

Happy Valley Neighborhood Association Board: Meeting Minutes 3/13/17

Present: Wendy, Kate, Jim, Aaron, Sully, Jake, Becky, Alex, Jennifer and Bobbi.

A warm welcome to new board members!

“YIMBY: Yes, in my backyard!” Event is scheduled for April 28-29th. Movie night at the Firehouse on Friday. Day-long workshop at OSLC on Saturday. Sign-ups are available. Posters available for distribution. To sign up and for more information contact Wendy Scherrer at bluegreen.northwest@gmail.com.

Mike Estes from a Bellingham-wide group, also called YIMBY, shared about the goals and formation of that group. Mike is also newly serving on Bellingham’s Planning Commission.

D-ADU Pilot Project. **The motion carried, with one nay vote, to pass the final draft of the Happy Valley Detached-Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program and send it to the Planning Department.** After months of neighborhood study and revision, the program is now in the hands of the City of Bellingham Planning Department. There will be more upcoming opportunities for public comment before this program becomes a reality. D-ADUs provide one option for housing diversity in our neighborhood. This pilot program will allow for up to 20 units to be built and then their impacts on the neighborhood considered.

The following HVNA Board Officers were elected for the upcoming year: President Aaron Walters, Vice President Jim Spaich, Secretary Becky Langholz, Interim Treasurer Ray Dellecker. Ray would like to hand over the treasurer position. Are any other board members willing to serve in this capacity?

Upcoming dates: The HVNA Board will continue meeting on the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be April 10th. The deadline for items for our Spring Newsletter will be May 1st, with a publication date by May 8th. Our next quarterly meeting will be May 18th. We will have a neighborhood BBQ in August. Our final quarterly meeting for 2017 will be November 16th.

The community garden adjacent to OSLC will be up and running this year. Talk to Kate Nichols katennichols@yahoo.com if you want to be a part of it.

Other items: Dog poop (often bagged) and left on the edge of street was mentioned. Jennifer brought up a desire for more sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. We continue to keep an eye on the possibility of a park on the “Mormon land” on Douglas Ave. across from Blossom Day Care and Whatcom Hospice House.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Langholz, beckylangholz@gmail.com.