

Edgemoor Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

November 4, 2010

Minutes

The ENA monthly meeting was called to order at approximately 7:07pm on Thursday, November 4th by President Brad Rose. Lauri Grove recorded the minutes.

Following a round of introductions, the minutes from the October meeting were approved.

President's Report: (Brad Rose)

Brad offered that he would like to keep reports to a minimum in an attempt to leave plenty of time for a Chuckanut Ridge discussion later in the evening.

On Saturday, November 6th, The Center for Local Self Reliance gathered together a work party to help assemble the fence. Music, door prizes and cider were provided. Brad offered a reminder to Edgemoor neighbors that we have an agreement with South Neighborhood to volunteer man-hours. Individuals should keep track of their work hours.

Continued replacement of the trestle at Pattle Point required a noise variance to work at night during low tide.

There was a public hearing scheduled in November concerning the construction of the Boulevard to Cornwall over-water-walkway. Some of the money for the project comes from Federal Highway Administration funding as well as Greenway allocations. There is some controversy over the environmental impact to the shoreline and necessity of the costly project.

MNAC Report: (John Erickson)

John circulated the monthly MNAC draft minutes through e-mail. Last meeting MNAC members delegated a sub-committee to lead the 2011 plan amendment review process. John was appointed and will represent Edgemoor on the committee. There was also a presentation from the Home Rehabilitation Program. John mentioned the program was very active in the city helping those in need of assistance. Information and applications are available online on the city's website.

Treasurer's Report: (Diane MacLean)

Diane reported that she received and deposited the reimbursement check from the city for \$407.82.

Income - \$407.82

Disbursements - \$0

Balance - \$3962.96

Neighborhood Plan Update Committee: (Martin Nickerson)

Martin reported that he submitted a draft of the updated neighborhood plan to the city for review to make sure we were on the right track. He received some feedback. ENA had considered submitting a proposal by the 1st of December but determined we need more time for the board to review and approve the draft. Once the draft has board approval it will then need to be offered to the entire neighborhood for review before finalizing the updated plan. We will set a timeline in January to have the plan ready for neighborhood approval at the annual meeting.

Business:

Fairhaven Harbor:

Joe Yaver attended a meeting to review a proposal for development planned on the site adjacent to the Bellingham Tennis Club in Fairhaven. The plan is just 'artistry' at this point. It has similarities in size and height to the original Fairhaven Harbor proposal, but a somewhat different direction. There would be a step back from the creek and a center court area for public use as well as meeting and banquet rooms, hotel rooms, restaurants and some condos. Joe offered that it would be a big piece of business. A brief general discussion followed with mention of a traffic study and the impacts on the area.

Chuckanut Ridge:

Highlight of some of the important points from the meeting's general discussion concerning the Chuckanut Ridge property...

As most of us know, Washington Federal Bank was granted another extension for the pending application for the Fairhaven Highland project on Chuckanut Ridge. Brad met with the interim planning director, Jeff Thomas, in October to voice the ENA Board's disapproval of any further extensions. Brad stated that Jeff offered to come speak with our neighborhood group.

Larry Horowitz compiled a set of documents with correspondence, a timeline, brief synopsis and a memorandum he sent to the Senior VP of Washington Federal Bank, Tom Kenney. The letter pointed out applicable laws, business facts and suggested the bank move forward accepting the city offer for the property.

A general discussion followed with opinions and concerns questioning the vesting and indicating that none of the alternative plans qualify as legal. The EIS didn't properly expose all the impacts. Property values are in question. To further stall matters the city must now gather invoices to determine and verify every expense charged to the bank for the EIS. Timing is important and general attitude is that this has been drawn out for 5 long years. It needs to be resolved. A question was posed to picket in front of the bank? Brad stated that might be best handled outside the association.

Bob Gibb wrote a letter from the Chuckanut Mountain Park District to Mary Ann Jones at the FDIC in support of Larry's memorandum. His letter endorsed Larry's communication, the negotiation of the City's purchase offer, and consideration of sharing the title with WWU Foundation as a charitable contribution for use by the Huxley Environmental College as a teaching lab. Bob also drafted a letter on behalf of the ENA Board which he passed out for approval to back Larry's correspondence. The letter met with some concerns regarding language that needed clarification and must state it is from the ENA Board not the Edgemoor neighborhood.

A motion was made by Joe Yaver and seconded to approve sending the letter written from the ENA Board to the FDIC as edited at the meeting. To be rewritten, reviewed online and subject to final approval from the ENA Board. Copies are to be sent to the bank, the mayor and the CSN neighborhoods.

It was revised, voted on for approval and passed by the Board.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

The next Edgemoor Neighborhood Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 2nd** from 7-9pm at the **Fairhaven Park Pavilion**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauri Grove

Minutes are subject to approval