

General Meeting Minutes November 13, 2018

Board members:

Stephen Dillon - President
Claudia Oates - Treasurer
Amanda Cook - Secretary
Jenny Baker-Couch- MNAC
Representative

Dave Arheholz - Director
Joe Coons - Director
MNAC Alternate - Vacant
Vice President - Vacant

1. Call to order at 7:02PM, 18 attendees present.
2. 9/11/18 meeting minutes approved.
3. Eric Osterkamp was our first guest speaker of the night.
 - Holidays are upon us along with stormy weather! Neighborhood safety is important, pay attention, slow down. As a pedestrian wear bright colors, use a flashlight and watch for vehicles.
 - On your property check your outdoor light fixtures to make sure your lights are working. Make sure your generators are functioning properly before you need them.
 - If you notice a street light outage, please call 360-778-7700 to report the outage.
 - If traveling by car make sure you have an emergency bag suited for your traveling environment.
 - Be careful having packages delivered to you house around this time of year. Maybe think about having them delivered to an office or have a neighbor pick it up if you are away.
 - Be aware of phone solicitations this time of year. If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is.
 - There is a link on the City of Bellingham's website for Homeless Camp where you can report a new homeless camps you might witness.
4. Tessa Whitlock with Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (Waha) came to speak to us about end of life planning.
 - One of the services they offer is training for the public to learn about Medicare, Medicaid and the Marketplace and how to enroll in these programs.
 - The main focus of the presentation tonight was on what does living well look like for you and how does that translate into end of life care? Waha offers very detailed guidance on how to make your wishes for end of life come to fruition.
 - Waha will work with you to complete an advance directive for your wishes for end of life care.
 - They offer special classes for those affected by dementia or alzheimer's.

5. Old and New Business:
 - The trail has been reopened around the Whatcom Treatment Plant in Whatcom Falls Park. Other than that, no new updates are available to report as it enters the final stages of completion.
 - No new updates on the proposed residential subdivision at the south end of Xenia Street.
6. Mark your calendar for the next meeting as the format is changing and should be exciting!
 - January 8th, 2019. Bellingham's Chief of Police Doll along with Mayor Kelli Linville will give presentations.
7. MNAC meeting report from Jenny Baker-Couch.
 - The Mayor went over the budget proposal with the neighborhood representatives.
 - Library upgrades were addressed
 - At the round table portion of the meeting some neighborhoods reported having received a special global warming presentations and how it affects their neighborhoods. Some neighborhoods received a presentation from the native plant society on how to attract wildlife to their yard.
 - Jenny brought up the notion of building a neighborhood park near the end of Raymond St. If anyone is interested in this idea, it might be best to form a small committee to discuss the potential and then present it to the neighborhood at our next meeting.
 - If you have any questions or concerns you would like to bring to the meetings, please reach out to Jenny and think about joining her at the next meeting.
8. Treasurer report from Claudia Oates:
 - We took in donations from the last meeting in the amount of \$21.00.
 - Expenses of \$22.50 was deducted from the account for the room rental for our last meeting at Kulshan Middle School on 9/11/18.
 - The checking account balance is currently sitting at \$55.95 with \$5.03 in the savings account.
9. At the beginning of the meeting everyone received a ticket. We held two drawings, one for a \$25.00 gift certificate to Fred Meyer and \$20.00 to Woods Coffee. Thank you Joe Coons for the very nice donations!
10. Local resources can be found at the following:
 - Officer Eric Osterkamp eosterkamp@cob.org or (360) 778-8785
 - Litter Control Officer (360) 778-8623
 - Social: www.nextdoor.com
 - On the Web: www.whatcomfallsneighborhood.org
 - In the City: www.cob.org
 - Our neighborhood plan: <http://www.cob.org/documents/planning/neighborhoods/whatcom-falls.pdf>

Meeting adjourned 8:34PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Cook, Secretary