**MINUTES of the BRIARCREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION – FINAL**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at the Anscher home, 16010 25th Ave NE**

Attendance: Sarah Kaye, Bill Dwyer, Amy Anscher, Jon Anscher, Bettelinn Brown, Lois Harrison, Ann Lynch, Lee Keim, Devra Gartenstein, Janelle Woolsey, Alice Keller, Jean Hilde

Meeting called to order by Jean at 7:05.

Minutes from Nov. 12: Approved as corrected.

Treasurer’s report, Sarah: We have the same amount of money as last month.

Mini-grant tree removal and Kellogg School issue, Sarah and Lois: The trees planted near Kellogg Middle School some years ago with a mini-grant to the BNA are gone. Sarah has not been able to get any further information. Lois said that the trees were on a parking strip on 163rd. Once trees are on school land, they become school property, but the trees at Kellogg were on city property. The city might have dug them up and put them into a nursery for later replanting; we don’t know. Lois hasn’t checked. We probably can’t do anything about the beautiful trees that have disappeared. The school did not communicate with the BNA at all prior to removing the trees.

When two sequoias were cut down at Shorecrest to make room for a parking lot, a neighborhood uproar ensued. Three sequoias remain as a result. The original plan was to rebuild the Shorecrest tennis court there, but it was moved to the Kellogg property. Some other trees were cut for “valid reasons,” but Charlie, Bettelinn, Lois, and others did make a difference. They made a point of saying that this neighborhood likes and respects our trees.

Lois’s big concern now is for other trees on Kellogg property – e.g., a mature dogwood and the large, mature evergreens at the south end of the property.

Sarah’s suggestion: To send an email of concern about plum trees (which were also planted from the mini-grant) and others at Kellogg, asking if the District is planning to replant them. She asked for consensus to write on behalf of the BNA.

Kellogg will have huge windows facing the woods, so they’re aware of the value of trees.

Is the city reponsible for replanting? Constance could give us information. Sarah can copy Constance on her message to the District. Hopefully, we can work together to solve this problem.

Bill said that tree protection is huge in the building industry since many entities are watching. His guess is that the permit allowed contractors to remove those trees.

Sarah’s motion to open a dialog with city and school district about trees at Kellogg was seconded and unanimously passed. Sarah will relay the results to the Leadership Team.

Storytelling update, Alice: The next BNA storytelling evening will be Friday, Jan. 3, at the Anscher home.

Emergency Preparedness Committee report, Bill and Lee: On Dec. 7, the committee set up tents in Bill and Lee’s back yard. They discussed how to message the neighborhood in case of emergency, how to get information from the city, and how to post information. Radio is the easy part; how to post information for others is more complicated. It looks like two tents are needed, one for community messaging and the other for messaging through radios with some control.

Feb. 29 is the next 5th Saturday practice for this committee. Their plan is to let the city know what they’re going to do and to ask other neighborhoods to participate. Goals: to practice getting messages and doing something with them, and to practice getting as much information to the neighborhood as possible, so that people can know where we’ll be in case of disaster.

Someone from Parkwood was at the Dec. 7 practice, interested in getting started with their association. Meridian Park also practiced last Saturday.

Is there progress with the city? Jason McMillan is working really hard, but promising too much for one person to accomplish. Progress is actually in groups like ours. What about the city’s proposed NEIRS (Neighborhood Emergency Information Relay Stations)? They cost over $5,000 each, and there’s no budget for them, especially since the passage of the initiative limiting car-tab fees. Bill doesn’t expect to see any NEIRS stations till 2022.

He’ll ask Constance to make us more laminated signs for neighborhood notifications.

Bill will encourage emergency preparedness at the Council of Neighborhoods.

Bettelinn suggested contacting Diane Hettrick of the Shoreline Area News and writing an article for it.

City Council voted Yes on climate change amendment to the Shoreline Comprehensive Plan, Lee:

Lee started her efforts to amend the Comprehensive Plan last November. She needed to take lots of steps since then, including speaking to the Planning Commission and to the City Council. Amendments to the Plan passed the Planning Commission unanimously. Then it came as a package from there to the City Council. It wasn’t necessary to have a formal vote on Amendment 2 separately because it was passed as part of a bundle: one ordinance with three amendments.

Lee gave credit to the City Council, which voted across the board in favor. Now the Council will have to examine all decisions they make in this light. The amendment will affect zoning and other matters. Therefore, it has consequences in terms of workload.

Now Lee understands the amendment process.

Attendees gave a round of applause for Lee and all her efforts over the past year.

Discussion: What should the BNA do in 2020? Jean:

Bettelinn will continue her interest in the restoration work at South Woods.  She has reserved the display case for the month of March at the Shoreline Library on 175th Street with a focus on the significance of watersheds.

The school board is going through major changes since the election. They have five different groupings to help with this and would like to designate specific tasks.

We can discuss the micro-grant idea at our January meeting. It’s been proposed that we give two $50 grants in Briarcrest -- for example, to provide tools and/or plants for traffic circles.

Amy is very concerned about traffic on 25th Avenue – specifically, how to get some sort of speed mitigation. Drag racing often takes place around 2:00 a.m. on weekends, and Amy fears that somebody’s going to die. Could radar be set up? There’s a process with the city to get information on a traffic situation. How to get people ticketed? Speed bumps? A camera like in Lake Forest Park near Brookside Elementary?

The new 4-way stop at 25th  Avenue and 150th Street is not noticed or ignored by some drivers. A speeding problem also exists on 26th Avenue.

Amy will speak to the City Council, and BNA folks will back her up, speaking one after another to the Council.

Jean wondered if we should apply for another mini-grant from either the Arts Council or the City. Should we have a storytelling event again?

How can we expand our mailing list? It is growing (but slowly) since we do have sign-up sheets at all our events.

At our January meeting, we’ll brainstorm what we can do in 2020.

Bettelinn noted that it’s been five years since Charlie died. He is much missed by the BNA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 for a holiday party with an array of delicacies, good conversation, and a couple of seasonal poems.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14, at Patty Pan

Submitted by Alice Keller, Secretary