

Edgemoor Neighborhood Association

Quarterly Meeting

November 29th, 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 was made to approve the September 13th, 2016 ENA Minutes. This motion was seconded and the Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Diane MacLean, ENA Treasurer reported that the current balance in the ENA account at Peoples Bank as of October 31st, 2016 is : \$1,623.57.

Bellingham Police Department Neighborhood Outreach Report: Officer Eric Osterkamp

Officer Osterkamp described the camera, now worn by Bellingham Police Officers in uniform. According to the legal use of the camera, an individual on private property can state that they do not want to be recorded on camera. However, if an incident occurs in public, individuals cannot refuse a camera recording of the incident. Officer Osterkamp provided attendees with an update about the camps in Bellingham occupied by homeless individuals. In the Edgemoor area, there are approximately 12 camps occupied by homeless individuals. In Bellingham there are approximately 200 illegal camps occupied by homeless individuals. Many of these camps are reported to be comprised of mentally ill, drug users and criminals with a reported increase of the criminal population.

MNAC: Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission: Diane MacLean and John Erickson

Diane MacLean reported that she will complete her two year term of office as the ENA MNAC representative in 2017. Larry Horowitz, an ENA resident has volunteered to be the next ENA MNAC representative. ENA President Sandie Koplowitz asked for a motion to approve Larry Horowitz as the ENA representative. A motion was made and seconded. Larry Horowitz has been officially approved by the ENA as the next MNAC representative.

Sandie Koplowitz requested that attendees thank John Erickson who has been an alternate MNAC representative for his service to the community.

Diane MacLean reported on issues focused upon at the November 16th, 2016 MNAC meeting. The Minutes of this meeting can be accessed on the City Of Bellingham site. Recent housing and commercial developments in the city as well as suburbs were discussed at the MNAC meeting along with the bus service available. However, it was noted that more people could be taking advantage of this transportation system.

Planning and Development: Larry Horowitz

Larry Horowitz discussed higher density housing issues with the city considering smaller lot sizes for houses that would result in higher density developments. He also focused upon ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). Presently the home owner with an ADU must either live in the ADU or dwelling. If the city does change the present law the home owner with an ADU may not be required to live in the home or ADU.

Communications: Sandie Koplowitz

Sandie Koplowitz stated that she will discuss the Nextdoor Edgemoor web site on-line and also be available after the ENA meeting to discuss issues that attendees may have regarding the site.

Old Business: Sandie Koplowitz

In order for Larry Horowitz to serve as the ENA MNAC representative, he must be an ENA Board Member. Sandie Koplowitz requested that a motion be made and seconded to approve Larry Horowitz as an ENA Board Member. A motion was made and then seconded to approve Larry Horowitz as an ENA Board Member

New Business: Sandie Koplowitz

Sandie Koplowitz is recommending that Standing Rules as they relate to covenants be a topic of discussion to be placed on the agenda for the next ENA meeting.

Adjournment:

The ENA meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. A book swap and social event followed the adjournment.

Barbara Levin

ENA Secretary