

January 11, 2022

## MEADOWBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 7:00 pm the President, Pam Bowe, called the meeting to order. There were 11 attendees, including at least 9 voting members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer noted there was a total of \$2,260.38 as of 12/10/21 in the Council's checking and savings accounts at BECU.

Approval of Minutes Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Director and Officer Nominations The President announced all existing officers and directors: President Pam Bowe, Vice President Dan Keefe, Treasurer Wilma Boyd, and Secretary Michael Reinhardt were willing to stand for reelection. Directors Colleen Weinstein and Walt Bubelis were also willing to stand for reelection. She encouraged interested parties to join the slate of candidates.

Luminaria Ms. Girvin reported the 9<sup>th</sup> annual luminaria night on December 4<sup>th</sup> was a success. The Nathan Hale jazz band, the Roosevelt band, and several other musical organizations provided music throughout the evening. 425-450 people attended.

Community Center The pool and shower are open, but the Center is not open for meetings. If it is open for meetings in March, the Council hopes to have its' next meeting there.

Thornton Creek Alliance Mr. Laufle spoke about TCA activities in the area. It is a successful volunteer organization which works to improve Thornton Creek and its watershed. The old Kindred hospital site in Northgate is being redeveloped to allow a 7 story apartment building. That would be one of several multifamily properties all forced to direct onto and off a short stretch of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, which would negatively affect Beaver pond Natural area. TCA filed an appeal of the Seattle Master Use Permit issuance on several environmental issues, but lost. There are several other sites in NE Seattle that are a concern to them. On a more

positive note, at NE 110<sup>th</sup> Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE next to Jane Addams School they are trying to develop a rain garden i.e. bioswale in that area. Their website is [thorntoncreekalliance.org](http://thorntoncreekalliance.org).

John Rodgers Elementary is scheduled to be razed and rebuilt in 2024. Mr. Bubelis reported the school advisory committee, of which he is a member, provides an opportunity for anyone concerned to be involved and to comment on the plans. It is the most diverse school in the city and 10% of the students are homeless. The present drop off area should be redeveloped to become more functional. The school will be farther to the south than the present location. It was suggested if he felt neighborhood concerns were not being addressed, Mr. Bubelis should draft a letter for the MCC to send to the school district.

Tree Survey Ms. Weinstein and Mr. Bubelis are working on the process to conduct a tree survey in the Meadowbrook area.

Tool Library It is thriving in the old La Villa Dairy site on Fischer PL NE near Lake City Way NE. Free tool loans are provided to any adults who become members.

Blood Drives The president noted the Council should help publicize upcoming blood drives in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood street Fund This year the City's fund is only going to consider unfunded past projects. This prevents new projects from being proposed this year.

Council Objectives for This Year Ms. Bowe solicited suggestions for objectives the Council should have for 2022. Members recommended having the Council thank residents who worked as volunteers to benefit Meadowbrook, have an "Adopt a roundabout" campaign to improve them, and contact politicians to lobby for support for community councils and tree preservation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm. By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary