

**Bemiss Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Minutes Draft  
Th, May 12, 2016  
Submitted by Marlene Maurer**

**Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m. by Co-Chair Donna Fagan & Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Attendees:** Donna Fagan, Councilman Mike Fagan, Bruce Higgins, Mike Rapp, Anna Silva, Marlene Maurer, Peggy Slider, Kate Burke, Joshua Larsen and Rod Minark, excused were Kathryn Alexander, Mary Ann Rapp

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for 4/14/16 corrected as follows:  
Community Cleanup Dates should be stated:

- June 11, 2016 Roll Off
- October 8, 2016 Curbside

Motion to accept corrected minutes submitted by Bruce Higgins, seconded by Mike Rapp approved unanimously.

**Guest: Spokane Edible Tree Project Overview by Kate Burke, Director**

- Organization created in 2013 to collect fruit and nuts from unharvested trees in Spokane County
- Last season, volunteers collected 32 thousand lbs. of fruit and nuts and delivered to food banks
- Options for community:
  - Serve as a tree scout, harvest leader, or be part of a gleaning mob
    - Volunteer kickoff party 5/26/16
  - Register your trees for donations
  - Donate harvesting and pruning tools
- Contacts:
  - [info@SpokaneEdibleTreeProject.org](mailto:info@SpokaneEdibleTreeProject.org) , call 509.209.2890, visit website or like on Facebook

**Guest: The Balloon Guy –Joshua Larsen**

- Interested in providing services for Block Parties or other events
- Creates hats/animals or provides party décor
- Contact: 509.487.5635

**Block Party Updates:**

- Would like to include list of upcoming parties on newsletter that is being sent this month
- Contact Kathryn Alexander via Bemiss Next Door private message ASAP to include your block party
- Current known parties: 6/18 Kathryn Alexander & 6/25 Donna Fagan

**Community Assembly Report** (to be provided by Kathryn)

**Community Cleanup Notification Postcards**

- 6/11 @ Shaw School from 9-1 or until 15 dumpsters full
- Some recycling vendors will be available to take building materials, tires, etc.
- Some dump passes will be available
- Postcard Notification to area:
  - Will include Hillyard and Bemiss Cleanup Information (including what can be accepted, etc.)
  - Will include meeting dates for both community councils
  - Will be completed and mailed ASAP

**Bemiss Community Council Bylaws Review**

- Bylaws draft as revised on Jan., 2015 was brought for discussion
- Motion to accept bylaws as written in draft revised Jan., 2015 submitted by Bruce Higgins, seconded by Mike Rapp and motion approved unanimously.

**City Council Update** by Councilman Mike Fagan

- Monday Council meeting approved the use of electric fences in industrial areas. Previously, electric fences not allowed in the city.
- Copy of proposed updates to Spokane's Chronic Nuisance Code distributed
  - Proposal includes changes which amends the definition of nuisance property
    - 7 or more nuisance activities during any 12 month period
    - Expands definition of nuisance activities
    - Establishes graduated penalty system
  - Anticipated to come before the City Council within a couple of weeks
  - Contact Councilwoman Amber Waldref 509.625.6719 with suggestions
- Chief of Police Applicant update
  - 17 applications received to date (one current SPD member)
  - Review/selection process to include interview team visit to communities of finalists
- Member question regarding abandoned property proposed amendment to address vehicle "storage"
  - Community Assembly reduced vehicle limit from 4 to 3(?) on property and forwarded to Planning Department. Rod checking on status within Planning.

**Financial Report & Newsletter Printing:**

- Financial Draft distributed
- Approval \$400 requested to print Bemiss Newsletter leaving balance of \$180
- Bemiss Newsletter draft reviewed digitally
- T-shirts have been ordered for delivery and sale at concerts
- Mike Rapp submitted motion to approve use of up to \$400 for Newsletter printing, Bruce seconded and was approved.

**Committee Positions Available:**

- ONS & Finance – Mike Rapp volunteered to serve
- Traffic Calming – Anna Silva volunteered to serve (*will bring forth application for review to submit regarding need for traffic calming study at Rich & Helena*)
- Cleanup –
- Land Use –
- Secretary –

**Planning Update by Peggy Slider of Spokane Regional Health District:**

Bemiss Neighborhood Housing Survey

- (Background: Housing materials have been donated to assist properties in need of paint, minor repair and landscaping. Ways to identify properties in need was discussed at Feb/Mar meetings.)
- Survey presented at March Meeting is ready for use for collection. Bemiss map was distributed at February meeting
- Members are asked to complete survey of 3 block radius of their home and submit to July Bemiss Council Meeting.
  - Request for volunteers will be placed in Bemiss Next Door