

Edgemoor Neighborhood Association

Quarterly Meeting

March 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by ENA President Sandie Koplowitz at 7:00pm at Lairmont Manor.

ENA Official Business:

A motion to approve the December 15, 2015 ENA minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Diane MacLean , ENA Treasurer, reported that the current balance is: \$1,802.57.

Evening Speaker: Ted Carlson: Public Works Director for the City of Bellingham.

Ted Carlson detailed the city's neighborhood traffic safety program. He noted that approximately 1.5 million dollars has been set aside by the city for safety projects. More specifically, the three point program will focus upon sidewalk improvements, neighborhood policing and education. Regarding speeding concerns, the radar speed trailers were located in specific areas where speeding is a concern and have provided good data. Examples presented for the Edgemoor neighborhood included data taken on Hawthorne, Fieldston and Willow Roads. Citing a few examples, the average speed on Hawthorne Road was 28MPH (approximately 1000 cars per day) and 22MPH on Fieldston (approximately 360 cars per day). Willow Road has approximately 1100-1200 cars per day with the speed averaging approximately 33 MPH westbound.

Questions from attendees at the meeting followed Ted Carlson's presentation. Issues concerning the improvement of street lighting in Fairhaven were discussed. The city is replacing those street lighting fixtures owned by the city with LED lighting to improve visibility. Ted Carlson indicated that the radar speed trailers would be set up in Edgemoor at specific locations where speeding concerns exist. Attendees presented suggestions to control speeding in the neighborhood including adding more stop signs at side streets to control speeding, yard signs signaling drivers to control speed, asking neighbors to take a pledge to drive at the correct speed in the neighborhood and continuing to place radar speed trailers in high traffic areas. Another issue of concern involved cars driving on the wrong side of the road where Briar Road intersects with Bayside Road and perhaps using yellow markers to guide drivers at the intersection. Identifying speeders by taking photos of speeding cars and forwarding to ENA Board members and police was also suggested. Ted Carlson provided attendees with a phone number to call with questions/concerns about the specific issues discussed: City of Bellingham Operations Department: 778-7700.

Chuckanut Community Park District Update: John Brown

John Brown reported that a more comprehensive master plan for the park district is being developed. Area residents have been paying a property tax to retire the loan and have already paid \$440,000. The lawsuit challenging the legality of the creation of the park district is scheduled for a “summary judgement” during the summer.

MNAC(Mayor’s Neighborhood Advisory Committee): Diane MacLean

Diane MacLean reported that the MNAC meeting scheduled for 3/16/2016) will focus upon Bellingham’s water quality. The MNAC meeting minutes will be available on the site posted by Diane on the Nextdoor Edgemoor site. Diane also stated that the MNAC neighborhood representative serves for a two year term and this is Diane’s second year on the Committee. The ENA will be seeking a new MNAC member to serve a two year term. Diane noted that in 2013 the MNAC was initially involved with the city’s Comprehensive Plan development and later was only focusing upon the revision process of the Comprehensive Plan development. Currently the MNAC is not involved with re-vamping the plan but involvement with the plan may be brought up at a future MNAC meeting.

Old Business:

Edgemoor Lagoon:

Sandie Koplowitz reported that the Old Edgemoor Property Owners Association voted to grant the Edgemoor Lagoon property to the City of Bellingham. The Whatcom Land Trust will oversee the property. The city will improve the wetlands.

New Business:

Issues raised by attendees focused upon neighbors cutting tall trees that may result in less wind protection for property owners. Another topic focused upon pet owners not appropriately picking up “deposits” left by their animals on residents’ lawns.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Barbara Levin: ENA Co-Secretary