

Bemiss Neighborhood Council Minutes

February 11, 2016

Call to order @ 6:04 PM Ended: 8:00 PM

Approval of the Minutes: (Dec. & Jan.) approved, Anna Moved and Mike seconded.

In attendance: Donna Fagan, Mike Fagan, Rod Minarik, Peggy Slider, Mike Rapp, Anna Silva, Marlene Maurer, Eddie Raelford

Excused: Bruce Higgins, Kathryn Alexander, Brooke Plastino

Mike Fagan Report – Discussed the new councilperson process,

Community Assembly Report – KA

ONS restructure- New name is Neighborhood Business Services (NBS)

Land Use Representative Needed- No action

Retreat Training:

Retreat Feb. 19 at Finch Arboretum

Budget – CA Application to be done next meeting, CA Application for \$500 – not addressed

Sidewalks update – not given

Bylaws: Discussion, Vote? It was decided to forward proposed bylaws to members and vote for approval at a future meeting.

Newsletter: Many comments on the content, other neighborhoods are looking to copy.

Finances:

Brandy Report \$1360 Dec./Newsletter cost \$401.71

Square account - T-Shirts \$47.56

More businesses are needed to advertise on the back of the T shirts. Suggestion of \$50 to advertise.

Allocation of Funds / Business License \$19.00 /\$56.50 under by ONES put off to next meeting.

Letter sent to the city thanking them for transferring funds recommended by our councilman, Mike Fagan.

2016 Calendar

Clean ups: A cleanup for Mother's Day was suggested for May 7th. Rogers, church and Bob's on Queen proposed for dumpsters in the neighborhood. Fall cleanup

proposed. October recommended. No date set. Thinking of a curbside in the fall and use NextDoor to register.

Concerts: Recommended for July 8th, July 22nd, August 12th and August 26th. All are Friday nights. Need help choosing music – seeking 2 more people

Other Events:

Block Parties, after discussion, it was recommended to have block parties in August.

Peggy reminded everyone that neighborhood parties, etc. should be by invitation rather than flyers, public notices etc. in order to avoid having to secure permits. It was suggested that parties should be at parks with neighbors walking to the park, especially Hays Park which has limited parking.

Pie baking contest- No venue or date set. Looking for suggestions for a venue to get more interest. Pies will be for sale. Ingredients of the pies required.

Membership Holiday Party – December- No action

Planning – Update

Housing inventory: Peggy gave members a map of the neighborhood showing all businesses, single and multi-family housing. After discussion, it was agreed to make a few changes. Members will be asked to travel neighborhoods and enter addresses of single-family houses in need of paint, landscaping or other attention.

Hays Park – next meeting

Walking School bus:

Donna reported on the Walking Schools bus proposal for Bemiss mentioned in the recent Newsletter. This is different from Safe sidewalks. Bemiss School will look for volunteers.

Shade trees offer: Avista is offering deciduous (leaf) trees to residents. The requirements are: be an owner in Spokane County, be an Avista customer and have space for the tree. Residents must also agree to water and care for the tree as directed. You can order a tree from the Spokane County Conservation District. Contact them at www.sccd.org, click on programs and Avista shade tree or by [509-535-7274](tel:509-535-7274) phone. Then email the form to ben-peterson@sccd.org or send it to SCCD at 210 N Havana, Spokane, 99202

New Business:

Whitman Elementary will have a Wellness Fair on March 30th beginning at 1:30. All are invited.

Submitted,
Mike Rapp