



Sumner Association of Neighbors (SAN)

SAN Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025 / Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: 6:02 PM by Chair, Yvonne Rice

In Attendance: Board Members: Yvonne Rice, Karen McAninch, Tim Batog, Virginia Petersen, Dave Ganslein. Nominating Committee Members: Sue Ellen Behnke, Hannah Lewis, Joshua Shirley. Community Members: Char S, Julie Baasch, Meg Cotner. Excused: David Wiens.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Virginia Petersen; seconded by Karen McAninch. **Motion carried.**

2. Approval of January 21, 2025 Draft Minutes

Motion to approve by Karen McAninch; seconded by Tim Batog. **Motion carried.**

3. Treasurer's Report

- Total balance: \$5,641
- Restricted funds: \$1,500 (signage – Scott), \$1,200 (Metro cleanup)
Unrestricted funds: \$2,941
- No small grant funds received yet

Motion to approve by Tim Batog; seconded by Karen McAninch. **Motion carried.**

4. Committee Reports

- **Parks & Open Spaces:** Tim Batog reported an informal conversation with a city council member regarding the potential for converting the SAN Lot into a city park. No formal developments yet.
- **Land Use:** Cell tower land use application was denied.

5. Nominating Committee Update

- Committee has not yet met but plans to do so. Hannah, Sue Ellen, and Rhonda confirmed availability; Joshua Shirley was unresponsive due to scheduling conflicts. Text messaging preferred for coordination.
- Emphasis on meeting in person initially, followed by Zoom planning.
- Hannah posted election information on social media; Rhonda to send out mailers.
- Committee discussed having a candidate list prepared in advance and past practices for informing the community through newsletters and meetings.
- The importance of clearly communicating time commitment and responsibilities was highlighted.
- The board discussed potential candidate questions, including commitment to a two-year

term and relevant contributions.

- Candidate vetting was discussed, including the idea of background checks, though concerns were raised about liability and accessibility.
- Hannah asked for board guidance on creating an inclusive and fair process.
- Discussion also included the value of in-person meetings and a potential neighborhood hotel venue for gatherings.
- Draft candidate questions have been prepared by Hannah and Sue Ellen.

6. Grievance Submission

Tim Batog submitted a grievance. The board is considering next steps; no discussion held at this meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Tim Batog; seconded by Virginia Petersen. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.