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

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at Patty Pan Cooperative**

Attendance: Jean Hilde, Afifi Durr, Lois Harrison, Bill ? , Chris Southwick, Pam Sager, Devra Gartenstein, Janelle Woolsey, Ann Lynch, Michele Lawson, Fran Calandra, Lee Keim, Bill Dwyer, Dave M., Sarah Kaye, John Cole, Alice Keller. Guest speakers: Marla Miller, Trish Juhnke, Dan Stevens

Meeting called to order by Jean at 7:00.

Minutes from Dec. 10 (Jan. 14 meeting having been canceled due to snow and ice), *Alice*: To save time at this full-agenda meeting, approval via emails was sought and received.

Treasurer’s report, *Sarah*: Our balance remains the same: $434.

Council of Neighborhoods report, *Bill*: The January CON was a training meeting. On Feb. 5, Doris McConnell from the City Council came and talked about the city’s purchase of property intended for the recreational center which did not pass in the last election. This is the storage facility just off Aurora near City Hall. She explained that it makes sense to go ahead with the purchase, anyway. See the digital Shoreline Area News for more information.

About the 130 trees on Dayton Avenue that are slated for removal, the City Council has had lots of input from community members, including much public comment at the City Council meeting last night.

There’s a moratorium on the Fircrest property, to update zoning and the permitting process for that property.

The city has hired a person to manage the census in Shoreline. People can respond on line, by phone, on paper, or finally in person. It’s very important for everyone to participate since each missed person will cost about $6,000 in missed benefits.

Here Jean mentioned that there’s a workshop on the census on Feb. 27. People must sign up by Feb. 21 by contacting Emily Rankin (newly hired by the city), erankin@shorelinewa.gov. Jean wondered whether the BNA should host a census presentation by the city at our March meeting. To be decided.

The city’s shelter is open for cold weather, though it still needs things like sleeping bags. Contact Community Services Manager Colleen Kelly at ckelly@shorelinewa.gov or 206-801-2251. Colleen Kelly has replaced Rob Beem. Last night she spoke about homelessness in Shoreline at the City Council.

A lot is going on at the Shoreline Library, such as tutoring for adults (in reading, writing, math, and English skills) every Sunday from 4:45 to 6:45. More tutors are needed. Information at kcls.org/adultlearner.

Shoreline Community Court has a resource center with representatives from many providers: legal, medical, food, housing, cash, dispute resolution, substance abuse, and more. It’s in operation on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-3:30, in City Hall. Today was the fifth time. Some people are coming in off the streets, and that’s the goal.

Micro-grant 2020, *Jean*: City of Shoreline mini-grant applications will be available Feb. 28. Think about whether we want to apply for a grant, and if so, for what project. To be discussed at the March meeting.

Storytelling update, *Afifi:* The next storytelling evening will be March 6, at the Shorecrest High School faculty lounge, 2nd floor. The May 1 meeting will also be there. Starting in the fall, Amy and Jon want to resume hosting in their home.

WA State Public Health Lab site,*Bill and Lee*: Update on the quarantine site on 150th – RVs on site in an enclosed area are for people who may not be able to self-quarantine from possible exposure to the coronavirus. They’re there just in case and may not actually be used. If any quarantined people develop symptoms, they will be moved to a hospital.

Emergency Preparation Committee report*, Bill and Lee*: Feb. 29, 10:00-12:00, will be the next fifth Saturday for statewide communications practice. (These drills are scheduled in every month that has 5 Saturdays.) Committee members will be at the east Hamlin Park parking lot with radios and a communications tent, posting things from Briarcrest and the city and state. People will call in from Briarcrest with imagined messages pertaining to an emergency, and the committee will post and send them on to the Shoreline Emergency Operations Center (EOC). For example, “My neighbor is on dialysis and needs help to get to the dialysis center.” Posting is more difficult than using radios, so this practice is important. In case of a major emergency, we’ll have to get information out to the community.

If you come to visit, please come with some (fictitious) information to transmit, like a broken sewer, house collapse, missing dog, etc.

Parkwood and Meridian Park are getting active, too. They have new ham operators. Meridian Park used Boy Scouts on the last fifth Saturday to canvas the neighborhood.

Bill isn’t sure yet how the city is going to do their briefings.

[Later update: The committee’s participation had to be canceled due to lack of participation by Shoreline.]

Recology workshop update, *Janelle*: Two representatives from Recology came to the cosponsored event (BNA and Shoreline United Methodist Church) last Thursday to make a presentation and answer lots of questions from the 15 attendees. See the upcoming BNA Winter Newsletter for information.

