthly report to be more understandable and relevant to the board. The new report is called the Operating and Program budget.

This report adds consideration of Mahamoud's compensation, budget to date spending, as well as total income as well as the amount SNG must add to our reserve in order to balance the budget.

If we elect not to hire a Coordinator or Communication's contractor, we can meet this year's budget without tapping into the reserve.

Some current initiatives SNG is funding through the Equity Engagement Fund are the BIPOC shared space, RISE, and SLRJ as well as project management fees for the shared space and RISE.

A request for funding for the BIPOC shared space was originally submitted to the Seward Small Grants Fund but it was determined that it could be funded separately through the Equity Engagement Fund. There was discussion of whether the board had or should have voted on this prior to committing funds.

The garden tour contributed proceeds in the amount of \$3500 to SNG this year.

- Call for reimbursable expenses

Board members and other members in the community who have expenses should submit them to Ron and the Finance Committee for reimbursement.

Revised CDC process (Andy)

This process will extend to other committees.

SNG wants to empower committees.

CDC will share their agenda with the Board a week prior to their monthly meeting.

Board members with questions or concerns should relay them to Sara, Steve or Lisa or attend the meeting themselves.

Letters and other proposals for Board action will be submitted by CDC after their meeting.

Letters requests will be added to the consent agenda by default but Board members are still able to request discussion before or during the meeting prior to voting. The intention is that the Board will spend less time discussing requests of this nature.

The Board will then vote on proposals and send the letters if approved.

In cases where the Board decides to address an urgent request the Board will use an email protocol.

Communications update (Andy)

LCC will have a new communications resource but does not think they will have the capacity to contract for SNG.

Andrea Tritschler has agreed to 3 hours a week of paid contract work with SNG.

The Board thanks Elizabeth Wrigley-Field for jumping in to make sure the July newsletter was distributed to the community.

The Board agreed a newsletter submission deadline be determined and shared with Board members and the larger community.

RISE update (Andy)

Due to the Park Board worker strike, SNG is not able to host the event at Brackett Park. Event organizers are working to find a replacement in the neighborhood and will reach out to [church name] and Bethany Church and REStore.

The Board discussed locating the event at the new Public Safety Center but determined proximity to law enforcement was not a good fit for this event.

Barring that, SNG may contribute to a similar event in Corcoran.

8:00 Discussions

Communications Needs

Discussion of putting together an annual calendar.

MailChimp has some CRM functionality that could be used to capture areas of interest for subscribers. CDC, History Committee, Environment Committee etc. could send regular or one-off emails.

Discussion of creating multiple email audience groups for different interests and asking community members to opt in.

Community Engagement

Community Engagement Committee

There is no capacity to create a CEC committee at this time.

Community Survey

The survey has 41 responses at the time of this meeting.

Co-op Office Hours

A sign up sheet will be distributed to Board members to sign up to hold office hours at Seward Co-op, with some sessions to coincide with Ward 6 Council open hours.

Block Club Support

National Night Out

Should SNG offer prizes to block clubs who are holding NNO or other community events on their block this summer?

There is no capacity to do this this year. SNG will send out a reminder to Block Club leaders to consider hosting a NNO event, to include renters in event outreach and to encourage attendees to complete the Community Survey.

HUB of Heaven

Suggestion to invite community members involved with the gardens to discuss their request for the City to purchase the land on which the gardens are located and to invite Becky Alper.

Winter Frolic

SCCA/ ReDesign have asked that SNG cosponsor the Winter Frolic.

Marilyn Matheny agreed to organize interested community members into an "Artists' Committee" to help plan the event. SNG will donate the use of sewardarts.org.

SLRJ Board Member

Mary is stepping away from acting as SNG Liaison. If no Board member is available to serve in this role, a community member could be appointed. Otherwise the seat will stand open and SLRJ will need to communicate directly with SNG and vice versa.

Public Committee Folders

