

## SHNA Sustainability Committee

September 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**In Attendance:** Catie Beattie (chairperson), Bryan Burch, Dave Malcolm, Tina Schafer, Francine Storzbach and Mark Wensel.

Catie began the meeting at 6:38 pm. We unanimously approved the August 25, 2009 meeting minutes as amended.

**Tree Steward Program.** Bryan reminded us that the TSP begins on September 29 and there is space available for more students. The TSP is complete in late October.

**Recycling Resources.** We agreed to collect information about recycling and reuse resources into a single SHNA resource (e.g., our future website). For example: styrofoam can be recycled in a very big dumpster at the Legacy loading dock at the southwest corner of NW 22<sup>nd</sup> and Pettygrove [verify location]. Francine volunteered to gather the resource information and Dave volunteered to assist with editing as necessary.

**SHNA Project / Grant Application.** We discussed the NWNW neighborhood small grants program (<http://www.nwnw.org/GrantProgram.html>) and how to improve our neighborhood with a grant. Bryan will attend the September 24 grant proposal process meeting at NWNW. The grant application deadline is 2:00 pm, November 2 at NWNW. A grant application needs to include community building aspects and partnerships with other groups or organizations. We envision our SHNA project to include the following components:

- Median improvement. Upgrading the Skyline median between Chevron and Plaid Pantry by removing the weeds and replacing them with native vegetation, and installing a welcome to the neighborhood sign.
- Road sharing signage. Installing neighborhood signs alerting drivers to share the road with bikes and pedestrians along select primary / high use streets (e.g., Skyline, Barnes, 58<sup>th</sup> and Fairview. Francine noted a good signage example is by Council Crest Park at Talbot / Fairmont. Ideally such signs would be installed at appropriate locations near the SHNA entrances (e.g., on northbound Skyline just past the end of the bike lane and on southbound Skyline just past the Barnes intersection). The signs' purpose is to create neighborhood awareness and promote safety.
- School zone creation / signage. Creating a school zone with a posted speed limit and signs on 58<sup>th</sup> from Clay to Canyon and on Montgomery. Hopefully the school zone will slow down traffic and increase safety and enforcement efforts.
- Bike route signage. Some streets like 61<sup>st</sup> are designated bike routes since they are low traffic alternatives to busy streets like 58<sup>th</sup> and Skyline. Installing signs informing drivers and bikers would be positive in several ways.

These ideas naturally encourage partnerships with organizations with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, Portland Public Schools, students and their families, Portland Department of Transportation and SHNA members. Such partnerships are a key goal of the neighborhood small grants program. After preparing the application we'll need to inform the SHNA board of directors and get their approval.

**Mission Statement.** Catie led a discussion about a committee mission statement. The discussion coalesced to three themes: environmental stewardship (green space, habitat and species), sustainable use (recycling and reuse) and community projects (clean ups, beautification, etc.). We agreed to brainstorm mission statements and review suggestions at the next meeting. Send your ideas to Catie before the next meeting and she will compile them.

**New Resources.** Angela Southwick at NWNW emailed the following information:

- A neighborhood sustainability action program (see <http://southeastuplift.org/files/neighborhoodclimateactionplanninghandbook.pdf>),

- Trails grant (see [www.oregon.gov/oprd/grants/trails.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/grants/trails.shtml)); and
- An ecoroof seminar (see <http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?a=196096&c=48725> and <http://www.portlandonline.com/BES/index.cfm?&c=44422> [generally]).

**Website.** Make a list of what you want to see on the committee website and forward it to Dave before our next meeting and he'll compile the ideas.

**Upcoming Meetings.** The next committee meeting is October 27.

The meeting ended at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Malcolm, acting secretary.

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