



Sumner Association of Neighbors (SAN)

SAN Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2025 / Hollywood Library – Community Room - Hybrid Meeting

Call to Order: 6:02 PM by Chair, Tim Batog

In Attendance: Rhonda Johnston (CNN/D1), Tim Batog, Meg Cotner, Nic Luland, Sue Ellen Behnke, David Wiens, Hannah Lewis, Will Pryer, Virginia Petersen, Rowan Steele, Grant Westrum, Julie Rosequist, Levi Cady, Dave Owen, Dylan Evanston. Excused: Denell Graham, Patrick Mounts

Community Members in Attendance: Jeanne Buschart, Thom Ruks, Krista Wheeler

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as written by Virginia Petersen; seconded by Hannah Lewis. Motion carried.

2. Approval of February & March Meeting Minutes:

No minutes were submitted by the previous board. The current Secretary will attempt to draft minutes for February and March using Zoom recordings.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Annual funding: \$1,300 from District 1 East Coalition
 - Current balance: ~\$5,000 (includes \$1,500 designated for signage)
 - Additional funds available: ~\$4,000 Small Grant Fund from District 1; Metro grant also available
 - Rhonda and Sue Ellen will follow up on opening a new account or adding new signers.
- Motion to accept report by Dylan Evanston; seconded by David Wiens. Motion carried.

4. Reimbursement Request:

Reimbursement of \$185.95 to Hannah Lewis for election space rental and snacks. Motion by Virginia Petersen; seconded by Sue Ellen Behnke. Motion carried.

5. Committee Reports:

- Crime & Safety: See attached report.
- Land Use & Transportation: Levi Cady is researching stop sign options for cross streets along 91st Ave.
- Parks & Open Spaces: Will Pryer and others joined the "What If" walk with Friends of Rocky Butte and Councilor Dunphy. Discussion included future park potential. SAN Lot also discussed as a future park site.
- Publicity: New website launched: sumnerpdx.org ; New Facebook page: facebook.com/share/1AfqA1ZBSu ; New Instagram account: instagram.com/sanpdx

- CNN/D1 Delegate: No update. Next CNN/D1 meeting is 6/25/25; Virginia Petersen to report back next meeting.

6. CNN/D1 Updates – Ronda:

- Reviewed conflict of interest forms
- Board must submit a full roster to CNN
- Event proposal list due by July 1
- SAN must update info with DOJ and Secretary of State
- New CNN staff member (graphic designer) available to assist with SAN materials
- Recommendation to form a Bylaws Committee
- Levi and Will should connect with Rhonda about legacy documents at CNN

7. Grievance Discussion:

Summary: Tim Batog submitted a formal grievance citing multiple bylaw violations by the SAN executive board, including the unauthorized postponement of the March election, term limit violations, lack of transparency and information sharing, failure to properly elect the nominating committee, and inadequate meeting notifications. He noted a pattern of unilateral decision-making by the chair and vice chair, emphasized the need for public accountability, and requested that the election be held in May as promised, without current term-limited board members on the ballot.

Tim stepped out of the meeting during discussion.

Resolution Proposed:

- Term-limited board members will not continue in expired positions
- Clearer bylaws and processes for elections and nomination committee formation
- Clearer channels for contacting board members
- File grievance in meeting minutes for record keeping

Motion to adopt resolution by Hannah Lewis; seconded by Rowan Steele. Motion carried.

8. Brainstorming Session:

- Board Meeting Frequency: Monthly meetings for the next 3 months. Motion by Hannah Lewis; seconded by Rowan Steele. Motion carried.
- Space Rental for Meetings: Authorize \$100 for in-person meeting space rentals for the next 3 months. Motion by David Wiens; seconded by Dave Owen. Motion carried.
- Bylaws Overhaul Committee: Members – Meg Cotner, Hannah Lewis, Virginia Petersen, Dave Owen. Motion by Dylan Evanston; seconded by Sue Ellen Behnke. Motion carried.
- Events Committee: Members – Julie Rosequist, David Wiens, Levi Cady, Grant Westrum, Jeanne Buschart. Motion by Dylan Evanston; seconded by Hannah Lewis. Motion carried.
- Meeting Location Committee: Tasked with researching potential in person meeting locations, frequency, time etc. Members- Grant Westrum, Julie Rosequist, Tim Batog, Dave Owen. Motion by Dave Owen, seconded by Tim Batog. Motion carried.
- IT Committee: Tasked with researching non profit Google Workspace and communication apps like Slack/Discord for board use. Members – Dylan Evanston, David Wiens, Dave Owen. Motion by Nic Luland; seconded by Dave Owen. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Hannah Lewis; seconded by Virginia Petersen. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Crime & Safety updates for 6.24.25 SAN Meeting

