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December 11, 2018 MEADOBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 7:10 pm the President, Pam Bowe, called the meeting to order. There were 22 attendees, including at least 9 voting members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

SDOT Activity in Meadowbrook was reviewed by the Vice President. SDOT is proceeding with the installation of a temporary sidewalk and bridge between 35th and 36th Avenues NE on the south side of NE 110th Street. This temporary bridge will be replaced by a more permanent bridge when the bridge under the street is replaced at that location. He also distributed a handout detailing the progress of the various pedestrian improvements in Meadowbrook.

Your Voice Your Choice ("YVYC") / Neighborhood Street Fund ("NSF") The MCC submitted 5 projects in the YVYC (which is for projects between \$0 and \$100,000) and one received enough public votes to be funded. The NSF is funded by a past levy and is for projects between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000. The MCC is promoting 4 projects under this fund.

Emergency HUB at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church - 32nd Avenue NE & NE 100th Street. The HUB is a meeting place and communications hub for people to go in the event of an extended emergency, such as a major earthquake, to gather and exchange information. There is a ham radio located at the HUB for communication with the outside world. The HUB Captain, Ms. Anne Girvin, reported they hope to write a grant to create clusters of 20 homes that will coordinate emergency preparedness for their cluster. In the event of a major disaster, there will be no response to home fires or medical emergencies, because the first responders have been ordered to ignore them and focus on higher priorities.

Meadowbrook Pond Luminaria Ms. Girvin said for the Luminaria's 9th year volunteers put out 900 lights, distributed treats to kids, and a choir performed. There were 700 attendees.

Community Garden & Orchard The public garden (by Nathan Hale tennis courts) donated 1244 pounds of food to the North Helpline food bank this year. Volunteers are welcome and can take home some of the produce from the garden.

Meadowbrook Community Care Mr. Terry Vogel spoke about their work at the Lutheran Church and work at various charitable projects.

Thornton Creek Alliance Mr. Keefe is on the board of TCA. This is their second year of volunteer E.coli monitoring in both tributaries of Thornton Creek. Their next meeting is on January 17th and will discuss the beavers living in NE Seattle. TCA is also involved in knotweed eradication. One member complained about homeless encampments along the stream. He replied it is a source of E.coli contamination in Thornton Creek. That and the amount of garbage left at homeless sites along the creek is frustrating.

Bex V Levy / Neighborhood School Developments The President reported on JAMS Dream Big (an organization to improve the Jane Addams grounds), headed by Ms. Colleen Weinstein, and its' ongoing improvement projects. The Bex V Levy will fund the needed replacement of the John Rogers Elementary building as well as improvements to Jane Addams Middle School and other nearby schools.

Don Willis Building Remodel The Treasurer reported on the January, 2018 letter sent by the MCC to the City suggesting 9 restrictions on the remodel of the Don Willis building into 16 apartments with 26 onsite parking spaces. It shared a common property boundary with a number of homes in Meadowbrook. The City planner used MCC's points in communicating with the project's architect. Ultimately, the developer agreed to all 9 restrictions, although the City later refused to require one of the restrictions. The neighbors appreciated MCC's help in mitigating the harm to their homes.

D5 City Budget Ms. Shayna Daitch (District Director for Councilmember Debora Juarez office - phone (206) 256-5955, cell (206) 698-3994, shayna.daitch@seattle.gov.) talked about her background and the work she does on behalf of Councilmember Juarez. She invited members to contact her with their concerns about D5 issues. Council member Juarez worked on the NHL hockey team coming to Northgate. She has raised \$16,000,000 for replacing the Lake City Community Center. In addition, she has obtained funding for a “home zones” pilot project to reduce cut through traffic in neighborhoods.

New Issues The President urged members to contact her with any new matters they wished to have the Meadowbrook Council focus on in 2019. She suggested opposing a proposed liberalization of tree cutting rules and new rules regarding Detached Accessory Dwelling Units and Attached Dwelling Units. They could be added to the lots of existing homes, be occupied by up to 12 unrelated adults and provide no onsite parking. Existing lot coverage restrictions on single family lots would be changed to allow far greater lot coverage by structures.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary