

Happy Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA)
Monthly Board Meeting September 10, 2018 Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

Present: Hue Beattie, Bobbi Vollendorf, Monica Aebly, Richard “Sully” Sullivan, Aaron Walters, John Hymas, Wendy Scherrer, Barbara Perry, Alex McLean, Jake Charlton, Sam Lockwood, Jeni Cottrell. **Guests:** Kathy Hasenjaeger, Carrie Blackwood, Yvonne Dean.

Treasurer Report: Bobbi Vollendorf reported WECU savings balance \$474, checking \$1,263, tree fund \$213, Whatcom Foundation Project Neighborly grant for Build Small Live Large \$0. \$105 leftover from Food Co-Op \$300 donation.

Minutes of August 13, 2018 HVNA Board meeting approved as submitted.

Alex McLean was nominated and elected as the new Happy Valley Neighborhood Board President.

Guest Janice Biletnikoff, the new Park Planning and Development Coordinator for Bellingham Parks and Recreation, answered questions about priorities for City and Happy Valley parks and greenways. Biletnikof said the Latter Day Saints did not make any decisions about their property at Douglas Ave. Next steps include writing letters and meeting with involved organizations to express Happy Valley’s interest in the property to expand the neighborhood’s green areas. HVNA told Biletnikoff they prepared and sent to the City and the Parks Dept HVN plans that included parks and greenways and tree canopy.

September 16 Southside Community Meal and Candidates Forum at 6:00pm: Wendy reported those candidates who confirmed they will come. The order of speakers, forum facilitators, and the Q & A process were decided.

October 21 Southside Community Meal will include a presentation by Pam Borso from North Cascades Audubon Society on 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 newsletter is almost ready to go to print. She requested submissions emailed to her have the Subject Line “HVN News”. She appealed for help with editing and proofreading. Alex volunteered.

Membership: Sam Lockwood reported September is the month HVN annual memberships are due. He reported 6 new HVN members. Sam suggested creating a 2-3 page information flyer about HVN to distribute to new residents. Jeni said she will make a handout that includes the HV website and membership form to insert in the HVN Newsletter.

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

Tree, Trails and Streets: John Hymas will be pruning trees and anyone who would like to help, or who would like street trees planted, please contact him. This month’s TreeKeepers meeting will be Sept. 24, 5:30-6:30pm, Teriyaki Bar.

Housing: Wendy sent to the Whatcom Community Foundation, the final report on Happy Valley’s successful “Build Small Live Large” conference held April 14th.

Guests: Kathy Hasenjaeger - “Starting & Operating an Adult Family Home” info session Sept 24, 6-8pm, Public Library. Carrie Blackwood – “Vote Yes to Renew B’ham HomeFund” campaign. See website at <https://bellinghamhomefund.org>.

Next HVNA Board meeting will be October 8, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by HVNA Secretary Monica Aebly.