

# Shand steps in as interim chair of South Burlingame neighborhood

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Nineteen people attended the South Burlingame Neighborhood Association (SBNA) meeting on Sept 23 at the Capitol Hill School library. Sylvia Bogert, SWNI executive director, chaired. After introductions, she announced the current SBNA chair, Mike Andrews, wished to step down. She appointed Betsy Shand interim chair. The SBNA has openings for several more positions. Elections are in May.

Shand brought up the issue of the new neighborhood garbage can distribution noting the cans are large, especially for the elderly or those living alone. Although not advertised, smaller sized cans are

available.

Shand also brought up an important phone number: 503.823.4000. Part of City Information and Referral, the number serves as a switchboard for everything city related. "Five people keep up to date with who is in charge of everything," Shand said. From potholes to traffic to garbage cans, call this number and get directed to the right place.

Bogert discussed upcoming neighborhood grant proposals and urged interested groups to apply. Grants between \$200 and \$2000 are available to 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organizations with ideas for neighborhood improvement.

One neighbor suggested cleaning up the triangle on Southwest 12th and Spring Garden Road where among other problems, a dead tree

has been for over two years.

The cost of new plants would be about \$1000. Several neighbors wanted to add "Burlingame" to neighborhood street signs in a project known as sign caps. After the meeting, a small grant-writing group formed. Grant proposals are due on November 3. For more information, contact Sylvia Bogert at 503-823-4592.

Two people raised concerns about a registered sexual predator currently living close to a school on Southwest Hume Street. They complained about traffic, noise, and general nuisance. They will try to bring a crime prevention specialist to the next SBNA meeting to help pull together a neighborhood response.

The next issue concerned neighborhood daycare centers. A man from the neighborhood explained

that individuals could earn extra money by taking in a few children. However, he felt, people abused the law by developing large, commercial daycare centers that generated noise and traffic. Bogert suggested mediation.

Everyone is invited to a Community Policing Reception at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28 at the Multnomah Center Auditorium. A free dinner and door prizes will celebrate the contribution police officers have made to the community. ...A candidate's forum will be held on Monday, October 20, at the Multnomah Center Auditorium, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, will start at 6:30 p.m.... Recycle your non-hazardous junk at the Fall Cleanup, Saturday November 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Portland Christian Center, 5700 SW Dosch Rd.

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