



# Ballinger Neighborhood Association

November 2, 2015

## *Minutes*

North City Water District, 1519 NE 177<sup>th</sup> St, Shoreline

Attendance: Londa Jacques, Stephanie Angelis, Kevin Osborn, Nancy Moreyra, Patty Dooley, Joyce Lingerfelt, Gary Lingerfelt, Alice Lawson. *Guest:* Marianne Webber.

Call to order: 7:04pm

Agenda: Approved without change

### Guest Speakers:

**Marianne Webber with Vision House** spoke on the non-profit's history and efforts to build its first northern residential facility in Shoreline. Vision House provides transitional housing, support services and child care for homeless children and parents. She explained that homelessness looks very different in our end of town, where we don't see the homeless hanging around outside. This poses a challenge because people are more likely to think 'if I don't see it, it's not a problem'. When Vision House opened its first 10-unit building they received 2,000 calls for assistance. Homeless families are often more hidden because they are surviving by staying with friends (couch surfing), living in cars or RVs. She also explained the reasons for homelessness vary, including serious illnesses, relationship issues, and poor financial skills; it is not always because of addictions or mental illness. Vision House works to provide the housing and support services needed by parent to regain stability for the family.

**Kevin Osborn with Hopelink** spoke on the broad reach of the non-profit's services to people in need, including a transportation program for Medicaid recipients (DART service), and 5 sites in Northern and Eastern King County offering food programs, energy financial assistance, and case management. Kevin provided an overview of the *Ronald Commons* project, which will be the new location of the Shoreline *Hopelink* starting in January 2017. The *Ronald Commons* will include 60 housing units, serving veterans and other homeless. The new food bank program at the Commons will be designed as a grocery store model, with users given 'points' to spend, and users have the flexibility to select get the kinds of foods they need with the points they have.

Minutes: Minutes from Oct 6, 2015 meeting approved as submitted (Kevin moved, Londa 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote).

Treasurer's Report: Report dated 2-Nov-15 provided and reviewed.

### Activity Reports

**BALNA Adopt-a-Road/Aldercrest Clean-up:** Adopt-of-Road clean-up was held Sat Oct 31, 2015. Three volunteers successfully cleared all litter along 25<sup>th</sup> to 205<sup>th</sup> and over to 20<sup>th</sup> NE. No work was done at Aldercrest; grass growth along fenceline and in tennis courts is dormant.



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**Community Garden:** Garden activity is now primarily inactive for the winter. Joyce reported that the port-a-potty at the school is now gone, leaving no bathroom facility for garden users.

**Council of Neighborhoods (CON):** There is interest in possible joining with another neighborhood association to host a 2<sup>nd</sup> movie night in Shoreline.

**Outdoor Movie Night:** Patty looked into cost of getting a larger movie screen to accommodate the growing audience and it is not as expensive as expected, so may be a possibility for the 2016 grant request.

## Other Business:

- **Traffic Safety on Ballinger Way.** Kevin has followed-up with CM Dembowski, who was not able to attend the Walk-n-Talk event, but has received no response. Alice made public comment at Oct 12, 2015 City Council meeting thanking City for support of traffic safety improvements and looking forward to implementation starting in 2016.

Adjourned 9:05 pm

## Meeting Calendar

**2016:** Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 7, Apr 4 (potluck), May 2 (board elections), June 6 (officer appointments)