

Sumner Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Chair was Yvonne. Introductions were made around the room.

2. Reviewed agenda; Agenda accepted with no changes.

Rochelle moved, Chris second, MSP

3. Approval of Minutes from September 16th as is.

Karen moved, Rebecca second, MSP

4. Treasury Report: balance is \$5,009.99

5. No officer was present tonight.

6. Guest Speakers-Don Francis of Eco Tech. Subject is Radon Gas. Don has been with Eco Tech for about 20 years. Eco Tech was started in 2003. Don came and did a presentation about 10 years ago to Sumner. Radon is a cancer-causing [radioactive](#) gas. You cannot see, smell or taste radon, but it may be a problem in your home. The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today. If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, you're at high risk for developing lung cancer. There are no immediate symptoms that will alert you to the presence of radon. It typically takes years of exposure before any problems surface. The US EPA, Surgeon General, [American Lung Association](#), [American Medical Association](#), and [National Safety Council](#) recommend testing your home for radon because testing is the only way to know your home's radon levels. Radon gas can easily be prevented from entering homes or it can be lowered by installing equipment to shunt the gas out before it enters the living areas. EcoTech installs cost effective abatement systems designed to lower radon to safe levels. See Handouts for more information. Or go to <http://www.ecotechllc.com/radon.htm>

7. Crime-There are some vehicles being broken into in the neighborhood. This seems to be more like crimes of opportunity! Make sure you take all your items out of your vehicle when leaving your car. Prowlers look into the

car and if they see something they want they will break in. If they see nothing, they may keep going.

There has been drug activity up on 92nd are by the SAN lot and some graffiti on the rocks by the mobile home park gate. Remember to call in if you see something going on. Don't assume someone else is calling. Sometimes you may make a report but you do not see any police officers come by. They do keep the report on file and will come when they are able. The reports are what the police need. The reports help to make high priority areas known.

The motor home with the 2 cars and bikes has been reported to the police. Neighbors have seen the police interacting with them. Some neighbors have spoken to the people and they have stated that they fix bikes and sell them for money and they are just down on their luck right now. They are constantly moving around in the neighborhood.

7. Land Use and Transportation: Land use meeting tomorrow night, nothing to report right now.

8. Old Business, Announcements & Updates: Tree planting will be on December 12th. Contact Yvonne if you are interested in volunteering that day. We will provide a couple of tents and hot chocolate, coffee, and doughnuts for the volunteers.

There was some mention of doing a game night here at the Fire station community room. The Board will work on getting a committee together for this.

There was some talk after the last general meeting of doing a craft day/night. This would be a time that you could come and have coffee/tea and do whatever crafts you are doing at that moment or learn to do some new crafts. This would be open to everyone. No date has been set. We are at the information gathering stage and just want to hear people's ideas.

10. New Business: Vern made a proposal to the SAN Board requesting to replace the SAN Lot sign. The cost would be around \$500.00. He would donate his time and labor in doing the sign. This would include the sign, planting of some flowers and maybe a rose bush. We will try to get the sign

done by Dec 12th and have a reveal party at that time to show off the new sign.

Rochelle made the motion to accept the proposal, and Rebecca second, MSP

Evan has resigned from the board. He was the Land Use and Transportation person. That position is open if anyone is interested. Please contact Ronda. Evan will continue to go to the CNN land use meetings, just not as a representative for SAN. He is much focused on the Rocky Butte area and we hope he will continue to keep us informed about what is going on in that area.

Ronda confirmed the speaker for next month will be Jeremy Van Keuren from the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management.

We will then have a speaker about how to prepare your home for an earthquake at a later meeting.

11. One Minute Concerns:

*The Extreme Weapons business next to the Vaporized is going to be doing some changes. There is talk around that they will be selling fire arms.

* Sumner will not be having a Halloween party this year. This is due to the lack of volunteers. Parkrose High School will be having a "Trunk or Treat". Kids can go around and trick or treat from the trunks instead of the doors. This sounds like a fun idea.

*A question was asked about when the Litter patrol will get started up again? This will be decided at a later date.

12. Raffle prizes (bought by Virginia, Karen, Scott) were distributed. Thank you.

13. Ronda made a motion to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Karen; the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.