

Happy Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA) Monthly Board Meeting 3/14/16

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. The meeting took place at Shelley Weisberg's home on McKenzie Ave. The meeting was facilitated by Vice President Hue Beattie.

Present: Ray Dellecker, Hue Beattie, Wendy Scherrer, Jim Spaich, Becky Langholz, Kathy Hasenjaeger, Yvonne Dean, Kate Nichols and Barbara Perry.

Carol Berry, Kay McMurrin and Ethan Wise were with us from WWU's Student Transportation Program. They are planning on a change to the route of their late-night shuttle service (10pm-2:30am). The loop that currently travels down Donovan to 32nd and back up to Bill McDonald Parkway is underused. The suggested change is to turn the bus back up at 24th (rather than as far east at 32nd). Neighbors had no objections to this change and are supportive of the service. Our guests estimate that 45% of students use bus or bikes on a daily basis but that 50% of students own cars. For more information, email transportation@wwu.edu.

Following up from our quarterly meeting, we discussed detached ADUs (accessory dwelling units). Would Happy Valley like to pilot some of these units in the neighborhood? What would regulations for them look like? How do ADUs fit into the future vision for the neighborhood and issues around affordable housing? Wendy to email Planning Director Rick Sepler for follow-up. We would like some information to read ahead of time to be well-informed for the meeting.

The Southside Community Meal is this Sunday evening, 5-6:30pm. Kate Nichols and Carol Cozad will be our cooks. Thanks to all who can help and come enjoy!

Hue gave an update on the March 26th Democratic caucus. Hue is looking for volunteer help for the caucus happening at Happy Valley Elementary. Visit whatcomdemocrats.com for details about your precinct and caucus location. Sign-in begins around 9:30. In addition to voting for the presidential candidates, there is an opportunity to help create the platform for the Democratic party.

Ray gave a treasurer's report.

Whatcom Conservation District elections are March 15th. You can vote in person at the office at 6975 Hannegan Rd. or request a ballot. More information on the website: <http://www.whatcomcd.org/board-elections>

There will be a celebration for the new Padden Creek on April 1st at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Langholz beckylangholz@gmail.com or 393-6630