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September 11, 2018 MEADOBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 7:05 pm the President, Pam Bowe, called the meeting to order. There were 19 attendees, including 17 voting members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report The President thanked Ms. Boyd for her work in emailing all former members to solicit them to rejoin MCC. The Treasurer reported as of August 10th the Council had \$1,935.86 in the MCC account at BECU credit union with 30 members current in their dues.

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. The HUB Captain, Ms. Anne Girvin, gave a talk about earthquake or other disaster preparedness and showed videos of typical home damage from an earthquake. She has been told by the City there will be no police or fire department assistance for homes which need it. The Fire Department has other priorities and will let homes burn in the event of a major quake.

The HUB does not have food or water supplies. Citizens should have their own water and food supplies to last them for two weeks until outside aid is expected to arrive. Her goal is to have a leader for every twenty houses in Meadowbrook to organize preparedness. She distributed a sign up sheet for members to become leaders and invited interested persons to contact her. Residents who have skills or tools such as chain saws can come to the HUB to volunteer their services in the event of a disaster. There is a ham radio located at the HUB for communication with the outside world. An open house and mock disaster drill will be held at the HUB on October 13th from 10am to noon.

King 5's website has good disaster preparedness information.

Lake City Way Repaving It will be repaved from I-5 to 145th Avenue NE. Most of the work will be done at night. The President distributed two handouts about the repaving and stated this month the City will hold two public meetings about the upcoming changes.

Proposed Tree Ordinance Revisions Councilmember Rob Johnson has proposed revisions to the existing City tree ordinance. Ms. Deejah Peterson spoke about the problems with the proposed weakening of the ordinance. After 38 of 40 speakers at a recent City hearing spoke against the proposed changes, the City Council postponed a decision until after finalizing the City budget. She will report back at the November MCC meeting and suggested that may be an appropriate time to send a letter to the City objecting to any weakening of the ordinance.

Jane Addams JAMS Dream Big Ms. Colleen Weinstein is spearheading a project to improve the landscaping at Jane Addams. They want to raise \$100,000 to be matched by the City for their project. Currently they have \$30,000 and are soliciting donations and volunteers.

Community Garden & Orchard The public garden (by Nathan Hale tennis courts) has donated 816 pounds of food to the North Helpline food bank so far this year.

SDOT Activity in Meadowbrook was reviewed by the President. This October SDOT will start with the installation of a temporary sidewalk and bridge between 35th and 36th Avenues NE on the south side of NE 110th Street.

Your Voice, Your Choice YVYC is a City of Seattle fund to pay for pedestrian improvements which receive the most votes in an annual vote. Thanks to the many votes cast in Meadowbrook, its' proposed improvements at the interchange of NE 105th Street and NE 104th Place received enough votes to be selected. SDOT will redesign the street.

Pursuant to a motion made and seconded, the President was directed to send a letter to City Councilmember Deborah Juarez requesting additional funding for the Your Voice, Your Choice program be included in this year's City budget, to allow additional pedestrian improvements in neighborhoods.

Meadowbrook Community Care "MC2" MC2 works to strengthen existing resources for those most in need. The President noted there is a link on the MCC website to the MC2.

35th Avenue NE Bike Lane A member spoke about three concerns raised in the community regarding the proposed bike lane on the west side of 35th Avenue NE. They are: 1. Safety, 2. Eliminating parking on the west side of 35th will harm businesses losing on street parking, and 3. Gridlock. She pointed out there already is a bike lane on an adjacent street which is not a busy arterial. The loss of parking near the Library is a major inconvenience to library patrons who now must search for a parking spot farther from the library, due to the loss of adjacent parking. She distributed a petition opposing the changes.

Crime Report Aundie Collison asked that citizens write to the Mayor and City Councilmembers complaining about the unsafe and unsanitary homeless encampment outside the Lake City Post Office.

PTA at John Rodgers Elementary The new President, Ms. Karen Andrew asked that anyone wanting information about or willing to volunteer with PTA activities contact her at krandrew@yahoo.com. The PTA has a website at johnrogerspta.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 45 pm.

By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary