

**Happy Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA)
Monthly Board Meeting 5-14-2018 Minutes**

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

Present: Bobbi Vollendorf, Monica Aebly, Richard “Sully” Sullivan, Jim Spaich, Kate Nichols, John Hymas, Wendy Scherrer, Alex McLean, Jake Charlton, and Sam Lockwood

Treasurer Report: Bobbi Vollendorf reported WECU savings balance \$473, checking \$1,069, tree fund \$173, Whatcom Foundation Project Neighborly grant for Build Small Live Large \$1,685.

Approved Minutes of April 2, 2018 HVNA Board meeting as submitted.

Guest: John Moon, Executive Director Habitat for Humanity - Whatcom County Based on positive response at last month’s HVNA Board meeting, John presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the general understanding between Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County (HFH) and Happy Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA) for the purposes of measuring change in the neighborhood using HFH’s “Quality of Life Framework”. Discussion included what the general process would look like, current and longterm benefits to HVN, and possible collaborations with Western Washington University Community Relations. There was a motion, seconded, and the **HVNA Board APPROVED** moving ahead with the MOU -- 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

Guests: Donna Gibbs VP for University Relations, WWU and Chris Roselli, Director of Community Relations, WWU. Introduced themselves and their roles concerning community relations. Acknowledged Western’s impact upon HVN (especially housing), and reported the University is evaluating its housing needs. Invited further communication between their Offices and HVNA to explore collaborating on community projects to support HVN quality of life.

Request to HVNA to send letter to City of Bellingham re: Stebner development on Padden Creek by May 15. After discussion there was a motion, seconded, and **HVNA Board APPROVED**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter: Deadline for submissions is May 30 (June 4 is absolute last date for submissions).

Membership: Sam Lockwood will meet with Wendy and Ray Dellecker to clarify membership committee responsibilities.

HVNA Website and Social Media: Jake Charlton said nothing new to report.

Tree, Trails and Streets: John Hymas said due to the dry weather street trees should be watered. He has water bags available for HV neighbors who would like them. Also, tell John if you would like street tree(s) and he will put you on the list. The next TreeKeepers meeting will be May 21, 5:00pm at the Public Market Bldg.

Housing: Wendy Scherrer said the Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance passed the City Council on May 7 with 5-2 vote. She is wrapping up final costs and reports for the Build Small Live Large one-day conference.

Daimon Sweeney distributed copies of his “Report on the Community Engagement Process” from the workshop he led at Build Small Live Large conference and showed the three-minute video highlighting the process and outcomes. He requested feedback from interested Board member. After final revisions the report and video will be posted on HVN website. Daimon will present the report and video at the Mayors Neighborhood Advisory Committee on June 20th.

Next Southside Community Meals – April 15th 97 people attended. \$77 donated to Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church.

May 20 – Pastor Joe Langholz will cook.

Summer break, no Southside Community Meals June, July, August

Next HVNA Board meeting will be June 11 - agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by HVNA Secretary Monica Aebly.