

Fairhaven Neighbors
January 4, 2006 General Membership Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Fairhaven Park Pavilion
Attended by 13 members and 1 visitor

Roll call of Officers and Board members:

President	Thom Prichard	.....	Present
Vice President	Remigijus Biciunas	.....	Present
Secretary	Michael Lilliquist	.....
Treasurer	Glenn Denkler	.....	Excused
Board Member	Karl Thomas	.....
Board Member	Bob Keller	.....
Board Member	Jim Johannessen	.....
Board Member	Ralph Thacker	.....	Excused
Board Member	Janet Simpson	.....

Vice President’s Report (2 min)

- FN Board of Directors has two slots open

Minutes of the November 14 Meeting (5 min)

- **accepted**

Treasurer’s Report (2 min)

- Short discussion of November 13 report

Committee Reports (12 min)

- Latest News regarding the Fairhaven Neighbors legal action (5 min)
 - Discussion about deposition
 - Read the settlement letter
- Report on Potluck (notification efforts)
 - Short discussion and kudos to Co-chairs of Potluck
- GP Property Rezone news
 - Mention of postponement of “fast track” development plans
- Planning Director selection update
 - Discussion about the process of selection
 - Importance of the selection committee

New Business

- Draft of letter to Bill Reilly, Storm and Surface Water Utility Manager for the City of Bellingham. Subject: Request for a Temporary Building Application Moratorium in Fairhaven to Address the Cumulative Effect of Storm Water Discharges to Padden Creek Lagoon and Estuary, and Bellingham Bay

- This an integral part of our efforts to save the estuary and to protect Padden Creek.
- Discussion about the distinct lack of the city following the law about mitigation of storm water discharge and runoff
- Discussion about Ralph Thacker’s proposal for FN to assume responsibility for the Ski to Sea folk dance event at the Village Green
 - Suggestion to make it an interactive event
 - No volunteers stepped up
 - Suggestion was tabled to a future meeting

- John Erickson, a visitor to the meeting. Brought news of an event to be held at Whatcom County Council Chambers on January 12th: the Lecture by Eben Fodor, a nationally known Community Planning Consultant and author on the “True Costs of Development”. All are invited.
 - This is jointly sponsored by Responsible Development and other local grassroots groups.
 - The public comment period on the Fairhaven Highlands Development project has been extended to the 18th of January.

John Blethen suggested a Padden Creek Cleanup in the near future in concert with Greenway volunteers

Good and Welfare

Motion to Adjourn

Seconded and so moved at 8:14 PM

Respectfully
Remigijus Biciunas
Vice President