

**Fairhaven Neighbors General Membership Meeting and Winter Potluck  
Minutes and Notes - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Fairhaven Park Pavilion, 7:00 p.m., following potluck supper**

Board members present: Vince Biciunas, Migo Biciunas, Sue Kaun, Elinor Pravda, Janet Simpson, Ralph Thacker, Thom Prichard, and Jim Johannessen,.

Board members absent: Michael Lilliquist, Glenn Denkler, Bob Keller

Also attending: At least sixteen others from the neighborhood and environs, who stayed after the potluck.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**1. Consent Agenda**

November minutes were approved previously by consent agenda. November 1 meeting notes are posted on our website, fairhavenneighbors.org.

**2. Coalition of Southside Neighborhoods (CSN)**

Sue Kaun and Vince Biciunas described the recent work of CSN and CSN's importance as a unified voice for upcoming development issues, including the Fairhaven Harbor plans.

**3. Puget Sound Energy Neighborhood Challenge**

Vince thanked everyone for their participation in the green power challenge to date.

**4. Meeting Schedules**

Vince announced the regularly scheduled meetings for the coming year 2007. They will be on the first Wednesday of every month and are confirmed with the Parks Department through September 5<sup>th</sup>. The only exception will be in July, where instead of the fourth, we will meet on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**5. NSEA Stream Stewards Program**

Sue invited anyone interested to join the Stream Stewards, especially for Padden Creek. She handed out information and application packets.

**6. Fairhaven Harbor development update**

There has been a surprising development in the Fairhaven Harbor project: the owners have submitted new plans that substantially change the project, setting off a new round of public comment period. We have until December 12<sup>th</sup> (later moved to January 5<sup>th</sup>) to submit comments on the project. We have been assured that since the changes are substantial, we as a board can submit an opposing letter, without contradicting the agreements made in June 2006 after the Shorelines Hearing on the project. Vince asked everyone to send their letters or emails to Planning, and the board is working on a letter too.

**7. Small and Simple Grant**

\$2500 grants are available for qualifying neighborhood projects. We have applied for such a grant to pay for postage and other expenses tied to our application for a Bellingham Code Revision, requesting height limits in Fairhaven's approach and influence zones.

## **8. Neighborhood Plan and Code Revision**

The balance of the evening was spent updating everyone on the timeline and progression of our Code Revision proposal to the Planning Department. Vince and Janet described the lessons learned at the recent Planning Academy and Tim Stewart's challenge to make code revisions suggestions that he could support.

We reviewed the proposal submitted just before the deadline, December 1, 2006, requesting height limits of 35 feet in Fairhaven's Influence and Approach Areas, the draft letter notifying all property owners in Fairhaven, a planned survey to learn more of what people were thinking about various issues in our area, and the requirement for a public hearing in the spring on the subject. There was lively discussion and support expressed for our efforts.

Adjourned at 9 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Vince Biciunas (in Michael's absence)