

Minutes
Spencer Butte Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting Oct 19, 2025

Business Meeting

The meeting was convened by Maureen McClain, SBNA President, at 4:10 pm.

Election of SBNA Board Members - The three-year terms for 3 board members, Doug McCarty, Kerry Silvey, and Rolly Thompson, end 12/31/25. All three have agreed to run for re-election. No additional volunteers or nominations were received. All present voted in favor of Doug, Kerry, and Rolly serving three-year terms 1/1/26 – 12/31/28.

SBNA Financial Summary – Maureen reviewed the 2024 SBNA financial summary. The summary is available on the Members Only section of the SBNA website.

2025 SBNA activities – Maureen reviewed SBNA activities since the October 2024 Annual Meeting. Key activities included:

- **Brush Clean-up** - Althea Sullivan from Eugene Springfield Fire arranged for containers to be delivered to and picked up from the Lois Barton Park and for the Youth Corps to assist in loading the containers. The clean-up was a huge success - SBNA members dropped off enough brush to fill three containers.
- **Picnic** - Approximately 25 people attended the Picnic at the Lois Barton park, which was an increase from last year.
- **Wine Tasting** – Approximately 25 people attended the wine tasting held at the home of Doug and Sookjae McCarty. Thank you Doug and Sookjae for hosting.

SBNA website update – Kerry presented a “show and tell” of new features of the SBNA website, sbna.net:

- **Members Only section** with links to contact information for Board Members and Local Group Leaders, Board Meeting minutes, Annual Meeting minutes, information about the Lois Barton (SBNA) Park, the 2024 SBNA Financial Summary, and SBNA bylaws. Instructions for logging into the Members Only section will be sent to Board Members to test that the login process is working, and then to the membership.
- **On-line dues payment** – we are using the payment gateway Stripe. All payers’ financial information is collected by Stripe and none is collected or stored on the SBNA website. We hope the new system will increase the proportion of SBNA area residents and property owners that pay dues. Thank you SBNA Treasurer Rachel Ruckman for setting this up.

- **On-line SBNA New Membership application** – Completed forms are automatically emailed to Kerry, Maureen, & Sarah McArthur. One of them will check that the applicant is eligible to join SBNA and respond to them by email.
- **On-line Application to gain access to the Members Only section of the website:** Completed forms are automatically emailed to Kerry, Maureen, & Sarah McArthur. One of them will check that the applicant lives or owns property in the SBNA area and respond to them by email.

Rachel has set up the system for on-line donations to SBNA. Kerry will add the link to the website.

The business meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 pm.

Presentations

Jeanne Howell gave an interesting presentation with lots of photos about the types of wasps in our area, their nests, and her business collecting wasp nests and selling them to a pharmaceutical company (HollisterStier Allergy) for immune therapy (allergy shots) for people allergic to wasp stings.

A few key points from Jeanne's presentation:

- Oregon has 7 species of "ground" yellowjackets. People can be allergic to one or more species.
- "Ground" yellowjacket nests are not necessarily in the ground – they just need a dark place.
- All yellowjackets die at the end of the season; the queen lays ~ 200 eggs that hatch queens the next spring; new queens fly off to start new nests.
- Yellowjackets don't re-use nests the next year.
- Only queens can digest meat.
- Generally, bald-faced hornet stings are the most painful (unless you are allergic to yellowjackets...).

Ryan Turner with Eugene Parks and Open Space described planned updates to the ridgeline trail system in our area:

- A new 32-space parking lot will be constructed this summer across the street from the current 52nd Street Ridgeline Trailhead. The parking lot will be gated.
- A new trail between the planned new parking lot and the South Eugene Meadows Park is being constructed and will be completed this summer. Ryan thanked Britt Boutin and Rebecca Chapman for granting an easement to the city through their property for a portion of the trail.
- The city contracts with a security company to close the gates on gated parking lots at ~ 11:00 pm and open them at ~ 5:00 am. SBNA members described their observations that the main Spencer Butte parking lot gate not closed on some nights or closed much later than 11:00 pm.