Thanks to Janelle for putting this together for the second year. There seems to be a consensus that we should do it every year.

Special guests from the school district: Discussion about tree removal and replacement at the Kellogg Middle School rebuild: Marla Miller (Deputy Superintendent, Shoreline Schools),Trish Juhnke (City Engineer, Public Works Dept), Dan Stevens (Facilities Modernization Coordinator, Shoreline Schools)

The discussion was about two sets of trees: the thundercloud plums already cut down, which were planted with a mini-grant from the city to the BNA, and trees on NE 165th slated for removal as part of the Kellogg School construction. For the latter, the same rules apply as for the 130 trees planned for removal on Dayton Ave.

About the plums, Dan said that they were cut down for the construction on 25th Ave NE. Those will have replacements within city guidelines, but ornamental plums aren’t on the city’s approved street-tree list, which developers and the city have to use for trees on public property.

Chris pointed out that it’s important not to plant all the same species so they aren’t all vulnerable to the same things (e.g., wind). The BNA was asked to help choose from the city’s list.

The new parking lot is completely different from the old, and trees need to be planned with that in mind.

Dan said that a cluster of big firs on the south side of the new Kellogg is staying.

Marla was asked if neighbors can take plants that are going to be lost. Maybe, but there’s a tight timing issue with the stages of construction.

An arborist will assess whether an ancient dogwood close to a building can be replanted.

Demolition of the old building will start the day after the last day of school in June.

Who will water replanted trees along the street in the fall? The Parks Dept will be responsible for watering for a period of time. The contractor will have to replace trees only if they are still being maintained by same. If the city jumps in early to water, it negates the contractor’s responsibility. There’s a phone number on signs for questions and reporting problems. The city has been very happy with the contractor.

The city needs to know in April what trees to plant. The city will schedule a meeting with BNA members to choose trees from the approved list. A sign-up sheet went around for people interested in participating.

Trish said that the need for sidewalks sometimes conflicts with existing trees. A sidewalk is needed on that frontage of 165th, and there’s no way to build a sidewalk there without removing some trees. They did try to preserve some of them by narrowing the planned width of the street and sidewalk and having parking on only one side. The amenity zone next to the sidewalk was moved to keep some trees. Still, more than 30 trees will have to go. The 8-foot sidewalk will have lots of uses for high school and middle school students and access to Hamlin Park. Some of the work would impact tree roots and threaten their health, anyway. The city will still try to save a few more.

A summary of many questions, replies, and comments:

Is this a sidewalk to nowhere since it seems to peter out? The city does have long-range plans to extend the sidewalk there.

Could the street be made one-way? Trish was doubtful. There will be a traffic bulb on the corner of 165th and 25th since traffic goes too fast there. Traffic controls will be added at the corner of 168th and 25th.

Are the remaining conifers going to be stable when their neighbors go? Blowdown is likely to happen, not only in the first year, but over time. Reply: An arborist is being consulted and has chosen the trees to cut there.

It’s not an option not to have a sidewalk there, per the city code. Also, it needs to be ADA compliant. The requirement can’t be eliminated.

Comment: Lots of water accumulates between the new construction and those trees and that will be worse when the trees are gone.

Could the sidewalk be on the other side? It would eliminate many fewer trees if it were on the north side. Marla replied that the city code doesn’t allow that.

Could the retaining wall be closer to the building to retain trees? No, that wouldn’t gain anything.

The standard for sidewalks is 8 feet wide if not in front of residences in order to have space for wheelchairs, signs, etc. It could be 6 feet in some sections. A resident says that’s not a high-traffic area for kids walking to school.

Does the sidewalk have to be impermeable concrete? Could it be permeable concrete or asphalt? Reply: It’s typically the excavation that hurts the trees, not the surface.

Even if the City Council changed the code, it wouldn’t affect this project, which is subject to the current code.

The contractor is ready to start surveying for the sidewalk since there’s a very tight timeline. They were scheduled to start Feb. 1. The arborist will come once it’s staked.

Comment: The remaining trees will be a risk to passers-by.

The road will be widened a little, with the amenity zonemoved to the back side, as compared to the original plan. Trees will be allowed in that area as a buffer zone.

Sarah requests that we receive an email when the survey stakes are in place so that BNA members can take a look.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10, at Patty Pan – This meeting was canceled due to statewide stay-at-home order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Submitted by Alice Keller, Secretary

P.S. from the canceled January meeting: A BNA member has applied for the Shoreline Planning Commission: Congratulations, Pam Sager!