

**Happy Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA)
Monthly Board Meeting November 12, 2018 Minutes**

Meeting called to order 7:00pm.

Present: Alex McLean, Hue Beattie, Bobbi Vollendorf, Monica Aebly, Richard “Sully” Sullivan, Jim Spaich, John Hymas, Wendy Scherrer, Jake Charlton, Jeni Cottrell. **Guests:** Rose Lathrop, Shannon Maris, Kathy Hasenjaeger.

Treasurer Report: Bobbi Vollendorf reported WECU savings balance \$474. Checking \$1,181. Tree Fund \$273. \$164 leftover from Community Food Co-Op donation to Build Small Live Large, the Board approved moving to the Tree Fund.

Minutes of October 8, 2018 HVNA Board meeting approved with the addition of, “Health Dept. Permit received in November and fee waved”.

Guest Rose Lathrop, Program Director for Sustainable Connections Green Building & Smart Growth, Energy, and Sustainable Business. Rose was invited to share information on housing, density, affordability, etc. in Happy Valley and Bellingham. She described the newly formed Whatcom Housing Alliance and the work they are doing concerning these issues. After Q & A the Board decided it would like to learn more about the Whatcom Housing Alliance and make a decision if HVNA would like to become a member. Monica said she would attend the Alliance’s February meeting and report back to the Board.

HVNA tour of Happy Valley parks and Greenways for Bellingham Parks and Recreation staff. Tour is November 14 10:30am -12:30pm. Those interested meet at Donovan and 30th St (the south end of Connelly Creek Nature Area). Tour will include Happy Valley parks and greenways (Connelly Creek Nature Area, HV Park, Lenora Court, Padden Creek trails/bridges). As well as discuss Parks and Recreation programs and maintenance, including HV community gardens, street trees, dog waste, and a possible new pocket park at 21st. In 2009 HVNA presented the Connelly Creek Nature Mangmt Plan to Bellingham Parks and Rec Dept. Happy Valley’s Neighborhood Plan is available online at City of Bellingham> Neighborhood Plans.

HVNA Tree Planting and Pruning: John Hymas has trees to plant. Anyone who would like a tree please contact him. Happy Valley Tree planting and pruning date is December 8 at 9:30am. John reported Arbor Day, October 27, was a huge success. This month’s Tree Keepers Meeting will be Monday, November 19, 5:30pm-6:30pm, at Teriyaki Bar.

November 18 Southside Community Meal 5:00pm-6:00pm, Our Saviors Luther Church: Will be a Thanksgiving-style meal. Volunteers contact Wendy. This is the last community meal for 2018. Community meals will resume in 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter: Alex is working on the “President’s Column” and newsletter masthead. The deadline for newsletter articles was November 1st for December 1st printing date.

Membership: No report, Sam Lockwood absent.

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

Tree, Trails and Streets: See John’s report above under HVNA Tree Planting and Pruning.

Housing: Wendy shared general information about the Whatcom Housing Alliance.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: Hue presented voting data from the November 6 elections.

Next HVNA Board meeting will be December 10, 7:00 pm, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by HVNA Secretary Monica Aebly.