

Happy Valley Neighborhood Association Board: Meeting Minutes 9/11/17

Present: Wendy, Aaron, Jake, Becky, Bobbi, Jim, Sully, Alex, Kathy, Kate, John H and Barbara.

Fall voter forums: There will be a forum on Prop 2017-6 (the "jail tax") at the Sept 17th Community Meal starting at 6pm. Wendy contacted folks who wrote for the issue pro/con in the voter pamphlet, and Jon Mutchler (pro) and Doug Starcher (con) are confirmed. Becky will facilitate. Plan is to give each side 7 mins to speak and then take questions from the audience. Jim will work to get Michael Lilliquist and Quenby Peterson (Bellingham City Council Ward 6 candidates) to come and debate at the meal on Sunday, October 15th. Ballots will be mailed out on October 18th. We decided not to try to put together a larger candidate forum.

New neighborhood park? Nicole Oliver, Parks Development Manager, presented about park impact fees and a possible new park in Happy Valley on Douglas Ave. Because of new development in our neighborhood in recent years, we have \$262,000 in fees collected. Next step is to see if current owner of 8.5 acre "Mormon property" on Douglas Ave. is interested in selling to the City. Nicole will follow up. The Parks and Recreation Board and Greenways Advisory Committee give recommendations to the City Council about acquiring new parks. Generally speaking, the current focus is to develop more parks in the under-served northern part of Bellingham.

"Do Good in the Neighborhood" event for returning Western Students will be at the Community Garden at OSLC on Saturday, September 30th from 1-5pm. Food will be provided!

D-ADU pilot project: Good neighborhood representation at the Thursday Sept 7th work session for the COB Planning Commission. Commission decided to pursue updating ADU ordinance city-wide with support for including D-ADUs in single-family zones. The Commission does not want to handle this issue on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis, so this leaves our Happy Valley pilot project in limbo. There will be another public work session soon.

Treasurer's report: \$332.90 in savings (a portion of this designated to street trees) and \$1761.77 in checking (portion of this is designated to YIMBY project and needs to be returned to the Community Foundation if not spent by the end of September).

Upcoming: Community Meal on Sunday Sept 17th and next scheduled board meeting is Mon October 9th.

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