

Happy Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA)
Monthly Board Meeting 4-2-2018 Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:00pm. 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, John Hymas, Wendy Scherrer, Barbara Perry, Alex McLean, Jake Charlton, and Shovia Muchirawehonodo.

Treasurer Bobbi Vollendorf presented the treasurer’s report. March 31 WECU statement savings balance \$473, checking \$1,136, tree fund \$173, Whatcom Foundation Project Neighborly grant for Build Small Live Large \$3,568.

Approved Minutes for March 12, 2018 meeting with minor spelling corrections.

Guest John Moon, Executive Director Habitat for Humanity - Whatcom County presented Habitat for Humanity International’s “Sustaining Practice” guide on the principles and practices of **Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL)**. MEAL’s set of principles and practices can equip neighborhoods with the knowledge they need to maximize the effectiveness, relevance, and adaptability of collaborative community development initiatives in neighborhoods now, as the neighborhood grows, and into the future. John asked if the Happy Valley neighborhood would be interested in utilizing MEAL’s principles and practices to measure our neighborhood’s overall satisfaction, values and aspirations, and plan for the future.

Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center’s training “Comfort with Conflict: A Workshop for Neighborhood Residents” will be held May 1 6:00pm – 8:00pm at The Firehouse Performing Arts Center. Kate Nichols is the contact person.

Build Small Live Large (YIMBY 2) April 13 & 14, 2018 - Wendy Scherrer 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 Build Small Live Large 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 will be held at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter: Barbara Perry said deadline for submissions is May 30 (June 4 is absolute last date for submissions).

Membership: No report. Sam Lockwood absent.

HVNA Website and Social Media: Jake posted HVN Build Small Live Large video on the HVN website.

Tree, Trails and Streets: John Hymas reported his presentation to MNAC meeting on March 21 was well received. John reported the Tree Keepers meeting included discussion about people cutting down trees on city property and the city has never sought compensation. Seattle’s tree ordinance was mentioned as a monetary compensation model.

Pedestrian Safety & School Walk Route Improvements: Wendy reported Jennifer Tennesen did not apply for a WA State “Safe Walk” grant because no fiscal agent was found.

The City has begun the Donovan water main project.

Next HVNA Board meeting will be May 14 - agreed.

Next Southside Community Meals – March 18th 97 people attended. \$106 donated to Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church.

- April 15 cook – Dale Cunningham and Asko
- May 20 – need cook

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by HVNA Secretary Monica Aebly.