



# Ballinger Neighborhood Association

## Meeting *Minutes*

May 4, 2015

6:30pm *Pre-Meeting*: Park *Walk-n-Talk* with Shoreline Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director Eric Friedli. Met at Brugger's Bog Park, walked through the park and discussed ideas for improvements to make the park more inviting for neighbors and users, such as reducing sense of isolation to park users by improving visibility to roads; improving accessibility of park to residents living in apartments and condos on park's northern border; and placing rocks or small fence on 25<sup>th</sup> Ave to deter people from driving on and damaging grass.

Location: LFP Montessori Gym at 19935 19th Ave NE, Shoreline

In Attendance: Kevin Osborn, Nancy Moreyra, Londa Jacques, Joyce Lingerfelt, Gary Lingerfelt, Patty Dooley, Alice Lawson, Stephanie Angelis. Guest Speaker: Eric Friedli

Call to order: 7:17pm

### Guest Speaker: Q&A

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Provided his background prior to joining as City of Shoreline staff. He recognizes parks as valuable public spaces that are unique and require vision that can change along with the needs of the community over the years. It is really important that local parks are valued and supported by the local community; police and government can't do everything.

After walk at Brugger's Bog, he sees there is a visibility issue and thinks the park needs a strategy for increasing security, comfort and making more people aware it is there and use it. Initial ideas points to opening up the sight line on Ballinger and northern boundary. Also considering how the southern boundary could be addressed as the maintenance yard is improved, and how the maintenance yard might be an asset to the park as well.

Question: Concern expressed for young kids in park using drugs & alcohol, which adds to a feeling of the park being unsafe for others.

Answer: crime prevention at a park can be addressed through environmental design.

Question: If community wants to run a work party at the park, is that okay?

Answer: As long as coordinate with City, so City can tell group where to put debris afterward.

Question: How do we get a proposed budget for park improvements, if we wanted to move toward applying for a mini grant to get some of the park work done?

Answer: Start with Maureen Colaizzi at City, but note that there are no resources for big projects at this time. City often contracts with EarthCorp and Mountains to Sound, to help coordinate volunteers to help do larger park projects. Earthcorp could help with a walk thru of Brugger's Bog to help create an estimate for their help.



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Londa Comment: The creek can't be daylighted, so all around the creek can't be cleared much. This limits much potential of increasing visibility from 25<sup>th</sup>. Best potential is increased visibility along maintenance yard.

Patty Request: Believes city staff is currently only emptying garbage cans at the park and would like them to walk thru and pick up debris at park too.

Question: Are there any public-private partnership models? TruGreen is local landscaping business. 24 hours fitness.

Answer: City is happy to have conversation with anyone wants to step forward with volunteers or funding for projects - Adopt a Park type model –and would consider recognition, but not rename the park.

Question: What is planning for the different pieces (Brugger's Bog, Aldercrest, Maintenance Facility) that could be part of a comprehensive plan for area?

Answer: Don't know politics yet, but is important for the maintenance facility to respect and support the direction the park.

Design is key. Planning for that includes opportunity for interaction with park.

Ballinger Open space could be a natural space, with future for path trails to enjoy the area. Similar to Boeing Creek park.

Question: What is parks overall plan for athletic fields and complexes? Very few large land tracks that could accommodate large fields in the NE of Shoreline.

Answer: Haven't heard much conversation about athletic fields. Hasn't come up. Next year (2016-2017) park to make plan. Could do recreation demand study for community.

Gary comment: Connections between City, School District and Parks are important. There is new leadership at school district and parks, so good opportunity for opening conversations and collaboration since District owns most larger areas. Ongoing, friendly, cooperative relationship would be key.

Approval of Agenda: Approved without change.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from April 6, 2015, meeting approved with one correction [spelling of name Londa Jacques].

Treasurer's report: Report approved without change. Not all Community Garden payments have been received by Treasurer yet, and BALNA website annual renewal payment has been made.

### Activity Reports

**Community Garden**: Roger, a neighborhood bee man, set-up 2 active hives of Mason bees at the garden, bringing about 500 bees to help pollinate at the garden.



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**Council of Neighborhoods (CON):** CON held a Recology facility tour with 16 visitors, representing about 8 neighborhoods. Was a phenomenal tour and others are begging for CON to hold another summer tour.

**Outdoor Movie Night (OMG):** Date is Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Saturday following Celebrate Shoreline. Needs Board approval for the activity to attach to mini grant request. Nancy moved to have OMN on Aug 22. Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote taken and approved unanimously.

Talked with Meridian Park about teaming with us. We're on short list for a City presence (police, fire, etc). Idea for next year: Map of grounds & events, using a large laminated map (avoid paper).

**Aldercrest Clean-up/Adopt-a-Road:** Will get District approval for August clean-up, then use NextDoor and website to advertise.

### Board Elections:

Londa, Patty and Kevin all nominated for renewed term as Board members. Stephanie moved to renew the appointments. Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote taken and approved unanimously.

Officer appointments will be voted on at a planning meeting, Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:30pm at Ballinger Starbucks. Next year's meeting calendar also to be determined at that meeting.

### Other Business:

Create a flyer that could help collect DVDs/books for annual sale, and interest in cleanups, community garden, Neighborhood Watch, and Outdoor movie night.

Traffic Safety Walk-n-Talk on Ballinger Way. The complexity is getting City staff. Kevin will open up City staff invited to get more options. Summer is still better idea for schedule. Must be held on a weekday to accommodate work schedules.

Adjourned 8:35 pm

### Meeting Calendar:

New Board Planning Meeting, **June 1, 2015** at Ballinger Starbucks