

**Happy Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA)
Monthly Board Meeting October 8, 2018 Minutes**

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

Present: Alex McLean, Hue Beattie, Bobbi Vollendorf, Monica Aebly, Richard “Sully” Sullivan, Jim Spaich, John Hymas, Wendy Scherrer, Barbara Perry, Jake Charlton, Jeni Cottrell. **Guests:** Kathy Hasenjaeger.

Treasurer Report: Bobbi Vollendorf reported WECU savings balance \$474, checking \$1,183, tree fund \$263, Whatcom Foundation Project Neighborly grant for Build Small Live Large \$0. \$164 leftover from Food Co-Op \$300 donation. City of Bellingham is offering \$500 reimbursement for neighborhoods’ community building expenditures --the Board approved and Bobbi will apply to the City. This could be used for HVNA newsletter costs and rental fee for the bouncy house at the HVNA Summer Picnic. Bobbi will receive the Health Dept. Permit in November; the cost of the permit is waived.

Minutes of September 10, 2018 HVNA Board meeting approved with a spelling correction of Yvonne Dean.

Guest Amy Brown, the new Volunteer Program Coordinator for Bellingham Parks and Recreation, answered questions about priorities for Happy Valley parks and greenways and the Parks Dept. plan for Connelly Creek Nature Area. HVNA shared their existing Green Infrastructure Plan for HVN. And Board members requested Parks Dept. plant native trees in the Connelly Creek Nature Area and monitor clean up of trash dumped there. Amy and HVNA agreed a tour of Connelly Creek Nature Area, Happy Valley parks and greenways would be scheduled for the near future

Mayor’s Neighborhood Advisory Committee Report: Bobbie said all the neighborhoods reported, and then there was information about the purchase of the old Penny Building and the building at 13th and Mill Avenue.

Alex McLean reported on the new Whatcom Housing Alliance. He shared the Alliance’s organizing principles, structure, and membership. Neighborhood Associations can submit up to 2 members. Kathy Hasenjaeger and Jeni Canttrell said they would like to be representatives for HVNA.

October 21 Southside Community Meal 5:00pm-6:00pm: Wendy needs volunteers. Pam Borso from North Cascades Audubon Society will give a presentation about “Native Plants for Birds – how to create our own backyard bird sanctuary. The Living with Wildlife forum was cancelled because no agency representatives were available”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter: Barbara Perry said the deadline for newsletter articles is November 1st for printing on December 1st. Barbara appealed for help editing and proofreading. Alex volunteered to create a masthead and “President’s Corner” article.

Membership: No report, Sam Lockwood was absent.

HVNA Website and Social Media: Jake Charlton said WordPress is requesting a privacy statement.

Tree, Trails and Streets: John Hymas said he is ready to plant street trees beginning the week after Thanksgiving.

Housing: Wendy shared information about the Whatcom Housing Alliance.

Addition Items: Jeni Canttrell talked about the undeveloped right-of-way at 21st and Larrabee being a prime location for a new pocket park, gathering place, book box, art installation. Board members agreed and supported Jeni in moving forward with her ideas.

Next HVNA Board meeting will be November 12, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by HVNA Secretary Monica Aebly.