

December 10 2015

Bemiss Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

In the North East Community Center Arts Room

Called to order at 6:15

Attending: Donna Fagan, Kathryn Alexander, Mike Rapp, Mary Ann Rapp, Bruce Higgins, Rod Minarik, City of Spokane Neighborhood Services, Amber Waldref, City of Spokane Council Woman , Annie Szotkowaki Regional Health District , Peggy Slider Reginal Health Excused: Brooke Plastino

Minutes:

Bruce moved minutes approved 2ed by Kathryn, All in favor minutes for November 12 2015 approved as written.

Safe Routes to Schools:

Annie Szotkowski, from Regional Health Services: Presenting on safe routes to schools. She is the Organizer of the walking bus program. Only 13 % of school children are walking or biking to school. Do to various reasons but mostly for safety reasons. Crossing busy streets, released pedophiles in area, working parents drop off on way.

The Safe Routes to Schools has started a walking school bus program that has been in progress at Logan and Holms Elementary school in Spokane and Seth Willard In Spokane Valley. Children are signed up and either picked up on the route or at a designated stop and a volunteers walk with children safely directing them to school. Logan had at least 30 sign up and 20 children participate. 40 have been using the walking bus at Holms. The Safe routes would like to have at least 20 schools taking part in the walking school bus by 2020. Bemiss Elementary School is designated to begin a walking school bus for 2016. They are also going to have safe routes to schools and traffic-calming funds redo infrastructure for the Bemiss walking route along Stone and Empire. This will be done in 2017.

Side walks:

The CA/CD Committee brought forth a recommendation to take money from Neighborhoods CD funds to build a fund for sidewalks repair (THIS WAS BROUGHT FORWARD IN NOV). (See Nov. 12 minutes) Questions were asked by Kathryn in phone messages, emails, and personal conversations. The questions that were brought up from the council meeting in Nov. were not addressed. They are to present in January and answer questions. George Dahl has been meeting with neighborhoods, at their request, to clarify the Sidewalk Proposal.

Community Assembly:

Kathryn has asked that there be a list of chairs and co chairs of the Neighborhood councils and that it be maintained. ONS wants CA to do it and Kathryn is lobbying that ONS should be in charge of it.

Foreclosed property Registry: is in its final process, it will come up for a vote in Monday nights City Council meeting. The Jeanette HARRAS award was given and runners up applications read and dinner provided by Olive Garden. Donna Fagan and Fran nominated Kathryn Alexander Bemiss Co- Chair and Community Assembly Rep. Fran was also nominated and won the award.

By Laws:

Heather Trautman of ONS is looking into if we can legally vote on line.

Neighborhood Standing: All district ONE neighborhood will meet with the lawyer offered by ONS to look over their By Laws to see how and where to place the policy of standing.

The Bemiss Bylaws were gone over by Kathryn and Donna and re-written. The draft was handed to all at the meeting and will be placed on Next Door Bemiss group to have members go over them. The members are urged to make suggestions and corrections. We will vote to accept them in Jan. 2016.

News letter:

Kathryn asked to not mail out the newsletter but to have those from the Bemiss Neighborhood deliver them to a 2 or 4 block radius. That way we will have money for the Musicians for Concert under the Oak series this summer.

Hays Park:

Kathryn talked to Garret of Parks to find out how much for the park sign. We are waiting for an answer.

Fundraiser:

T-shirts on booster we don't have to pay anything. They make and ship per order. The T-shirts are \$20.00. If we buy 5 each we will make enough money for summer music. We have one month to buy. Members said that 5 t-shirts at 20 dollars is too much for their budget. Suggestions were made. Possible one to two T-shirts were agreeable per member then maybe businesses and others on Next Door would buy one.

Planning:

No Planning update. Kathryn did talk with Gregg Dhorn of Eastern and he is looking for ways to work with us. He is suggesting an over all assessment of our neighborhood to see what we need or we may do some specific planning concerning the Crestline/Foothills and/or the foothills/Pittsburg corners.

Bemiss Pride Project:

Housing inventory; Survey was handed out from Peggy. To be answered in Jan. Suggestions were to pick 10 to 12 block area to try first for painting project. Then they can be easily assessed. Paint will be donated and volunteers to do the work.

Alley Report:

Donna Fagan. Suggestions were made to have a town hall meeting for the closed Alley of Rich to Pittsburg, with the Neighbors and property owners of affected residence. Should ask NRO and talk to Mike Fagan or Amber Waldorf about joining. Donna asked if this could be a Bemiss Neighborhood sanctioned project. All attending said yes. But no vote was taken.

Meeting adjourned 8:30