

Bemiss Neighborhood Minutes – March 10, 2016

Minutes submitted by Donna Fagan

Meeting start 6:10 meeting adjourned 8:30

Attending: Kathryn Alexander, Donna Fagan, Bruce Higgins, Rod Minarik, Anna Silva, Peggy Slider, Marlene Maurer, Brooke Palatino, Edie Radford, Mary Ann Rapp, Mike Rapp, Karisa Silva, Guest; Tom Hendren, Captain, SPD North Precinct, Damon Hunter ONS Excused: Mike Fagan

Guest: Damon Hunter from Spokane Office of Neighborhood Services talked about the free tree program for 2016. One tree per property. You can go to spokaneneighborhoods.org to pick from 22 different species. Trees can be picked up the week of 4/18 to 4/24. Spokane River Gorge project announced.

Guest: Tom Hendren Captain of the North Precinct SPD Introduced himself, a Spokane native graduated from Shadle and SCC and Eastern WA. U. Gave his report working on communication from one department to another department. He helps put the puzzle together for investigators. COPS NE is moving into the Precinct and Department of Corrections will have an office there also. There will be COMSTAT training on March 23 at 9:30 at the SCC fire-training center. Chronic Nuisance Ordinance will be expanded with revisions, it will be discussed on the 21 of March at public Safety Meeting it will be discussed. An Ad hoc Committee to review CA police and procedures is being formed.

CA report: Kathryn Alexander, Fireman Levy information was available on table along with the Library information on funding for update and getting the community involved in the planning. Due to construction the CA may be moving their meetings to a Community Center. CA is instituting a roll call vote system so NC can know how and what their reps are doing, that information will be in the CA minutes. Available contact list of standing Committee and hopefully a link to the City site will be established. Need volunteer for Committees. Kathryn will put the list of Committees and their contacts on our web site, She is also helping develop a website for CA. Meetings are being changed to include a roundtable section on the agenda so neighborhoods can seek help and support from each other on issues of importance. CA application for Funds to Neighborhoods is due April 1. Suggestion to submit application for \$500 for advertising (signs and t-shirts) made for summer concert series. Music Under the Oaks.

Motion made by Donna Fagan to do so. Seconded by Bruce Higgins all in favor one abstained.

Clean up: Karisa Silva from Hillyard visited to ask Bemiss if they were going to participate in the Combined roll off clean up at Shaw middle school. The Hillyard Coordinator is Carl Knutson. Bemiss will participate in the joint dumpster clean up with Hillyard but no date has been determined yet. But change of place may be the off of Market and Rich were Ziegler's use to be.

Bemiss clean up dates are June 11 for roll off and Oct. 8 curb side 500.00 will be given to ONS to be used for code violations used as dump passes.

Planning update: Peggy Slider, Survey of the Quality of the Neighborhood. A revised survey sheet was handed out. Questions to be answered: how to track what needs to be done and what was done, and justification to neighbors that were chosen to be done and others that were not?. Members were asked to survey their neighborhoods and possibly two blocks before and after. Placing a call on Next Door Bemiss and asking members to do the same. Copy of survey is with these minutes. The purpose of survey is to find houses that need painting, maintenance, yard work, garbage, and find ways to help the owner get it done. Students from Eastern may be interested in doing a land use survey from foothills to Empire and Cook to Market. Purpose is to find ways to remote business to come and give Bemiss more diverse commerce. When the Students will begin is not known at this time.

Announcements: March 30 is Wellness and Safety fair at Whitman Elementary 1:30 to 3:30 Resource table will be available for NC and other nonprofits. Other business: Brooke Plastino will look into the solar roadways that Bemiss wanted to put in the traffic calming project.