

## FINAL – Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2019

### MEADOBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Shortly after 7:00 pm, President Pam Bowe, called the meeting to order. There were 25 attendees, including 15 voting members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected (to show MeadoWbrook).

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Wilma Boyd reported the Council has \$2,147.43 on deposit at BECU. Treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

Pam Bowe introduced D5 Councilmember Debora Juarez, who attended with her Legislative Assistant Shayna Daitch and Campaign Manager Arne Nelson. Debora spoke about her experiences as a 30-year resident in District 5, her accomplishments (including: knowing the district residents and their needs, Lake City Community Center replacement, our recently-opened second food bank, attempts to change the speed limit along 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 25 mph especially at the dangerous NE 75<sup>th</sup> St intersection, housing and transportation successes, 2 live events each year: Live in D5 and the February event at Shanty's, and her work at building relationships that allow these and other accomplishments). She said one of her continuing challenges is representing D5 residents as they are (51% renters, 49% home owners with 82 languages spoken by D5 residents; not all are "rich and happy with most needs fulfilled"), rather than the common perception. She spoke at length about goals of improving the transit system in D5, which has one of the worst East/West traffic flow systems in the city, and how to work with other municipalities such as Shoreline and Kenmore, as well as community groups, to achieve a system that works better for all. Comments from the audience included a request that the MCC Sidewalk Committee be included to help determine E/W transportation routes to feed Link Light Rail, comments regarding airplane noise (airplane traffic noise is not an issue that City of Seattle can control – concerns should be directed to Port of Seattle and Congressional Representative Pramila Jayapal), displacement due to quickly increasing property taxes.

SDOT representatives Christa Dumpys and Alan Cabales updated MCC attendees on the status of current projects. As of Monday, July 8, work started on building new sidewalks along the south side of NE 110<sup>th</sup> St between NE 40<sup>th</sup> and Sand Point Way. In conjunction with the project on NE 110<sup>th</sup> between 34<sup>th</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, the long-term drainage issues which have plagued this area will start to be addressed and fixed. SDOT is moving from the outside edges toward the heart of the problem to achieve a permanent solution. There are 6 other projects under active construction and the ones closest to schools will receive the most intense priority. Alan said that his goal was minimizing the length of disruption due to these projects, even if the impact was larger, rather than dragging them out longer over time. Both Christa and Alan assured MCC that their goals are to notify those in the impact area and work with all to accommodate property owners to the extent possible, while achieving completed projects as quickly as possible.

Updates on several other projects were provided by Dan Keefe. The Community Garden has been contributing many pounds of produce to volunteers and local food banks. (One participant brought plums to this meeting from her garden.) Thornton Creek sampling during storm runoff will begin again

toward fall when rains return. Work on cleaning up Meadowbrook Pond is underway; the contractors seem to be taking seriously their commitment to preserve wildlife during the process (Duck Rescue was mentioned), and if beaver are temporarily displaced due to noise and activity, they are very likely to return to their main lodge when this work is completed. John Rogers Elementary school is scheduled for closure and redesign, to be reconstructed and open again by 2025. Two years of classes will be transferred elsewhere during this reconstruction. Pam Bowe invited everyone to her area Night Out, which had approx. 130 participants last August. This year's National Night Out (block watch gathering) is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6. Residents can close off streets by registering with City of Seattle (some intersections need to remain open for emergency vehicle access), and it is possible to use this approach on other occasions than Night Out. Some blocks have regular closure for "Play Time" for kids and adults, or irregular closure for potlucks. It's a good way to build community.

Many other events are scheduled: Wedgwood Art Festival (July 13-14), Lake City Summerfest (first August weekend), Maple Leaf Summer Social (July 17) – and more. Keep an eye on the MCC web site.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Boyd, temporary recording secretary in Mike Reinhardt's absence