



Ballinger Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting *Minutes*

January 9, 2017

Location: North City Water District, 19935 19th Ave NE, Shoreline

In Attendance: Alice Lawson, Stephanie Angelis, Joyce Lingerfelt, Nancy Moreyra, Kevin Osborn.

Call to Order: 7:20 pm

Approval of Agenda: Meeting agenda approved without change.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from Nov 7, 2016 meeting reviewed and approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: Report dated 8-Jan-2017 provided and reviewed. Report reflects year end balances. Nancy requests Board member provide budget development input at the Feb meeting (e.g., costs for supplies, events, National Night Out, Facebook boosts)

Activity Reports:

Community Garden: School District has approved the garden remaining on-site. Use is restricted to non-school hours, weekends and all time when school is out. Next year school will allow access to space and water.

Joyce requested that application money be sent straight to Treasurer for 2017 garden plots. Nancy agreed. Joyce will work with Stephanie to update the application form and send to Alice for posting to the website.

Joyce motioned to reduce 2017 garden plot price from \$35 to \$30. Alice seconded the motion. Joyce explained that BALNA's garden fund is healthy, \$30 is the fee for City Twin Ponds community plots that provide a larger plot, and BALNA gardeners are also required to give 8 hours community service for each plot rented. Vote taken. \$30 fee for 2017 approved.

CON: Focusing on using social media for outreach; need 5 posts a week for success. Stephanie goal is to post 5 a week to reach a goal of increased NextDoor Ballinger members and Facebook followers.

Looking for Senior shuttle program volunteers. Shuttle drivers provide rides to MD appts, grocery, etc. for Shoreline seniors.

High schools are doing a free technology day on MLK Jr day for helping people use their tech for phones, tablets, PC (e.g., set-up Facebook and Nextdoor).

Adopt a Road: Next clean-up date is Jan 28th starting at 9:00am. Patty will pick-up the gear bag from the City. Patti complimented the School District. She saw trash (washing machine), took pictures and sent to District and it was clean by month end.

Other Business:

Aldercrest Facility for 2017 Meetings: No request submitted to the School District yet. Stephanie will make the request, with a target for using for March meeting. Holding meetings at a Ballinger neighborhood location again will make more accessible for local community members.

BALNA Email Account Change: Email account transition is complete. The GoDaddy email account is closed and the gmail account Ballingerneighborhood@gmail.com is set-up. BALNA website links have been updated and the new contact information has been provided City and Shoreline Area News contacts.

February Meeting planning: North Maintenance Facility project manager may visit Feb meeting. Board has questions on the project:

- Where is City on the overall N. Maintenance facility (NMF) project schedule?



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- What is the City's plan for dealing with the abatement of the contamination found? How does it impact a project schedule for facility building?
- Want to know about lighting plans (in/around NMF). Where would that fit into the project timeline?
- How do the 25th Ave sidewalk additions fit into the NMF plans?
- If the NMF project has been put on hold, what is plan for ongoing upkeep and beautification of current site? (Comments: If a private owner let a property go to same state of disrepair as current NMF site, the City would be all over the owner. The City dump looks nicer than NMF.)

Ballinger Traffic Safety Improvements: Still no word or action from City Transportation staff on the traffic safety improvements discussed at Walk-n-Talk last year. We need to start monthly request for status updates from the City.

Fircrest Letter of Support: CON co-chair is heading an effort to have the Fircrest pool facility to be more of community facility and for the City to lease land for community gardens, etc. Nancy moves that BALNA board support the Fircrest effort and submit a letter of support. Stephanie 2nd. Vote taken and motion passed. Stephanie to draft and sign a letter of support on behalf of BALNA board.

Adjourn: 8:27 pm

Meeting Calendar

2017: Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1 (Potluck, annual membership mtg, Board elections), June 5