

Happy Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA)
Monthly Board Meeting 3-12-2018 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was facilitated by Vice President Hue Beattie. President position is still open.

Present: Hue Beattie, Bobbi Vollendorf, Monica Aebly, Ray Dellecker, Richard "Sully" Sullivan, Jim Spaich, Kate Nichols, John Hymas, Wendy Scherrer, Barbara Perry, Alex McLean, Jake Charlton, and Sam Lockwood.

Treasurer Bobbie Vollendorf presented the treasurer's report. WECU savings balance: \$473, checking \$1,048, tree fund \$190, Whatcom Foundation Project Neighborly grant for Build Small Live Large \$5,000.

Minutes for February 12, 2018 meeting approved with only minor spelling corrections.

Guest Jennifer Tennesen presented to the HVNA Board her proposal to apply for a **WA State "Safe Walk" grant** with the focus of improving pedestrian safety and school walk routes in the Happy Valley Neighborhood.

Simone Sangster of Bellingham School District explained her application for the grant which was focused on safe walks for Bellinghams 14 elementary schools.

Eric Johnston from City of Bellingham explained the City's Pedestrian Master Plan.

After discussion, the HVNA Board voted in favor of supporting Jennifer Tennesen in going forward with applying for the grant for improving pedestrian safety and school walk routes in the Happy Valley Neighborhood. The vote was 8 in favor, 4 opposed and 1 abstained.

Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center's training "Comfort with Conflict: A Workshop for Neighborhood Residents" was awarded to HVNA. The WDR workshop will be held either May 1 or June 2, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Kate Nichols will check with Our Saviors Lutheran Church on which dates are available.

Build Small Live Large (YIMBY 2) April 13 & 14, 2018 - Wendy Sherrer gave an update. Friday, April 13 at 7pm will be a free public showing of the HVN Video "Build Small Live Large" AND a play presented by BAAY youth titled "Us And Them". The conference will be Saturday, April 14 8:30am – 3:00pm, and includes keynote speaker from Sightline Institute, seven presenters on "strategies for Building Small Living Large, lunch, and an afternoon interactive session where attendees will share their ideas about what would make Happy Valley their ideal neighborhood. The conference which will be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Monica passed around a sign-up sheet for people who would like to volunteer for the event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter: Barbara Perry said she welcomed stories from the community. Folks volunteered to help Barbara with editing the newsletter.

Membership: Sam Lockwood reported he is working on getting more members.

HVNA Website and Social Media: Jake Nothing to report since last meeting.

Tree, Trails and Streets: John Hymas presented and it was approved that the HVNA reimburse Bobbie Vallendorf for two tree watering bags she purchased for HVN trees.

Next HVNA Board meeting will be April 2 - agreed.

Next HVNA Quarterly Meeting will be May 10 - agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by HVNA Secretary Monica Aebly.