

## **Edgemoor Neighborhood Association**

### **Quarterly Meeting**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

#### **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:**

##### **Approval of ENA Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ENA Minutes. This motion was seconded and the Minutes were approved as written.

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

The current balance as of 2/28/2017 in the ENA account at People's Bank is: \$1,937.60 according to the document submitted by treasurer, Diane MacLean.

#### **ENA New Business:**

##### **Officer Eric Osterkamp: Community Report:**

Officer Osterkamp reported on several serious crimes recently committed in Bellingham. He also discussed groups of individuals with mental health problems, those addicted to drugs as well as criminals living in group encampments in Bellingham with a majority of those in these camps demonstrating criminal intent.

##### **Bellingham Neighbors Together: Eric Osterkamp and Scott Hendrickson**

Scott Hendrickson is the Volunteer Coordinator for this voluntary citizen organization in partnership with the Bellingham Police Department. This organization composed of trained volunteers and "committed to a visible public presence" is being formed to "reduce crime, educate residents and promote safe neighborhoods." Volunteers will be selected who have completed applications and met background checks. Training for this group of volunteers will involve a six week academy. Volunteers in teams of three will work approximately four hours per month in Bellingham neighborhoods to educate the neighbors "about ways to deter crime through recognizing suspicious activity and providing crime prevention guidelines and resources." The application website is: [www.cob.org/gov/dept/police](http://www.cob.org/gov/dept/police).

##### **CELDF (Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund): Stoney Bird:**

Stoney Bird presented attendees with visual representations of the impact of pollutants on the environment since the Industrial Revolution. He discussed ordinances developed in a Pennsylvania town to combat pollution concerns. Stoney Bird has led seminars in Bellingham regarding the negative impact

of coal trains traveling through Bellingham. He informed attendees about a film to be shown at The Pickford Movie Theatre called: We The People 2.0. Also on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 5:30 pm, Stoney Bird will be leading a discussion regarding "Where Do We Go From Here" at the main branch of the Bellingham Library.

**MNAC (Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission): Larry Horowitz**

Larry Horowitz reported that the Assistant Superintendent of the Bellingham School District spoke at the meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with the main focus on overcrowding in Bellingham Schools. The District is considering transferring students in overcrowded schools to those schools with lower enrollments as a possible solution.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pedestrian Safety Committee: Larry Horowitz**

Larry Horowitz reported that a questionnaire is available on-line for residents to respond to regarding pedestrian safety concerns in the Edgemoor Neighborhood as well as to pinpoint specific locations in the neighborhood where concerns exist. The information obtained will be forwarded to the mayor.

**Planning and Development: Larry Horowitz**

Larry Horowitz reported that the city is considering re-zoning lots and also looking into laws regulating Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Currently, the owner must live in the home with an ADU present.

**Old Business:**

**Chuckanut Community Park District Update: Bob Gibb reporting for John Brown**

Bob Gibb reported that the neighborhoods supporting the Park District have won the appeal. The total defense cost to date involved in the legal defense is \$82,209.65.

**New Business:**

CNAC(Council's Neighborhood Advisory Commission): Larry Horowitz

Larry Horowitz reported on his interest in forming a new commission (CNAC) for the city of Bellingham. This commission would meet monthly to discuss legislative functions and time would also be scheduled for this commission to engage in discussions with the Bellingham City Council.

**Adjournment:**

The ENA meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Barbara Levin

ENA Secretary