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

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at Patty Pan Cooperative**

Attendance: Devra Gartenstein, Lois Harrison, Ann Lynch, Lee Keim, Afifi Durr, Bill Dwyer, Janelle Woolsey, Sarah Kaye, Bettelinn Brown, Paul Kowalski, Alice Keller, Jean Hilde

Meeting called to order by Jean at 7:04.

Minutes from May 14: Approved without changes.

Treasurer’s report: Sarah -- No changes since May.

Council of Neighborhoods report: Bill reported on public comments. There’s a women’s barbershop quartet, Seattle Shores Chorus, which has been in operation for a long time. They are offering a free series of barbershop singing lessons in July. For information, call 206-542-7444 or 206-542-1940.

Other public comments were about the aquatic center, which may be coming up as a bond issue of its own. This would eliminate a vote on the PROS plan for parks for the time being, after lots of community input into PROS over many months. The City Council will accept public comments on this up to June 24.. On the 29th the City Council will vote on whether to have a bond issue on the aquatic center alone. If they vote in favor, it would eliminate parks improvements (including Hamlin East in Briarcrest) from this bond issue – for how long, no one knows. Property taxes would increase by $197 per year for the aquatic center.

Jean was on the advisory committee for 6 months; the committee worked hard to determine a priority list for parks projects. But Debbie Tarry, City Manager, said a week after the list was completed that the city had decided to go with their previous plan. The City Council seems to have already made up their minds to have an aquatic center.

The Shoreline School District has offered a 50-year lease on the current property. However, the district could void the lease if they need the property. The city doesn’t seem to want to take that risk.

At CoN, Keith McGlashan from the City Council said that the city is working on where to plant thousands of trees to replace the 5,000 being cut down for the light rail extension along I-5. There isn’t enough room there for all the trees Sound Transit is required to provide. The city is studying the problem, looking for places to plant the excess trees.

McGlashan said he’s getting lots of phone calls and emails from people saying that if parks aren’t included in the bond issue, they won’t vote for it.

Sound Transit is studying anticipated traffic problems connected with the 145th Street Station.

David Francis, Public Arts Coordinator, reported that there is lots of money available for arts projects. Examples: $5000 for mini-grants, $1500 for Lake Forest Park, other money for 4Culture Arts projects and public arts projects in Shoreline. If the BNA wants to come up with an art project to apply for, there is money.

This money could be available for a storytelling project, for which Afifi has many ideas. The BNA should go through Constance Perenyi to Francis.

Bill added that there’s a wonderful International Watercolor Exhibit on the 3rd floor of City Hall through July 11 (M-F, 8:00-5:00). It’s one of the major such exhibits in the U.S.

Storytelling update: Afifi and Alice -- Since the option of meeting at the Haller Lake Methodist Church in the summer and September was actually to join the Seattle Storytellers Guild at their First Friday Story Swaps (http://www.seattlestorytellers.org/ssg/home.html), Jean and Alice thought it would be a good idea to offer options to the people on the BNA storytelling email list, with initially 2 choices: to join the SSG or to meet as the BNA group at the Shoreline United Methodist Church, as arranged by Janelle. (Thanks, Janelle!) Alice tallied the votes today. During the voting, Jill Boyd offered her home for September, so there were 3 choices. The results: 2 votes to join the Storytellers Guild in Haller Lake, 2 votes to meet at the Shoreline church, and 6 to meet at Jill’s house. The voters generally prefer a home environment.

While BNA storytellers are welcome to join the SSG at their monthly story swaps this summer, our first fall meeting will be September 6, 7:00 to 8:30, at Jill’s home, 16035 27th Ave NE. Many thanks to Jill!

Good Neighbor Giveaway report: Janelle -- The Giveaway on June 1 was exhausting, but provided lots of good stories about people getting things they wanted, such as a box of stained glass. Deseret got the leftovers.

