

Edgemoor Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

December 4, 2014

The meeting held in the Library at Fairhaven Middle School was called to order at approximately 7:02pm by ENA President Lylene Johnson. Lauri Grove recorded the minutes. There was a Quorum of the Board present at the meeting.

Minutes: Lylene recapped important items from the Annual Meeting in June and the following Special Board Meeting. Board members were elected and Officers were appointed as follows:

President: Lylene Johnson

Vice President and Membership Chair: Sandie Koplowitz

Treasurer: Diane MacLean

Co-Secretaries: Barbara Levin and Lauri Grove

Additional Board Members: Bernie Walz and Terry Montonye

Sandie will continue to work on the website, Diane and John will continue to represent ENA at MNAC meetings. The Board and Officers will serve for one year from elected date (June 2014-2015).

The Board voted in favor of quarterly meetings to be held the first Thursday in March, September, and December. These meetings will continue to be held 7-9pm in the Library at Fairhaven Middle School. The Annual Meeting will be held in June with the date and place to be announced.

Instead of the regular September meeting, ENA celebrated their 10 year anniversary with an open party at Bayside pool. It was nice to meet new neighbors, enjoy refreshments and use the pool. Thank you to all that attended and planned the event.

Agenda: The evening's agenda was approved.

Introductions: Name and length of residency.

Treasurers Report: *Diane MacLean*

Income: \$25 donation

Account Balance: \$1703.88

Diane will submit invoices for reimbursement from the City.

Guest Speakers: *Jamie Vos (Security Solutions)*

Jamie is 2nd generation with Security Solutions (formerly Bellingham Lock and Safe). His father bought the business in 1970 and Jamie has been hands on with the business from the ground up. Needless to say he is well versed in home security. He spoke to us about the mechanics of security – locks, lighting and landscaping. Once the basic mechanics are in place, alarms systems are the best secondary protection for family and property – when at home or when you are away. Jamie talked about basic alarm systems, customized monitoring systems, the integration of cameras and wireless touch screen panels that are all very user friendly. Alarms systems, motion detector lighting and even the security company sign can be a deterrent to a thief. Officers Jeremy Harper and Kevin Bean were present to confirm that police do not dispatch without verified proof of a break-in. With home security there a system in place to call you, a neighbor, or quickly dispatch a guard service to the scene.

Jamie also mentioned that alarm systems offer important protection to your family and home with the addition of water, fire and carbon monoxide detector devices. He demonstrated proper use and care of fire extinguishers as well as the best type extinguisher to have in home. It is now a state law that carbon monoxide detectors must be properly placed to sell a home. It was a very informative discussion of home monitoring systems. The cost of securing and protecting a home has come way down – it very reasonable. Security Solutions would be happy to make an appointment.

MNAC Report: Diane MacLean

The City of Bellingham has a new planning director, Rick Sepler, formerly the director of community services for the City of Port Townsend. Rick would like attend neighborhood meetings to have the chance to get to know the neighborhoods and reach out to the community.

MNAC was set up as an interface between the neighborhoods and the Mayor, and to allow neighborhoods to connect through roundtable discussions. Another purpose for the commission was to oversee proposed developments planned for neighborhoods so the neighborhoods were engaged in the process. In the past, details weren't presented to the MNAC representatives with enough expertise or enough time for them to go back to their respective neighbors and thoughtfully make an informative decision. The process became cumbersome and a decision was made for MNAC to give up that bit of influence over planning. Some members think without that aspect MNAC has no real purpose and would like to once again engage in the planning process. Next meeting is in January.

Business and Issues:

CCFMPD: There was a law suit filed against the newly formed park district claiming a few shouldn't be taxed to pay for an area that is open for all to enjoy...the case was lost for a number of reasons. Sandie brought up a valid point, as tax payers we should have access to more information. There isn't any documentation or minutes posted from board meetings on the website. At this point one has to attend meetings to be informed.

Trains: Trains are an ongoing issue - important to stay aware. City is working to establish quiet zones, one in Fairhaven. Nothing planned for the near future.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned about 8:57

Remember we are now meeting quarterly. The next meeting will be held 7-9pm on Thursday, March 5th in the Library at Fairhaven Middle School. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to come meet your neighbors and get to know your neighborhood.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lauri Grove*

(Minutes are subject to approval)