



Ballinger Neighborhood Association

January 4, 2016

Minutes

North City Water District, 1519 NE 177th St, Shoreline

Attendance: Londa Jacques, Stephanie Angelis, Kevin Osborn, Nancy Moreyra, Patty Dooley, Joyce Lingerfelt, Alice Lawson.

Call to order: 7:06pm

Agenda: Approved without change

Minutes: Minutes from Nov 2, 2015 meeting approved as submitted (Kevin moved, Londa 2nd, unanimous vote).

Treasurer's Report: Report dated 3-Jan -16 provided and reviewed.

- **Website/Email costs:** Discussed concern with website cost getting too high (jumped from jumped from approx \$95/year to \$167/year). BALNA pays GoDaddy web host service for domain names (ballingerneighborhood.org) and balna.org) and website hosting. The balna.org account is linked to all email addresses.
 - GoDaddy appears to have started charging us a premium for having more than 5 email accounts.
 - Decision made to delete four unused accounts (*balnaChair@balna.org*, *balnaTreasurer@balna.org*, *KathyParnell@balna.org*, and *PattyDooley@balna.org*)
 - Accounts for *balnaSecretary@balna.org* and *balnaWebmaster@balna.org* remain active.
 - Website 'contact us' are set to forward to webmaster and secretary. Any garden emails that come through will be forwarded to Joyce, Helen or Michael.
- **2016 Budgeting:** Next meeting a draft 2016 budget will be provided for discussion. Board members were asked to think about and be prepared to provide budget input for the upcoming year.

Activity Reports

Community Garden:

- **2016 Garden Fees:** Will remain the same as 2015. Community Garden pricing is set to cover costs and help keep a \$1,000 balance in garden account 'because never know when changes are coming' that might require available funds.
- **2016 Garden Plot Forms:** Stephanie to meet with Joyce to help get the forms updated for 2016. Goal is to have completed and available by end of January.
- **School District lease with Sound City Bible Church** is ending in June 2016. District is going to remodel the school to house two District programs (Room 9 and Home Education Exchange). Garden committee is concerned whether District will allow garden to continue using space in back of school. Currently garden has been 'under the radar'; Use Agreement



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is outdated and needs to be renewed. Joyce and Stephanie will reach out to District to renew the Use Agreement.

- **Underground water faucet** (approx. 50 years old) is stuck open, forcing garden to have to keep water on all the time. Although water is turned 'off' at end of hose spigot, would be good to get the main turn-off fixed. Frozen hose damage is a concern when weather gets to freezing temps.

Outdoor Movie Night (OMN): *Nothing to report at this time*

Council of Neighborhoods (CON): CON Meetings are focused on 'Continued Learning Initiative'; were talking traffic safety, now on communications.

- **How neighborhood associations' contact others?** BALNA uses emails, NextDoor, Shoreline Area News, sandwich board signs, annual newsletter, garden kiosk, and Outdoor Movie Night event.
- **Welcome Packets for new neighbors** CON provided packets and list of people moved to Ballinger between May-Sept 2015. Includes Shoreline Resource Packet. Patty will update the *Letter of Welcome* from BALNA to be included in packets. Board members concerned that City's list for welcome packets only includes people who have bought a house. We want to reach people who move into apartments too. Hard to know when/who they are though. Decision made to make a smaller packet that could be given to local apartment managers, with request to share with any new residents. Patty will work on *Letter of Welcome* for this purpose too.

Aldercrest Clean-up/Adopt-a-Road: Next adopt-of-road clean-up is scheduled for Sat, February 13, 2016 at 9:00am. Volunteers encouraged to wear valentine theme colors.

Other Business:

- **NextDoor Safety Survey Results:** 8 comments received and all were traffic related. This is what prompted getting radar speed carts for 25th & 205th. Patty to post a message on NextDoor letting people know actions taken as results of survey input.
- **Future speaker planning:** Londa has confirmed Brian with Diggin' Shoreline for March 7th meeting, and invited Maureen Colaizzi on City PROS Parks for April 4th meeting. Constance (Dept of Neighborhoods) requested February 1st as meeting for Randy Witt, new Public Works Director, to come and speak to BALNA on the upcoming maintenance yard project. Londa to confirm the date with Director Witt.

Adjourned 8:15 pm

Meeting Calendar

2016: Mar 7 (Guest Speaker), Apr 4 (Guest Speaker/Potluck), May 2 (board elections), June 6 (officer appointments)