

Happy Valley Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 14th, 2023
7:00 - 9:00 pm Hybrid meeting: Zoom and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for in-person

Present:

>Board members: Alex McLean, Pat Burnett, Margo Hammond, Wendy Scherrer, Sheilagh Brown, Bobbi Vollendorf, Kathy Hasenjaeger, Jake Charlton, Richard "Sully" Sullivan, Bridget Galati.

Note: Quorum achieved.

>HV neighbors: Hue Beattie, Joseph McDonell, Carson Davis.

1. Welcome + Introductions

Alex welcomed all and invited people to introduce themselves.

2. Treasurer Report: Bobbi, Treasurer

Report (below) submitted by email.

Membership Checking: 1/31/22. \$1,673.90

HVNA Business Savings: 1/31/22 \$2,555.78

Grant Savings: 1/31/22 \$.24

HVNA Tree Savings: 1/31/22 \$740.91

Community Foundation remaining need to subtract \$909.87 from last month's figure.

3. Approve Minutes: January Minutes

- Correction: Pg 2 = Douglas – 2nd line = dogleg = Douglas (actually is correct, so not changed.)
- Motion to approve. Approved.

AGENDA

1) Board Elections

□ President = Needs to be filled

- Nomination for Pat. Pat has accepted.

Vote = All ayes. Passed.

- Pat's first message: "Happy to support you and all your good work."

□ Vice-President = Needs to be filled with Pat's nomination as he is currently the VP

- The vacancy for Vice President was discussed.
- Various nominations:

- Nomination for Todd. Not present.
- Nomination for James. Not present.
- Nomination for Jake.
- Nomination for Alex.

Vote = We will wait for the next board meeting to have this vote.

□ Additional roles

- Secretary = Margo.
- Treasurer = Bobbi
- Jake and Bridget = MNAC

Vote = Alex initiated a bloc vote for all. Aye. Passed.

2) President Report

Alex found that the President should deliver at the end of every year. He is in the process of preparing this. He President in late 2017. Is open to receiving info on our struggles and accomplishments. An initial review includes:

- Cusp of the ADU ordinance
- Getting through Covid
- LDS Property purchase by Hospice House
- DADU ordinance – HV 20-unit pilot program. Then a DADU ordinance passed.
- Hosted 8 Southside community meals per year
- Whatcom Community Grant – Water bins
- 3 HV signs repainted last year thanks to Alex
- Tripled the # of public benches 1 to 4. Small and simple grant. Note we don't really have too many assets and public amenities. "Get more benches" Jake mentioned the Larrabee School gazebo. Kathy is looking to put a bench in front of her house.
- And more. Alex will submit his report.

3) ROC

Margo presented on the work from the Housing Committee on mobile home park resident support. This included a review of the upcoming city-wide event: Resident Owned Community (ROC): Mobile Home Round Table event on February 17th 10am-2pm at OSLC.

4) Southside Community meal

Wendy mentioned the need for volunteers to help with clean up and set up.

5) Tree Committee

OSLC Garden – They would like us to take care of this.

- Alex discussed ideas. Perhaps a place we can stockpile plants.
- Bobbi thought we had discussed. So we just need to put our heads together and start to using the site. We can move in whenever we want.
- Hue says we should buy some sawdust or chips and cover the ground to prevent weeds.
- Bobbi will get some manure.

Trees

- Sheilagh reviewed the trees in pots. 6 planted by MJ in the 24th St. ROW.

Old Business / New Business

Community spot at ... Joe's Gardens?

- Alex discussed his idea.
- Wendy mentioned talking with the owners.

Greenways

- Alex is on the Greenways V committee. The levy is in November.
- What are the top priorities for HV?
- One issue, we don't have an opportunity to get a
- Margo mentioned measurement in SEA of % of population within 15 min walking distance of a park. Failing level could be quantified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community meal

- Joe discussed the community meal and requirement of wearing a mask.
- Alex mentioned that the masks are optional.

HV Website

- Jake is willing to take on, he needs to get the credentials.
- John owns the HV domain.

Trails, Trees and Streets

John Hymas reviewed.

- Next tree planting for 3 or 4 Oak trees at 1616 Larrabee for Natasha.

That is all for street trees for this year.

Feb 25th , 10-2pm, Meet at Johnny's – A pruning party in the neighborhood. Could use another pickup . Pat will be there with his pickup.

Wendy brought up the idea of an intern with the tree and trails committee.

- Americorps will supervise this person and provide. They could do an inventory of our neighborhood trees. Update the lydar overlay, wanted to increase our tree canopy by 10%. Spring and summer. We would supervise them. There is an individual ready to work with us. We need to approve and supervise. John said it sounds good to him. Hue moves for approval.

Vote: Pat initiated the vote. All voted aye. Wendy will move forward with this with the goal of the student starting in April.

Housing

Wendy reviewed:

- The HV Housing Tour, a walking and driving tour of the neighborhood, occurred on Jan 20th. COB reps participating included Chris Behee and Blake Lyon. HVNA reps involved were Wendy, Todd Donovan, Margo, and Shovia Muchirawehondo. Site visits included Bellingham Co-Housing, Varsity Village and South End Mobile Estates and included communications with these residents as well.

Newsletter

Pat reported:

- He will be working on a few things as an historical list of who has been President, and more.

MNAC

Jake reported two major issues.

- Bike Ped pedestrian plan
- Reviewed changes to recycling – bins to single tote 90 gal tote. Still to be voted on by COB. Edgemoor is the first neighborhood to trial this. Benefits include:
 - Green house gas reduction
 - More L&I claims
 - Twice as much to dispose
 - Windstorm issues.
 - And more issues.
- The COB Police Chief will be at the MNAC meeting tomorrow.

Next HVNA Board meeting: Tuesday, March 14th, 7pm.

Zoom chat log

From: [Jake Charlton](#)

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:31 PM

To: [margo hammond](#); [Pat](#)

Subject: 2023-02-14 HVNA Meeting Chat log

I attempted to capture Zoom attendance. Spelling of names may be incorrect:

Jake Charlton

Sheilagh

John Hymas

Anne Alberg

Kathy Hasenjaeger

Pat Burnett*

Bridget Galati

bobbi

Margo Hammond*

Hue Beattie

Wendy Scherrer*

*Also in person at OSLC

Regular Chat:

Bridget Galati 07:19 PM

Not sure Pat if you are monitoring chat but one thing we need for future elections is a record of when people are elected and where they are in their terms. If we could have advertised open positions for this election, that would have been helpful.

Have we invited the mayor?

The irony of an email lead who doesn't do communication... 😊

Have a good night everyone gotta go be with the kiddos for Valentines!