

**Edgemoor Neighborhood Association**

**Quarterly Board Meeting**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by ENA President Lylene Johnson at Fairhaven Middle School at 7:15pm.

**ENA Official Business Items:**

The Minutes of the December, 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were approved as written.

The Agenda for the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ENA Monthly Board Meeting was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Lylene Johnson reported that the current balance (Diane MacLean treasurer's statement) is \$1,907.57. A motion was made and seconded that only the latest five years hard copies of invoices paid, monies received and bank statements will be kept by the treasurer, conforming to IRS requirements.

**Introductions:**

Attendees at the ENA meeting introduced themselves.

**Guest Presenter: Rick Sepler, Planning Director, COB**

Rick Sepler presented attendees with a printed document available through the COB website with the title of: Planning and Community Development: Key Initiatives 2015. He also presented attendees with a copy of an article that appeared in the Bellingham Herald titled: Preserving Bellingham's Unique Sense Of Place.

Areas of specific focus included:

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) that help the city provide a range of housing choices for residents.

The State Growth Management Act (GMA) that requires the city to periodically update the Comprehensive Plan. The current version of Bellingham's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2006. The next update is due by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Implementing Urban Villages with the focus upon revitalizing Samish Way with a coordinated strategy to address concerns about criminal activity and inappropriate housing in the area.

The Rental Registration and Inspection Program will require registration and inspection of most non-transient rental properties within the city. This program will help to ensure that all rental housing in the city meets specific minimum life safety and fire safety standards. Registration should be completed by 8/2015 with inspections expected to be initiated in January/February, 2016.

Green Infrastructure: Squalicum Creek Watershed Case Study will assess environmental/development issues and opportunities within the Squalicum Creek Watershed. This case study will help to identify innovative regulatory and project-level approaches that work together to improve water quality, habitat connectivity and enhance community services throughout the watershed.

**Neighborhood Police Officer Report:** Officer Eric Osterkamp

Officer Osterkamp reported that Bellingham police officers are focusing upon getting to know their communities as well as businesses present in these communities. Officer Osterkamp can be contacted at: [eosterkamp@cob.org](mailto:eosterkamp@cob.org). Officer Osterkamp stated that the police do not have access to Nextdoor Edgemoor messaging but will respond to direct reporting of incidents to the police department.

According to officer Osterkamp, the Edgemoor Neighborhood has had a few vehicle prowls reported recently. He provided additional information about solicitors in the neighborhood and did state that solicitors do need a permit in order to go house to house doorbelling offering services or selling products. In addition to this information, officer Osterkamp recommended that a call to 911 can be made if homeless individuals are frequently observed in specific locations in the neighborhood.

**MNAC (Mayor's Advisory Committee):** Diane MacLean

Diane MacLean reported that the MNAC minutes for the February 18th, 2015 meeting are available on the City of Bellingham website.

**Ferlin vs CCFPD (Chuckanut Community Forest Park District):** Sandie Koplowitz

Sandie Koplowitz provided documents relating to the legal issues involved and latest developments with future meetings scheduled.

**Discussion of ENA Communications:** Sandie Koplowitz

Sandie Koplowitz is re-designing and modernizing the Edgemoor Neighborhood website. Sandie Koplowitz also reported that Nextdoor Edgemoor has become a very successful communication network for the neighborhood.

**City Issues:** Lylene Johnson

Lylene Johnson reported that Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are under review by the city currently and there are reported concerns about vacation rentals in neighborhoods for temporary use only.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Levin, Co-Secretary ENA