

Fairhaven Neighbors  
 March 1, 2006 General Membership Meeting Minutes  
 7:00 PM  
 Fairhaven Park Pavilion

Thom Prichard called the Meeting to Order

Roll call of Officers and Board members:

President	Thom Prichard	Present	
Vice President	Remigijus Biciunas	.....	Absent
Secretary	Michael Lilliquist	.....	Absent
Treasurer	Glenn Denkler	Present	
Board Member	Karl Thomas	.....	Absent
Board Member	Bob Keller	.....	Absent
Board Member	Jim Johannessen	.....	Absent-at Port Mtg
Board Member	Ralph Thacker	.....	Absent-at So Hill Mtg
Board Member	Janet Simpson	Present	

Others Present: Sheldon and Elinor Pravda, Sheryl Denkler, David Carlsson, Brooks Anderson, Vince Biciunas

Roll Call established that we did not have a quorum of Board Members present.

President's Report

The President had no report this time.

Vice President's Report

The Board of Directors has two slots open. Vice-President not present.

Secretary's Report

No report today

Minutes of the February 1, 2006 Meeting

No minutes have been prepared yet, to our knowledge.

Treasurer's Report

Glenn Denkler reported that we have \$1932.18 in checking and \$2094.54 in savings. Our legal fund contains \$2079.64.

Treasurer recommended that we meet with Atty Philip Buri and finalize our costs. Our outstanding attorney's fees are between 6 and 8 thousand dollars.

Janet Simpson suggested we have to give him the \$2079.64 in the legal fund.

Janet moved to give balance to Buri. Thom Prichard reminded that we don't have a quorum and suggested discussion and vote on this issue by email.

Membership at large engaged in discussion of continuing negotiations, if any, on Fairhaven Harbor design review and building status.

Thom reminded that as an organization, we will not appeal the building's height, but any citizens may do so individually.

No action taken.

### Old Business

- Tree Sale:
  - Will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2006 between corners of Mill and 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. John Blethen is in charge of organizing. Thom will talk to John about wider advertising this year. Discussion also included the importance of using this as an opportunity to convey to the community about our recent lawsuit and settlement with the city and port, and that “neighbors do make a difference.” We’d use, potentially, Bob Keller’s “Discoveries”, “Accomplishments” etc notes on the subject.
  - Vince made a motion, Glenn seconded, that Janet, Bob Keller, Brooks Anderson and Thom Prichard will draft a statement. All were in favor.
- Ski to Sea Fairhaven Neighbors
  - Elinor Pravda has had phone calls out to recruit for entertainment. Sheldon and Jennifer Dolese are assisting her.
- Southside neighborhoods meetings
  - Glenn reported, representing Ralph Thacker, that the Association of Bellingham Neighborhoods, ABN met on 2/28/06. ABN asks for emailed ideas on what the goals of the ABN should be, where should they focus? You can email to Glenn and he will forward to ABN. Committee is already formed to work on the city’s Comprehensive Plan. Also, it is time to pay our yearly dues of \$25.00. Also, we need an alternate representative to the ABN, asking for volunteers. Meetings are 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Janet Simpson volunteered. Thank you, Janet.

### New Business

- Motion to establish Environment Committee. The issues of future Port Property development, storm water runoff, and related issues will have top be addressed in the near future, and we must be prepared to deal with these entities. (see attached Resolution)
  - Thom read Sue Kaun’s Resolution. Discussion followed. Brooks asked that we add air and soils in our study of toxics. The committee would be mostly for fact-finding and in an advisory role, not decision-making. We discussed having no more than two board members on the committee, and the others be interested persons from the neighborhood.
  - Again, no vote taken.
- Motion to Introduce into the Record the 1988 Agreement with the City, Port and Fairhaven Neighbors (Copies are available online at <http://www.fairhavenneighbors.org> as PDF files)
  - All agreed that it was a good idea
- Motion to Introduce into the Record the 1989 Agreement with the City, Port and Concerned Southside Citizens Copies are available online at <http://www.fairhavenneighbors.org> as PDF files)

All agreed it was a good idea.

David moved, Sheryl seconded, all approved, that both motions above be passed.

Janet suggested we ask Philip Buri to read the 1989 Agreement and give his opinion.

David amended his motion to say, not that the document was found or discovered, but that it has existed, since 1989. Vince seconded. All agreed. Glenn will take the 1989 agreement to the ABN group also.

- Discussion regarding appropriate celebration of Settlement with City and developer T. Mischaikov. Ideas about protection measures for Padden Creek, Should the City and the developer be invited to be a part of any of the potential celebration events?
  - Discussion concluded that it was too early to celebrate.
  - An idea for later is to have a planting of a tree or some other commemorative plant and a neighborhood celebration.
- Motion to Allow Executive Board to have Issue Discussion and Voting by Electronic Means. This would mean that E Board members might have an email discussion and vote on issues by email in order to have a more fluid access and timely discussion without calling for a formal meeting.
  - Discussion included the value of ‘body english’ in board discussions. Nevertheless, since there is no quorum, the issue is tabled for now.
- Motion to Introduce into the Record: Letter to the Port (and City) from Fairhaven Neighbors re: Padden Creek Lagoon and Estuary East Side Lagoon Riparian Habitat Restoration, and to endorse. (Copy is attached)
  - Discussion included importance of supporting the Waterfront Futures Group, that pocket estuaries are valuable, and the port should be reminded and required to make improvements per the 1989 agreement. We noted that the nearest building is vacant, although the port is advertising for a leasor, and maybe now is a good time to demolish the building altogether since it is within the 200’ easement. Brooks suggested we include a request for a response within a certain time. It was noted that a bridge on Harris Avenue over Padden Creek is in the planning stages.
  - Janet moved that we send it, David seconded. Thom will sign and send and get it posted on the website.

Thom adjourned at 8:30 PM

Signed, Vince Biciunas