

SNA Board Meeting 10-3-19

Present: SNA Board: Lorraine, Matt, Russell, Reuben, Colin, KC. Others: Taylor Bachman, Sunia Gibbs, Julia Peattie

Meeting came to order at 7PM.

Interim Director Appointments. There are 2 seats to fill at this time, for outgoing Board members Pat Schweibert and Sean Watkins.

(Matt): Matt appointed Sunia Gibbs. Sunia has been a Pastor for 20 years, and is the current Pastor of the Groves Church. She holds a degree in Sociology from PSU. Board voted unanimously to accept this appointment.

Matt nominated Julia Peattie for the other seat. Russell nominated Taylor Bachman. Majority voted for Julia. Julia was active with the drafting of the GNA, and has lived in Sunnyside for 30 years.

City Code Change: Draft July 2018 was discussed. SNA would like to see Neighborhood Associations included in the Code, keep the Land Use and Appeals process intact, and have all organizations held to the same Open Meeting standards as NA's.

Board approved language for a letter to be addressed to Commissioners Chloe Eudaly and Suk Rhee.

Matt read a letter, his response to the Grievance dated September 30, 2019. Lorraine stated that the Grievance Letter was not copied to the Board.

Matt also brought copies of the email/text conversations he had had with Russell Rinaldi dated Sept 27th.

The letter Matt read concludes with: Due to the personal nature of its contents, I recuse myself from further discussion of this matter, (excepting requests for information from the Board or its designee during deliberations thereof, if necessary) and will be taking a leave of absence from the Board and my duties effectively immediately.

Matt adjourned the meeting and left the room.

Reuben, as Vice Chair, brought the meeting to order at 7:40.

Russell stated he was surprised at this, as he thought he had communicated that based on statements Matt made at the Tuesday S&L meeting, namely, that there would be, in Russell's words, "an effort to encourage participants to speak more openly." He thought he had made it clear to Matt that the grievance would be "dropped." Reuben will communicate this to Matt. Lorraine suggested that the grievance needs to be formally rescinded, preferably in writing. Russell will seek to get signatures on a document for the Board to review, but stated the Grievance is dropped at this time. Reuben suggested we may have a meeting dedicated to communications, both with each other as Board members, and with community members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM-Minutes recorded by Lorraine Henriques, Board Secretary