

Minutes of Fairhaven Neighbors Board Meeting

Wednesday March 5, 2008

Fairhaven Park Pavilion.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Board members present: Vince Biciunas, Stuart Plotnick, Elinor Pravda, Glenn Denkler, David Carlsen, Michael Lilliquist, Ralph Thacker, Janet Simpson, Sue Kaun, Thom Prichard, and Paul James.

Others present: Pam Went, Don Kehrer, Joe Yaver, Brad Rose, Migo Biciunas, Larry Kimmett, and Steve Walker.

Minutes of Feb. 6 meeting were reviewed. Approval moved, seconded, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Savings \$866.51, Checking \$311.45

Executive Board Meeting Feb. 16 Report

1. Officers were elected as follows: President, Vince Biciunas; Vice President, Stuart Plotnick; Secretary, Elinor Pravda; Treasurer, Glenn Denkler.
2. It was decided to write two letters indicating:
 - (1) To the Planning Commission: Thanks, we love the idea of a charette (for the Haskell property). By the way, the Land Use section of our Neighborhood Plan covers Area 4.
 - (2) To the City Council: We would be happy to work on Neighborhood Plan concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Committee

The TIP program deals with arterials. Each neighborhood can submit one proposal each year. Our proposal was for a crosswalk at 10th and Donovan/Old Fairhaven Parkway.

1. The end of March is the deadline for the NTSP proposal. It's very tough to qualify. This year, using our point system knowledge, we have a better shot. The proposal is for traffic calming for 11th Street from Finnegan Way to Mill.

MNAC

The city's new *Neighborhood News* is being distributed only electronically. It can be accessed on the city's website:

<http://www.cob.org/government/public/boards-commissions/neighborhood/news.aspx>

In a new Community Policing effort, officers and detectives have been assigned to each neighborhood. In Fairhaven we have Sgt. Stokes, Sgt. Vander Yacht, Det. Ferguson, Ofc. Steward, Ofc. K. Baker, Traffic Ofc. Leake, and Parking Ofc. Miller. The Patrol

Lieutenant is Steve Felmley. Phone number is 778-8731. (It was suggested that we invite our neighborhood police officers to a meeting.)

Mayor Pike's Code and Character Task Force consists of 9 people charged with coming up with ideas and curriculum for the next Planning Academy. The planning academy also goes by the name "Green Bellingham: Achieving Infill and Enhancing Character." The Task Force is not dealing with urban village master planning, just with the curriculum for the Planning Academy.

Tim Stewart also spoke at the MNAC meeting about their choice of only two Neighborhood Plans and two site-specific rezones for docketing. According to Stewart, the number of proposals accepted for docketing was constrained by a lack of staff and resources. He stated that they are training people to run the design charrette processes. MNAC members were not surprised, but they expressed disappointment.

WTA Bus Coupons

The program is in process. Material not yet ready.

ABN

The ABN has obtained a bulk mailing permit, which member organizations can use. A **motion** was made to ask Glenn to pay ABN dues. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

CSN

The Chuckanut Ridge committee met with Mayor Pike last Friday. The scope of the EIS has not yet been announced.

1000 Friends of Chuckanut Ridge are establishing a 501(c)3 organization, and will be collecting pledges, not money, toward the purchase of Chuckanut Ridge.

Environment Committee

Vince read the thank-you letters she wrote to the Parks Department and to the Fairhaven Middle School. It was proposed that the letters be cc'd to the Mayor.

People are interested in working on 4th Street Trail improvements, at the top of the bluff. The city will scrape the sod off the old bed, and may be able to do the improvements with heavy equipment. A work party is scheduled for Saturday April 5.

A parking area for four cars has been made on 4th Street.

On March 15th, the Post Point recovery work will be done and the trail will reopen.

Tree Sale

Posters were distributed. It is announced in the *Chuckanut Reader* and will be in the *Independent* and *Cascadia Weekly*. It will also be announced on our website.

Gordie's Museum

Gordie Tweit's collection has been willed to the Whatcom Museum. Ralph has the idea of using a DVD of videos taken at Gordie's party as publicity for a museum for Gordie in Fairhaven. He requested approval from the board to approach OFA with the idea of giving away DVDs as a stepping stone to fundraising for the museum. A caveat: the museum would need archival-quality storage like Whatcom Museum has.

A **motion** was made to encourage Ralph to go forward.

Planning

Via email, Tim Stewart has agreed to attend our April 2nd meeting.

A **motion** was made and seconded to meet with Fred Haskell and prepare to present all the info we have about his property to Tim Stewart at the April 2nd meeting.

The motion was passed unanimously.

A **motion** was made, seconded, and passed that we make a formal presentation to the City Council requesting docketing of our Neighborhood Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elinor Pravda