

Happy Valley Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
March 11, 2019, 7pm -- 9pm
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1. **Welcome + Introductions:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00.
 - **Board Member attendance:** Jeni Cottrell, Jake Charlton, Hue Beattie, Alex McLean, Wendy Scherrer, Sam Lockwood, Jim Spaich, and Bobbi Vollendorf. Quorum is 5.
 - **Guests:** Blue Leedy, Kathy Hasenjaeger.
2. **Treasurer Report:** Bobbi Vollendorf reported:
 - Checking balance is \$838.10.
 - Balance in savings is \$975.89.
 - Tree account balance is \$659.97.
3. **Approve Minutes:** (January 2018 Meeting Minutes) Monica Aebly, outgoing Secretary sent minutes.
 - It was moved, seconded, and passed that the minutes be accepted as presented.
 - **(note: HVNA's scheduled meeting for February was cancelled due to snow).**
4. **Blue Leedy, Troupe 4007, Eagle Scout presentation:** Blue Leedy, a senior at Sehome High presented his Larrabee School, Bellingham Family Partnership program Eagle Scout Project. The Board saw his slide show presentation for 5 minutes, then asked questions of Blue. The Larrabee School Garden / outdoor teaching station now has a secure entrance, proper deer fencing, and lovely benches. Blue was able to coordinate the City of Bellingham, The Bellingham School District, his scouting friends and colleagues to get the project finished.
5. **Spring HVNA Newsletter** – Articles needed, publish mid April. We will publish in mid-April 15. Alex to take it on. Sam is willing to help if needed. **See Action items below for article commitments.**
6. **Grants – update on Project Neighborly (submitted) and goals/brainstorms for Small and Simple (deadline May 15):**
 - **Project Neighborly:** Bobbi passed the grant proposal about the group. It seeks to integrate the Ukrainian community with the greater Bellingham community and The Table Church. Highlights include:
 1. A final celebration with Ukrainian Craftsmen,
 2. Incorporating the Ukrainian youth (15 to 30 years of age.)
 3. Bobbi said, “the time line is we will know by the end of the month (March).
 4. Water Works is the name grant name
 - **Small and Simple (deadline May 15):** If not successful with above grant, “we will resubmit.” Small and Simple is the second grant. Discussion followed with these points:
 - Do we need permits? **No!**
 - Bobbi responded to questions.
 - The work on the back wall needs to be finished. They (the Our Savior’s Lutheran Church) are putting it out for bids.
 - Bobbi was happy to be back in this realm of work. **Kudos and Wahoo!**
7. **Southside Community Meal St. Patrick’s Day meal, Sunday March 17:**
 - Ray Dellecker and St. James Presbyterian is cooking.
 - Sam and Bobbi will be here to help set up. Others volunteered also.
 - **In April our Southside Community Meal** needs to change to the 4th Sunday, April 28th.
We need to find a cook. Hue and Wendy may do potatoes.

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8. **Re-plan and schedule our snowed-out Co-Housing meeting:** Sam with Jeni's help, will host our May 13th HVNA board meeting, 6:30 Social hour and 7:00 Meeting.
9. **Candidate speakers, panels, debates – election 2019 HVNA ideas:**
 - Alex mentioned a candidate wanting to attend. It was discussed to not provide a forum for candidates before our **September 15 Southside Community Meal Candidate Forum Night**.
 - Prospective candidates are certainly welcome to attend HVNA board meetings and **Southside Community Meal**.
 - Hue discussed democratic party revision. Washington State Primary is in March, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Newsletter:** Alex - See **Action items below**
- **Membership:** Adam is lead. Sam is willing to help.
- **HVNA website:** Jake-no new website information.
- **Trees, Trails and Streets:** Wendy, for John, reported that he wants to apply for trees with **Small and Simple Grant**. Bobbi wanted to make sure to not jeopardize **Project Neighborly (Water Works)** grant.
- **Housing:**
 - Alex reported on a housing crisis meeting. 165 attended. Discussion followed.
 - Jim reported from **Peoples Land Trust** bought 901 22nd. Operate as a community house.

Other items:

- **Upcoming events:**
 - **March 18--Old Fairhaven Parkway/SR11 safety Meeting is 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Fairhaven Library- present in **The Fireplace room**).**
 - Wendy has been in conversation with COB, Eric Johnson. Amy Cloud, COB, Public works coordinator will be present.
 - Todd Carlson, engineer of Washington State Department of Transportation will be there.
 - Concerns are fatalities, congestion, biking, walking, scooters, driving, turning into and off from SR11. Crosswalks, etc, 24th and 14th are issues. Wendy has invited a number of other neighborhoods and stakeholders. Postits were offered.
 - **March 28 from 8:30-10am at Connelly Creek**, The Happy Valley ES kindergarten classes will be releasing their salmon fry. The chum fry have been raised in Happy Valley's "Salmon in the Classroom" aquarium since January, the students observed the salmon lifecycle egg-to fry. Let Wendy know if you want to help out!

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- **April 6--Connelly Creek Nature Area Work Party, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m at McKenzie cul-de-sac east from 24th:** Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association and City of Bellingham Parks Host.
- **April 8, Next HVNA Board meeting at Our Saviors Lutheran Church.**
- **April 28, Southside Community Meal at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 5:00 to 6:30.**
- **May 13, HVNA Board meeting:** At Millworks Co Housing, 2600 Mill Avenue, 6:30 Social, 7:00 meeting.
- **May 19, Southside Community Meal at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 5:00 to 6:30.**

Action Items: Who, does what, when....

Who	Does what	When	Comment / Question
Sam	Check with Blue on benches and project.	now, for April 15 Newsletter.	
Wendy	Do an article, Sehome High School.	for April 15 Newsletter.	
Sam	Larrabee	for April 15 Newsletter.	
Bobbi	Grant information for newsletter	for April 15 Newsletter.	
Kathy	Fairhaven parking	for April 15 Newsletter.	
Sam and Jeni	May 13th to Millworks for board meeting	for April 15 Newsletter.	
Several board members	JOHNNY HAS HAD A FALL. HE NEEDS A RECLINER	ASAP	

Adjournment: At 8:32 the meeting was adjourned.