

Bemiss Neighborhood Council Minutes

Dec. 11, 2014

Meeting came to order at 6:05 pm

Attending: Brooke Plastino, Kathryn Alexander, Ann Donahue, Bruce Higgins, Rod Minarik, Mike and Mary Ann Rapp, Mike and Donna Fagan

Next Meeting: January 8, 2015

Minutes

Kathryn reported on the two project submissions made by BNC. The first was a narrow bus shelter at Foothills and Pittsburg, which will be built early in 2016. The second was ADA curbs put in near Bemiss Elementary including the repair of a sidewalk.

The Community Assembly Award dinner recognized Ann Wick for her many years of help keeping this council alive. Brooke nominated her and Donna Fagan accepted her award for her. A full account can be found in the Community Assembly Minutes for Dec. 5, 2014

The Community Assembly Retreat is open to anyone, so please come. It is a great way to have a say in what we will do next year and there is no long-term commitment needed. The retreat will be held on Jan 30, 9am – 1 pm at the Finch Arboritum.

We discussed using mail to contact residents about Council meetings and to get them more engaged. Since we have no funds it became a moot point.

The Official Bemiss website, hosted by the City is now up and running. It was decided that the minutes and events should be posted there. A link to Shaping Spokane and the Nextdoor site will also be posted.

Brooke agreed to post the bylaws so that everyone could make comments on needed changes. The intent is to have a new version ready for voting at the January meeting.

We are still working on getting more skilled using the Nextdoor site. The expectation is that we can use it for voting and polling residents to get input without actually having to meet face-to-face.

Brooke shared a letter of support for the ‘Yard’ in Hillyard. He had been working on the project in the past and has agreed to be our representative moving forward.

Mike Rapp is our representative on the ONE board and he will be giving us monthly reports.

We discussed developing a logo for the Council. A bulldog was suggested by Brooke and since there were concerns about copyright Bruce Higgins agreed to do some research and report back next month. Other options are either the Rogers High School or the Regal school bell towers.

We discussed meeting locations. The idea of meeting at Bemiss Elementary was talked about, but it seemed too difficult as a regular spot. The possibility of doing it quarterly was considered, but no decision was made.

During this discussion the idea of creating a speakers bureau was mentioned as one way of educating residents about the council and what we are doing. This will be explored in more detail at future meetings.

We adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Alexander