

Edgemoor Neighborhood Association

Quarterly Meeting

September 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order by ENA President Sandie Koplowitz at 7:10pm at Lairmont Manor

Introduction of new ENA Board:

ENA Board members introduced themselves along with attendees at the meeting.

Evening Speaker: Mayor Kelli Linville:

Mayor Linville discussed the interactive and reactive community policing models for the city of Bellingham. She also noted that the city is still working within the two year budget. Revenues are reported to be up by approximately 2-2.5 % and expenses up by approximately 4%. Stabilizing the current work force in the city is a current goal along with re-vitalizing downtown Bellingham. During the question and answer period, Mayor Linville responded to a specific question about funding for the proposed new jail. Mayor Linville stated that the city and county are still in the process of discussing and negotiating the many complexities involved in the creation of a new facility. Funding for diversion programs focusing upon crime prevention was also discussed. Another topic brought up for discussion with Mayor Linville dealt with safety concerns with trains carrying crude oil traveling through Bellingham.

ENA Official Business:

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the June 2nd, 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: \$1493.60.

ENA Committee Reports:

Neighborhood police Task Force Report: Officer Erik Osterkamp

Officer Osterkamp described the new city policing model: Neighborhood Police Officer Program. This model connects officers to city departments, businesses and neighborhoods with police officers attending MNAC meetings, neighborhood meetings and city department meetings. This connectivity provides officers with improved problem solving abilities due to information sharing. Further information about this Neighborhood Police Officer Program can be reached through contacting Officer Osterkamp at (360) 815-2783.

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

Diane MacLean presented information about the Campus Community Coalition, a WWU group focusing upon helping to maintain a cleaner environment on and around the campus (prevent trash dumping) and helping to tone down evening partying events.

New Business:**Old Edgemoor Property Owners Association update:** Charlotte Waller: Association President

Charlotte Waller reported that The Edgemoor Property Owners Association was formed in 1954, taking possession of the Edgemoor Lagoon Reserve bordered by the railroad tracks. Access to the trail (where there are safety concerns) down to the lagoon is at the base of Willow Road. The city may assist in removing invasive species on the property. Charlotte Waller stated that the Old Edgemoor Property Owners Association is meeting in November to discuss possible options for the Edgemoor Lagoon Reserve. These options include transferring the property to the ENA or possibly having the city take over the property. ENA members discussed the need for further detailed discussions and legal advice if the Old Edgemoor Property Owners Association is interested in having the ENA take over ownership of the Edgemoor Lagoon Reserve.

Chuckanut Community Park District update: John Brown

John Brown reviewed background information about the Park District, noting that the city bought the acreage in 2010 and area residents have been paying taxes on the Chuckanut property. The Park District has been sued by individuals opposing the purchase of the Park District area. John Brown reported that the attorney representing the Chuckanut Community Park District remains optimistic that the lawsuit may be settled by late December, 2015.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Levin: Co-secretary: ENA