

February 4, 2020

MEADOWBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 7:00 pm the President, Pam Bowe, called the meeting to order. There were 10 attendees, including at least 9 voting members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer noted there was a total of \$2208.59 in Meadowbrook Council's checking and savings accounts at BECU.

New Council website The President reported the Council has a new website at www.meadowbrookcouncil.org. It was launched today and has links to local and state governments as well as Seattle's "Find It Fix It" website for reporting graffiti, burned out street lights, etc.

130th Street Station Sound Transit presently plans to open the 145th station before the 130th station. This means it will cost more and cause traffic to downtown to be restricted to one lane on the light rail for a year, versus constructing both at the same time. Upon motion made and unanimously approved, the President was directed to send a letter to Sound Transit urging it to construct both stations at the same time and send an email to members urging them to write Sound Transit advocating for both to be constructed at the same time.

Tree Protection Letter A letter was sent to the Mayor and all council members advocating for increased protections for the tree canopy in Seattle.

New barbed wire fence at Matthews Park A resident spoke about the new barbed wire fence along Sand Point Way NE on King County property at Matthews Park. Upon motion made and seconded, the member is to draft a letter to Councilmember Juarez and King County requesting a more neighborhood friendly alternative to replace the barbed wire fence. The draft is to be forwarded to the President, who will finalize the draft and send it.

Officer Nominations The President solicited officer nominations and said the existing officers are willing to continue in their offices, if elected at the March meeting. There were no nominations from the floor.

Survival Skills Fair Ms. Bowe solicited volunteers to help with the Fair to teach survival skills to children on February 8, 2020 at the Community Center.

Thornton Creek Bridge Project Update There will be a meeting February 27, 2020 at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church at 7pm to hear a presentation by SDOT's consultants on their bridge designs. The County is at 30% design on replacement bridges in the Meadowbrook area and is seeking public input.

Sidewalk Committee Update Mr. Keefe noted east of 35th Avenue NE on NE 110th Street there is still water pooling in the street after the installation of the temporary sidewalk. The temporary sidewalk on the south side of NE 110th Street will be replaced by a permanent sidewalk when the bridge is replaced in a few years.

He discussed several proposed improvements such as working to achieve a better line of sight at the 35th Avenue NE & NE 105th intersection for pedestrians by prohibiting parking close to the intersection. He also solicited new sidewalk projects which members felt were needed. One member suggested a flashing beacon crosswalk and/or flags at NE 95th Street and 42nd.

Citizen Science the Vice President reported about 35 volunteers are sampling water in Thornton Creek. They have just obtained another grant from King County Councilmember Rob Dembowski.

JAMS Ms. Weinstein said Jane Addams has about 1000 students. JAMS is currently soliciting donations to install additional improvements on the school grounds. The recent levy is contributing about \$3,500,000 toward improvements.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary