**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association Minutes – APPROVED**

**Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, at Patty Pan Cooperative**

Attendance: Ann E. Lynch, Devra Gartenstein, Bill Dwyer, J. D. Cole, Bettelinn Brown, Lee Keim, Alice Keller, Jean Hilde

Meeting called to order by Jean Hilde at 7:07.

Minutes from Nov. 13: Approved as amended.

Treasurer’s report: Jean reported that nothing has changed in our balance since last month.

CoN report: Bill – The Council of Neighborhoods had dinner with the City Council last night, and there was some time for discussion afterward. It was nice to sit and talk with a Council member to get acquainted and to have an opportunity to explain anything you’re trying to get done. Sometimes you can get things expedited.

The CityWise Project (see p. 5 of the Nov. minutes) and the open City Council Position #6 will be discussed at the next CoN meeting.

The next meeting is Wed., Jan. 9. All are invited. There will be a discussion of how to communicate with apartment dwellers, a challenging problem. Bill said it sounds like a good panel for this discussion.

Jean was there, too, and was happy to see some people in their 20s and 30s in attendance.

Next BNA storytelling evening: Alice -- Friday, Jan. 4, 7:00-9:00, at the usual venue, Jon and Amy Anscher’s home, 16010 25th Ave NE. -- as usual, the first Friday of an odd-numbered month. Start the new year off right: if you haven’t yet come to one of these evenings, please do!

Emergency Preparedness Committee update: Bill explained the next 5th Saturday, Dec. 29, when he and Lee will set up a communications hub in the Hamlin East parking lot. It should be operational by 10:00, and they’ll be there until 12:00. The goal is to make contact with the Shoreline hub via FRS radio. Fifth Saturdays are when the whole state does a communications drill.

A second cell tower (for Verizon) will very likely be installed next to the existing one (for AT&T) in Hamlin Park East. A permit has been submitted to the city. There was a small meeting with the subcontractor to Verizon prior to permit submission. Lee asked him about the osprey nest and barred owls in the park. The subcontractor said he would add notes about them in the permit application. Lee also wonders about the projected Briarcrest Park in that area. Will the tower affect that?

At the CoN dinner, Jean talked with Eric Friedli, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, who said it’s not a done deal.

The tower would be built on city park land. What would the city get out of it? $30 to 40,000 in utility payments annually.

If this tower is built, Bill wants to be able to plug into it and store equipment there for emergency communication. The tower should be designed to continue to operate in case of a major earthquake. As of now, there’s only battery back-up, no solar. Since the corner of the park by two ballfields is the highest point in Shoreline, a communications unit could plug into the tower for emergency communications.

After an earthquake, Shoreline’s “critical assets” are what the Fire Department will check. They include the electrical substation near the Transfer Station, the Public Health Lab (biohazards), the WSDOT Control Center (near the Transfer Station), and Shoreline Fire Station 61 (the city’s Emergency Operations Center).

High-profile sites include several water tanks – 1 million gallons on Dayton, 4 million gallons in North City, etc. – the Christa communications tower, and overpasses and underpasses on I-5.

Critical sites in Briarcrest include the Public Health Lab, Paramont Apts (Seattle Housing Authority) near Prince of Peace, Pinehurst Park Nursing Home, the Christian School, Kellogg Middle School, Briarcrest Elementary, Shorecrest High School. The Fire Department will check those first with a “windshield survey,” no stopping.

The BNA CERT group will set up its own windshield survey to check on adult familiy homes and other critical sites. Bill will try to get a list of CERTs in Briarcrest as soon as possible and to learn where child-care facilities are (preschools, daycare, etc.) to check on. The group is meeting this Thursday. Bill has divided Briarcrest into 5 walkable sectors for group members to check and report on.

Shoreline Center has been the only designated shelter in Shoreline. Schools are not to be used as shelters because the goal is to get the school system back up and running as fast as possible.

As of last year, the Red Cross didn’t have a plan for coming into Shoreline. Staging for emergency operations will be out of Ellensburg!

Jason McMillan is now having quarterly meetings with players in disaster prep in the immediate area – Seattle City Light, fire depts in Kenmore, etc., and disaster managers. Such meetings hadn’t happened for several years, but Jason has restarted regular meetings.

Discussion of a possible storytelling mini-grant: Jean

First steps are an idea letter to Constance Perenyi, a response from her, then nailing down dates and venue. After that, work on the details. Deadlines are uncertain at this point.

Continuing from the storytelling idea discussed at the last BNA meeting -- On Jan. 5, Jean and Alice will attend a performance of Playback Theater Northwest to see how this works and whether we might be interested in something similar. The group does improvisational acting out of stories from people in the audience, The performance will be in Lake City, admission $15.

There was discussion of a neighborhood talent show, with a reception, to get a hopefully international, intergenerational group of people involved. We may have unknown talent all over Briarcrest. For instance, Ann and Lee are cloggers! We could involve young people and immigrants with limited English. The key would be finding connections to encourage participation. Suni Tolton, Shoreline’s Community Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, could be a great resource. She’s been organizing Culture Share events for a couple of years (see list below), but only people of that culture seem to show up. Also, Emily Shuel has theater connections.

Another idea: to hold a dance, perhaps with a dinner presented by culinary students at Shorecrest. Such a dinner was done previously, with an admission charge.

Party plus food leads to inclusion!

Jean will invite Suni to our Jan. meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:23. The next BNA meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Submitted by Alice Keller, Secretary

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Culture Share events organized by Suni Tolton: Ghana: Dec. 2016 Bosnia and Herzegovina: April 2017 Ethiopia: Nov. 2017 Nepal: March 2018 India: May 2018