

## **Bemiss Neighborhood Council Minutes.**

Thursday November 13 at 6:30 held at the North East Community Center fire side room

*Minutes written by Donna Fagan*

Attending Kathryn Alexander, Brook Plastino, Bruce Higgins, Ann Donahu, Rod Manerick City of Spokane Office of Neighborhood Services, Donna Fagan, Maryanne Rapp, Mike Rapp, Tony Philager. Mike Fagan City Councilman

Meeting facilitated by Brook Plastino Called to order at 6:42

### Introductions:

Mike Fagan City Councilman gave a overview of new money that would be available to neighborhoods from traffic calming extra funds of 100,000.00 to be used in district 1. He asked that we place discussion on NextDoor to get others opinions of how to use funds. He gave statistics of schools that have most accidents and reported that the red eye chip would be placed in school zone signs to picture those who speed through the school zones. Discussion on dirt road money and for local improvements.

Bobs rules of order was presented and approved to be used. **Suspension of Previous Bemiss Neighborhood Council By Laws was motioned by Bruce Higgins 2ed by Kathryn Alexander. All In favor so moved. Allows all present to vote.**

**Voting for Chair position: self-nominated Brook Plasiitno. Maryann Rapp motioned Mike Rapp 2ed. All In favor, So moved.**

Discussion of what would be made of: Meeting Schedule, Rules, Membership, Rod told us that the City requirements for NC. Residence, Business or property owners. Age 16 and up, Regular scheduled meeting.

**Frequency:** Monthly meetings to be held the second Thursday At 6:00 approx. 2 hours long. Bobs rules of Order will be used as governing meeting. **Style:** Traditional will be used but we would like Kathryn to show us charette style of meeting when able to. **Chair vs. Facilitator: Was not addressed.** Refreshments should be served or wanted consensus No. **There was no motion but a consensus of group.**

### **On Line discussions of issues - using Nextdoor Bemiss website:**

.Amber alerts on next door, C.A ( community Assembly) packet can be added. Kathryn puts on web anyway, Gazette City paper through web. Group to Bemiss Neighborhood issues and stream discussions hard to follow. Brook is trying to find a NextDoor facilitator to come give us lessons on web.

**On line voting:** To be on web site Next Door Bemiss they have to have a address in the Bemiss Neighborhood. Kathryn mentioned the City has a voting recognition software mostly for surveys. On City web sight only one can give opinion at time and can see comments: some services were mentioned Survey Monkey, Chip Serve

### **Call for a committee for web site:**

To meet the needs of How to moderate and maintain order and focus?

When over hours days weeks or ongoing for a issue,

Community polling vs secure voting of BNC membership on issues

Committee to create Neighborhood building events

Voting for CD funds, should be face to face or have to have verify of last 4 of ss or street address.

CA Rep. Report: See attached written report.

CDBG (CD) funding application: Kathryn Alexander reported she discussed with STA to build two bus shelters and were it would be approved by them and CD. Regal and Garland, Foothills and Pittsburg. Discussion: the bus route is not at Regal and Garland. The property can not be private owner for shelters. Donna made the **Motion that Kathryn Alexander has approval to submit an application for two bus shelters at Pittsburg and foothills and another undisclosed site till confirmed of bus route. Mike Rapp 2ed. All in favor unanimous to use the CD funds of \$ 35,000.00 of the 2014 allocation to the Bemiss Neighborhood Council.**

CA calendar: Bemiss Neighborhood pictures to be submitted for Spokane City Neighborhoods calendar. Fall shadows on Liberty and Foothills of Halloween submitted by Kathryn Alexander more pictures are asked for.

Question of boundaries was asked; Rod explained the process for boundary change.

CA Awards Dinner DEC. 5 AT 4:00 PM open to any one. An award letter was submitted by Brook Plastino for Ann Wick former chair of BNC for eight years.

Asks if anyone would like to write and possibly read recognition letter. Donna accepted. Brook will be paying for Ann's dinner and Kathryn and Donna will be attending. CA retreat Jan 23 9 to 1pm at Finch Arboretum. Rod encourages anyone to go.

**Officers: Member voted**

Chair: Brook Plastino

Vice Chair: Unfilled

Secretary/Treasurer: unfilled

**Appointed:**

Community Assembly Rep: Kathryn Alexander

Community Assembly AlterNet: Donna Fagan

**Committees:**

**Bylaws: Brook Plastino, Kathryn Alexander, Donna Fagan,**

**Website: Kathryn Alexander (City site)**

**Clean up: Donna Fagan**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 next meeting will be held Dec. 11