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November 14, 2017 MEADOBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 7:05 pm the President, Dan Keefe, called the meeting to order. There were 12 attendees, including 7 voting members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting were approved.

Your Voice Your Choice Mr. Kraig Cook, Program Coordinator Participatory Budgeting (206) 256-5944 kraig.cook@seattle.gov and Ms. Amy Nyugen Community Programs Strategic Advisor (206) 233-2044 amy.nguyen@seattle.gov from the Department of Neighborhoods spoke about the City's Your Voice Your Choice (YVYC) grant program. They distributed handouts describing the program, which is in its second year. In 2017, over 8,000 voters citywide selected 33 projects which were funded with a total of \$2,000,000. Mr. Cook solicited volunteers to help with the implementation of the program in 2018. Last year District 5, which includes Meadowbrook, had the most engagement of all districts. There were 122 ideas and 1,429 voters last year, who selected four projects. D5 was given slightly more funding due to its high participation. Meadowbrook had enough votes from residents to select one project at Ravenna & NE 98th Street which will install speed bumps, a traffic radar speed display sign, etc. All YVYC projects are constructed by DOT crews, unless SDOT decides to hire an outside contractor.

For 2018, YVYC will review over 500 projects that were not funded last year and list some of those for consideration. Their theme is making it as easy as possible to connect to the process, give feedback, and vote. A suggestion can be detailed or can be as vague as "I don't feel safe at a certain location". They asked for feedback about desired projects and collected feedback about ideas. In a handout, they illustrated eligible projects such as flashing beacons at crosswalks, low cost sidewalks, speed humps, traffic circles, curb bulbs, asphalt paths, handicap pedestrian ramps, benches in City Parks, Park trail improvements, etc.

The President hopes to have a Sidewalk Subcommittee meeting in January regarding Meadowbrook's Your Voice Your Choice projects for 2018.

On a motion made, seconded, and approved the Members voted to have the President send a letter to the City Council the next day requesting additional funding from the City for the YVYC program in the 2018 City budget.

District 5 Community Network Mr. John Lombard discussed the "District 5 Community Network" (D5), the successor organization to the North District in the district council system which was disbanded last year by the City. Councilmember Debra Juarez felt areas to the west of Meadowbrook, which are not organized, should receive more of her attention. He said D5 seeks to be a connector of different community groups. Their two successful actions have been to sponsor the first district wide community meeting held by Councilmember Juarez and to push at City budget hearings for a diversion program for low level offenders in this area. He hopes to meet with Ms. Juarez to push for inclusion in the budget of items the district favors, such as additional funding for sidewalks.

Accessory Dwelling Units Pursuant to the motion at the last meeting, the President noted he had sent in a comment letter to the City opposing an expansion of ADU regulations for single family zones to allow construction of buildings to house up to 12 unrelated adults with no on-site parking provided to the residents. Copies of the letter were available at the entrance.

MCC Elections Individuals seeking election to the MCC must declare their candidacy by the January 9th meeting. The President encouraged members who were interested, to declare their candidacy. Elections will be in March, 2018.

Lake City Neighborhood Alliance Mr. Tim Motzer believes he has found a way to finance a new community center in Lake City. He proposes to leave the levy at its existing rate for the next three years, rather than the planned drop. The extra funds would be earmarked just for a new community center. timmotzer@aol.com is his email address and he encourages members to contact him if they have questions.

Sidewalks Mr. Walt Bubleis reported that on NE 110th Street, about 40th Avenue NE, the city installed two speed bump 15mph warning signs which were not securely grounded and have fallen over. He will forward photos of the fallen signs to Mr. Brian Dougherty of SDOT with a copy to Mr. Keefe.

Crime Report Ms. Aundie Collison reported the biggest crime in this area is now domestic abuse due to children coming home to an empty house and beating up one another. Officers who come to your home now have body cameras.

Emergency Hubs Ms. Anne Girven spoke about their attempt to set up an Emergency Hub at the Maple Leaf Lutheran Church and a second Emergency Hub at NE 105th Street & 32nd Avenue NE.

Luminaria Walk Volunteers will prepare 900 lit bags on November 30rd at 5:30pm and the walk through Meadowbrook Pond will be on December 2nd from 5:30-8pm.

Taming Bigfoot In Seattle Ms. Deejah Peterson spoke about this program to reduce the carbon footprint of residents in Seattle. After motion made and seconded, a resolution was adopted stating that Meadowbrook Community Council agreed to become an endorser of "Taming Bigfoot in Seattle".

Jane Addams Middle School Landscape Improvements The landscape design is progressing. Fifty people attended the last meeting. A design review community meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29th 6:30-8:15pm at Jane Addams. For further information, email: jamsdreambig@gmail.com

Community Garden The President noted so far this year the community garden has donated over 1,200 pounds of food grown at the community garden to the North Helpline food bank.

Citizen Science Projects are sponsored by the Thornton Creek Alliance. Findings about E. coli contamination in Thornton Creek were discussed by Mr. Keefe. They have found Coho salmon are very sensitive to storm water runoff in Thornton Creek, but Chum salmon do not seem to be adversely affected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary