

July 11, 2023

MEADOWBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 6:30 pm the President, Pam Bowe, called the meeting to order. There were 10 attendees, including at least 7 voting members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer, Wilma Boyd, reported there was a total of \$2,063.79 in the Council's checking and savings accounts at BECU

Approval of Minutes After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting (which have been posted on the MCC website) were approved with two amendments.

District 5 City Council Candidate Forums Two meetings have occurred and a Zoom meeting will be tomorrow, Wednesday, July 12, 2023 - 7-8:30 PM. The public is invited to attend. The primary is August 1st.

Meadowbrook Pond The Vice President, Dan Keefe, said Ms. Anne Girvin is looking for volunteers to help with one or more public meetings to feature speakers regarding the pond's aquatic ecology and beavers which are living there. The meetings would be in late August or September.

Meadowbrook Emergency Communications HUB Due to the theft of the job box holding all the equipment for the HUB, the President has proposed to obtain a grant from the City to replace the equipment. To satisfy the public participation match for the grant, she plans to hold a skills fair in late September. Attendees would learn about emergency preparedness and provide matching hours to help fulfill the grant requirements. Three council members attended two different neighborhood meetings at other HUBs to observe how they functioned.

The national Night Out is scheduled for August 1, 2023. The Meadowbrook public is invited to Meadowbrook's Night Out at NE 107th St & Alton Ave NE. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips will be provided and neighbors are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert. Last year about 85 neighbors attended. Some materials purchased for the Night Out will be provided to the Emergency HUB afterwards.

Nishitani Family Recognition In 1918 the Nishitani family started clearing land on the east side of Lake City Way NE at NE 98th Street to build a garden store. It continued to operate until 1973 and provided many of the landscaping plants in the Meadowbrook area. Walt Bubelis has spearheaded an effort to have street signs on Ravenna Ave NE bordering their former property be altered to add the Nishitani name. The President suggested the Council push the District 5 City Councilmember, Debora Juarez, to accomplish this before she leaves office.

Willow Creek Fish Passage Mr. Keefe reported SDOT is planning to install a fish passage in Willow Creek at the south end of the La Villa Dairy natural area along Lake City Way NE at about NE 100th St. He suggested asking Parks to build a kiosk on the site explaining the Nishitani family connection to the site.

Community Garden The community garden next to the Nathan Hale tennis courts has been vandalized again. A thief attempted to remove a brass water valve to sell it for scrap and damaged the watering system. The garden is applying for a grant to purchase a new valve, a 20' storage container for tools, new compost materials, and a new watering system in the orchard area uphill.

Jane Addams Swale Ms. Renee Barton is leading an effort to protect a 150' long swale on NE 110th St by Jane Addams with parking stops, elimination of invasive plants, and planting of native plants. Nathan Hale High School will be establishing a compost project to stop the School District from blowing the Fall leaves into the ditch.

Pedestrian Safety A member asked what progress SDOT was making at NE 100th St & 35th Ave NE in installing crosswalks and a pedestrian safety median. Mr. Keefe volunteered to follow up with SDOT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary

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