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May 8, 2018 MEADOBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 7:05 pm the President, Pam Bowe, called the meeting to order. There were 22 attendees, including 14 voting members in attendance. The minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting were approved.

Meadowbrook Pond Maintenance Seattle Public Utility's Jonathan Brown, Capital Projects Manager, and Brenda Gardner, Facility Manager for the Pond park gave a presentation on the upcoming dredging project for the pond. SPU must dredge the Pond periodically to keep it functioning properly. The entire pond will be dredged to remove 9,000 cubic yards of material. They expect it will not be needed again for 10 years. The contractor will start in July, 2018 and hopes to finish September 15th. The bridge will be closed, but the perimeter trails will be left open. During the last dredging, SPU counted 8,500 fish in the pond or transiting it during the dredging. The creek is designed to be 9' deep and the Pond at a maximum 11'. Now some areas are almost filled with sediment. A member who keeps the bird list for the pond noted 110 species of birds have been seen there. For more information about the project, visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/MeadowbrookPond/> Members suggested SPU post notices at the entrances to the Pond in the future to alert the public to upcoming projects.

SPU hopes to dredge just the fore bay to the pond annually since most of the sediment lands there. Hopefully this will reduce the need for major dredging (3-4 month closures versus 2-4 week closures for limited dredging). One member noted there are a lot of homeless encampments near Taco Time and they are a source of contaminants (fecal and otherwise). He hoped SPU would send enforcement personnel through that area to prevent encampments and reduce contamination in the creek.

If members have questions about the project, they are encouraged to contact Mr. Brown at (206) 386-4027. Ms. Gardner is succeeding Ms. Deb Heiden who was SPU's person responsible for ongoing maintenance of the Pond. If members have questions about Meadowbrook Pond in general, they should contact Ms. Gardner at (206) 256-5139.

35th Avenue NE Redesign Many members expressed opposition to the redesign.

Thornton Creek Mr. Dan Keefe said volunteers collected water samples from 30 sites on Thornton Creek. When it rains there is much more contamination of Thornton Creek from human fecal material, bacteria, and e coli. A second volunteer project is monitoring storm water runoff after a big rain because it appears that is when there is peak contamination.

Sidewalks Mr. Keefe displayed an updated list from SDOT of sidewalk and pedestrian safety improvements planned for Meadowbrook. A member complained about the lack of sidewalks in Meadowbrook and urged residents to contact Representative Juarez requesting more funding for sidewalks. Mr. Keefe distributed several handouts regarding transportation improvements, including bus routes in Meadowbrook.

Your Voice, Your Choice SDOT will present the sidewalk and pedestrian improvement projects which qualify for public voting from June 16 – July 16. Mr. Keefe urged members to vote for Meadowbrook projects. Ms. Deejah Peterson asked that members be told what Meadowbrook project(s) they can vote for in the upcoming voting period and how to vote. The President will have information about YVYC on the Meadowbrook website.

Jane Addams Campus Improvement Project Ms. Colleen Weinstein provided an update. Her group is asking SPS to include this project in their list of projects which would be funded by the upcoming school levy and she urged members to vote for the levy.

Emergency Hub at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church Ms. Bowe reported there is a new emergency hub in the NE corner of the church parking lot for residents to gather if they need assistance after a disaster. It will have a ham radio operator to report Meadowbrook's emergency needs. She displayed brochures about emergency preparedness and passed out an email sign up for information about the Hub and to obtain a digital copy of the brochure. The Hub is one of a network of Hubs in Seattle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary