

## **Bemiss Neighborhood Council Minutes June 11, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

No minutes to approve

Attendance:

Kathryn Alexander, Donna Fagan, Brooke Plastino, Bruce Higgins, Mike Fagan, Heather Trautman, Mike and MaryAnn Rapp excused, Ann Donahue, Rod Minarik

Brooke Plastino resigned as chair due to health issues, he will continue as a member of the council and continue to manage Bemiss.Nextdoor.

Heather reported that she has asked a professor at Eastern Washington, Whitman or Gonzaga to assist Bemiss with a planning project and he has agreed. She will let us know the results of her inquiries. This would allow us to look at potential business development in the Crestline/Foothills area and in the Foothills/Pittsburg area.

Bob Turner is working on the Crestline Diet program that is scheduled for 2017 and this planning may contribute to that project.

The Council voted on the proposal submitted to the CA by PETT on whether or not to allow the Coty Council to use surplus Red Light funds for various city projects such as a proposed Mission Ave Bridge. This proposal was discussed at some length. The vote was against with one abstention.

Kathryn presented a proposal for Hays Park for the upcoming CDBG funding cycle. The proposal including 5 park benches, labeling of the trees to identify their species, a possible cement path through the park and an additional up grade to the lighting with one additional light were all discussed. She met with George Dhal (CHHS) and Garret Jones (Parks & Recreation) to get estimates.

This upgrade would help as we move forward in having concerts in the park to help build community and raise some funds for BNC. Other fundraising projects were also mentioned: recycling large appliances, petitioning our District Councilpeople for financial help, GoFundMe are also options. Having funds will necessitate having a Treasurer, which will need to be put into the bylaws.

The Bylaws were discussed and Donna and Kathryn agreed to make changes and edits and bring those back to the Council for changes and approval.

Donna proposed a Night Out Against Crime on August 4<sup>th</sup>. She will submit the application.

Kathryn is holding the first block party on June 20, with Donna holding one June 27 and Brooke has agreed to one before the end of summer. Mike and MaryAnn Rapp will have a backyard barbeque.

Kathryn has agreed to try to put up a Facebook page.

Kathryn also expressed concern that there are no records in the Bemiss binder at City Hall. Heather said that there should be old records in the files and she agreed to help try and locate them.

We adjourned at 8:25 pm