

## **Edgemoor Neighborhood Association**

### **Quarterly Meeting**

**September 13, 2016**

#### **Call To Order:**

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

#### **ENA Official Business:**

A motion to approve the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ENA minutes was approved and seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The ENA treasurer, Diane MacLean provided the ENA Board with a printed copy of the current ending balance in Peoples Bank as of August 31, 2016. The current balance is: \$1,623.57.

#### **Evening Guest Speakers:**

- Vince Biciunas: The Greenways IV Levy

Vince Biciunas provided ENA attendees with details about the levy that will be voted upon on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot. According to the information presented, this levy is a seven cent reduction from the previous property tax levy of fifty-seven cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value. The printed information provided to attendees indicates that this levy "ensures the support of a first class system of parks, trails and open spaces in Bellingham." Furthermore, the levy "secures needed funding for development and restoration of sites previously acquired, it ensures we maintain and steward our existing parks and trails, and it permits completion of trail linkages throughout the city."

- Marcus Goodrich and Rebecca Crowley: Whatcom County Humane Society Animal Control Officers

Officers Marcus Goodrich and Rebecca Crowley provided information about the services available through Whatcom County Humane Society and responded to questions posed by ENA attendees. The Whatcom County Humane Society is a non-profit organization. The printed material provided to ENA attendees details the services available including: an open-admission shelter, 24 hour animal control and rescue services, veterinary care, an animal adoption program, lost and found services, a low-cost spay/neuter program and microchipping services, education and community outreach services. All dogs in Whatcom County are required to be licensed. The officers did respond to questions about dogs continuously barking. Officers will contact the dog's owner (s) but will not disclose the name of the complainant. A fine can be imposed if the barking does not stop within a given time period. Questions also were asked about injured deer. The officers responded by stating that if the deer appears injured but is mobile, the deer should be left to roam because often they can "self-heal." However, if the deer is immobile, then the Whatcom Humane Society should be contacted.

- Ryan Provencher and Erica Work: EMS Levy

This levy provides funding for medical services county-wide. All EMS service providers support this levy. The levy would fund existing services as well as help to maintain rapid response times, enable EMS services to keep up with the expected population growth in the area and prepare to add a fifth ambulance service to the county. Funding sources for EMS services include sales tax, property tax as well as payments from individuals who access EMS services.

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

Officer Osterkamp reported that the police department has employed a Litter Control Officer, Langley West. He will be investigating illegal camps. According to BMC 8.04.080 and BMC 8.04.100, "overnight camping & littering is prohibited." The phone number to access Officer West is: (360)-778-8623. Officer Osterkamp also provided ENA attendees with the following information. He reported that if the police have a video recording of an individual, this individual must be notified. He also noted that a new individual has been hired by WWU to work with campus police as well as the Bellingham Police Department regarding specific campus issues, replacing Carmen Rasmussen who has moved from the area.

**Committee Reports:**

Chuckanut Park District Update: Vince Biciunas reported that the lawsuit has not been settled to date. The plaintiffs continue to appeal rulings favoring creation of the Park District.

**New Business:**

Future Topics/Speakers Recommended for ENA Meetings:

- Dispute Resolution Center
- Safety Procedures needed regarding oil train shipments through the Georgia Pacific site being developed
- House 2 Home Furniture Bank that moves donated furniture to families in need
- Lighthouse Mission services

**Adjournment:**

The ENA meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Barbara Levin ENA Secretary