



# Ballinger Neighborhood Association

## Meeting *Minutes*

October 6, 2014

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

In Attendance: Kevin Osborn, Alice Lawson, Nancy Moreyra, Tamara Reis, Ilene Bongo, Chris Reis, Londa Jacques, Joyce Lingerfelt, Cya Aura, Stephanie Angelis, Lori Hoffman, Robert Bundy, Kathleen Glasgow, Shoreline Arts Council (Guest), King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski (Guest)

Call to order: 6:55pm

Guest Speaker, King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski

Provided overview of King County as our "hidden government" and distributed a guide to County services. Discussed the following issues:

- **Metro Bus Service:** Is most visible County service and is County's #1 economic, human services and environmental program.
- **Youth Services:** Is concerned with loss of funding for youth services programs. Said every \$1 spent on youth services saves \$17 on future human service interventions. Is looking to develop master plan for youth services and to get a children's' levy passed to create a dedicated funding source for children's' programs.
- **Water Quality:** 1.5% of sewer rate has been set aside for water quality restoration. Mentioned work being done to find source of persistent human fecal ecoli contamination in Thorton Creek.

- **Traffic and Bus Stops:**

Issues in Ballinger neighborhood discussed. Elizabeth from CM Dembowski's office has talked with Metro staff who was not aware of Ballinger concerns, but now that on their radar can have a meeting to discuss possible solutions.

- Ideas discussed for addressing unsafe bus stop on Ballinger Way:
  - Build an island mid-road to give 'safe zone' for pedestrians as cross Ballinger.
  - Create a pedestrian lighted crosswalk across the street.

Discussed high speeds allowed on Ballinger Way in Shoreline, even though speeds reduce to 30 mph in Lake Forest Park. Is a State and City issue (not County), and cities now have authority to lower speed without first conducting a traffic study.

CM Dembowski pleased that BALNA is being proactive to improve pedestrian safety and is willing to get together for a "walk thru" with State and City traffic staff to help determine what can be done to address neighborhood concerns.

Also pledged to call City and talk with police chief to do a "walk it, see it, find it" event for our area.

- **Oil Trains:** Provided brief oil trains update, saying there is tremendous increase in those coming through King County from North Dakota to Cherry Point for refining crude. Bad news is federal preemption prevents County's from controlling trains; federal law controls railroads. As one proactive measure, he has requested County's Emergency Management office study the trains and create a disaster plan in case of a future emergency.

Lori Hoffman: Shoreline LFP Arts Council



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Recent Shoreline/LFP resident survey shows low awareness of the Arts Council and its programs. Now reaching out to neighborhoods to ask "Do you like what we're doing?" and "What else would you like to see us doing?" Arts Council is looking closely at its mission to ensure is aligned with community interests. Are also starting a membership drive to help create a funding source to help supplement money received from cities

### **BALNA Business Items**

Approval of Minutes: of Sept 8, 2014 meeting minutes approved without change.

Treasurer's report: *none provided. Next report will be at November 2014 meeting*

Reports:

**Community Garden Update:** *none provided* (Chair had to leave meeting early)

**Adopt-A-Road Recap:** *none provided* (Chair not in attendance)

**Fall Cleanup at Aldercrest Park** (Oct 18<sup>th</sup>): Clean up will run from 10am – 12pm, meeting at Aldercrest tennis courts. Bringing gas powered weed whackers and lawn mowers is big help in getting lots of trimming work done in short period of time.

### **Other Business:**

- Shoreline School District's new Superintendent Rebecca Minor would like to meet with neighborhood associations. Kevin will invite her to join us at our BALNA's November 2014 meeting.
- Londa proposed BALNA consider a new community building idea for next year; organizing a neighborhood garage sale modeled after City of Everett's event. Individual garage sales are posted in advance so that a map can be created, allowing visitors to easily see where all sales are happening across neighborhood. It could be a good fundraiser and helps get people out to look into their own community.

Adjourned: 8:06pm

### Meeting Calendar

**2014:** Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> **2015:** Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>