In this role I envision the following priorities:

- Education
- Communication
- Relationship Building

Local Updates:

- Evolution in policing with Priority Project Car, dedicated officers responding to serious crimes that are the root cause of many other crimes.
- They are taken off of 911 and respond to certain areas of the city that have been under siege by gang activity – which leads to drugs, human trafficking, etc.
- Launched in January and by early March they had 65 arrests and 17 illegals, stolen, unregistered guns confiscated.
- They partner with the Human Trafficking Unit to run stings focused on educating buyers of sex on their role in Human Trafficking, and treat those selling sex as victims. After the buyer is cited, they have to attend a diversion class. The Human Trafficking Unit works closely with a non-profit, Safety Compass, to aid those who have been commercially sold.
- Victims don't know they are victims due to emotional abuse and long process of groomer. What we have learned from victims is that know the harm doer prior to being trafficked, either through meeting on a dating app, drug dealer, friend, or family. They have no access to the money once they make it.
- In February it was a Seattle Gang trafficking woman, a sting led to identifying 2 victims under the age of 18 who were put into protective custody.
- Concerns over PPB's budget brought discussion on the possible end of the Priority Project Car but so far it still is in operation and will be seen less in our neighborhood until more reports from our community identify spikes.
- Homicides are down for the 2nd month in a row <https://www.oregonlive.com/crime/2025/06/portland-once-again-goes-a-month-without-a-homicide-2nd-time-this-year.html>
- Gun violence down 30% - <https://www.kgw.com/article/news/crime/portland-gun-violence-shooting-decline-update/283-4ad0247f-5617-4354-8011-d26d87717096>

Ways to Engage:

- PSAC = Public Safety Action Committee. These meetings always have PPB on, and usually the commander of North Precinct. Ask questions, seek advice, voice concern, share a problem that's unresolved. Sign up for PSAC newsletter and attend meetings. Meetings are currently held on zoom but will offer in person (Hybrid) in the future.
- Invite PPB to our meetings? Elliot Neighborhood has law enforcement there every meeting.
- Future Idea: Saturday/Sunday morning "Talk with a Cop" – Escape is willing to host.
- Build positive relationships with our desired businesses in Sumner. Some are facing severe hardship due to crime.

General Updates:

- The [2024 Internet Crime Report](#) combines information from 859,532 complaints of suspected internet crime (Fraud & Scams) and details reported losses exceeding \$16 billion—a 33% increase in losses from 2023. According to the 2024 report, the most complaints were received from California, Texas, and Florida. As a group, people over the age of 60 suffered the most losses at nearly \$5 billion and

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submitted the greatest number of complaints. Reporting is one of the first and most important steps in fighting crime so law enforcement can use this information to combat a variety of frauds and scams.

- Fraud/Scams are ALWAYS evolving. Here are some resources on how to spot and identify. But remember, elements may change but the scammers emotional manipulation is consistent. Pay attention to signs they are rushing you; you can't verify what they are telling you is true, maintain a healthy level of skepticism. Common Fraud & Scams: <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/scams-and-safety>
- RBFM set out this year to engage more with Sumner. They recognize how isolated we are, how we experience the same c&s issues – they also are taking note of our new board and growing community engagement. Market President Sarah was impressed with how welcoming our meeting was when she attended, Sumner hasn't always had that reputation. Encourage board/neighbors to shop and support. Perhaps this is a relationship we can grow? We also have the option to table at a market for free as a sponsor. What could that look like?