Shoreline Swingin’ Summer Eve book sale: Alice will accept books, music CDs, movie DVDs, and electronic games (no textbooks or encyclopedias) at her house, 15510 27th Ave NE, from July 4 through July 15. Each neighborhood has a minimum requirement of at least 150 items.

The sale will be at Cromwell Park on Wed., July 17, from 5:30 to 8:30. It should be a huge event, as usual, part of the annual Swingin’ Summer Eve party put on by the city.

Those who volunteered at the meeting: To sort and box up items at Alice’s house on July 16 -- Ann. Probably she and Alice can handle that.

To deliver boxes to Cromwell Park on the afternoon of July 17 -- Jean. May need one more person.

To work at the sale itself (from the BNA, at least 4 hours total plus 1 person for take-down at 8:30): schedule to be sent out soon by Constance Perenyi. Janelle volunteered. We need more people!

Spring Newsletter: Anthony Sison wants us to remember that submissions for the next BNA newsletter are due to him by Friday, June 21.

Annual BNA Picnic, August 24, 2:00 – 7:00, Hamlin Park shelter. Jean – Since there’s no BNA meeting in July, we have only the August meeting to finish planning. People should think about how they’d like to help.

National Night Out block parties: Jean – NNO is August 6, the first Tuesday of that month. Street closure information is on the city’s website. It’s many pages this year. There’s no fee for neighborhood associations that are having a summer party on their blocks. Alice, Jean, and Sarah are the official BNA officers who can sign street-closure permit applications this year.

City of Shoreline National Night Out guide: <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=39117>

City of Shoreline Block Closure Form: <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=6004>

Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair: Bill, Lee, Ann, Jean – Discussion of inal planning for the fair, which is almost upon us on June 15.

Constance has printed 8,000 pages of handouts for us, plus yard signs. We also have Quakesafe coloring books in 5 languages, 20 in each language with crayons and markers. These will be at the kids’ table. Lois volunteered to be in charge of that.

We’ll have brochures from the City of Seattle and the Red Cross in various languages: Spanish, Arabic, Tigrinya, Amharic, Chinese.

More volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts.

We have a few raffle items to display, but we need raffle tickets. Discussion of whether we should state a time for the raffle and whether people need to be present to win.

People can eat food from the Patty Pan tent outside on folding chairs.

Setup will begin at 11:00, unless the janitor agrees to open earlier. [Note: He did, and set-up started at 10:00. We did need the extra hour.] Devra will provide a hand-washing station. Drinks will be water. Devra is aiming for 100 lbs of food, enough to feed at least 100 people. Leftovers can go to a tent city; Lois will arrange that. We can’t have a donation jar near the food because that might look like selling, which we can’t do per the district’s PeachJar policy.

The city sent out 2,000 digital flyers, of which 800 were opened. There has been lots of other publicity: 2 BNA websites, Shoreline Area News twice, a posting on NextDoor.com, etc. Also, a Seattle Housing Authority apartment building on 145th posted it; about 200 people live there. Posters were put up at Janelle’s and Bonny’s churches. Flyers went home with kids from all 3 schools in Briarcrest.

Hunter made a shake table with springs. Kids can build structures with blocks and see if they fall down in their “earthquakes.” This should be popular!

Earthquake-prep items to display: cabinet locks, museum putty, hanging kits, hot-water-heater strap.

Attach the yard signs from the city to our existing BNA signs. Pick them up from Jean or Ann upon receipt of email from either of them.

Bill tried to get information on disaster prep for people with special needs. He didn’t get any direction from the City of Shoreline. He finally talked with someone with the State. There is a program, but it’s not well organized at the community level. It’s definitely something to think about for the future. So far, Disaster Management isn’t thinking about how to help people with cognitive disabilities who may or may not be living independently. What if a caregiver isn’t on site and can’t get there? Similar problems can occur with older folks. Neighbors need to check on them. Problems have been seen at emergency shelters – for example, showers that are too small for people in wheelchairs, cots that are too close together for wheelchairs to get between them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23. Next meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 7:00

 (skipping July, as usual)

Submitted by Alice Keller, Secretary