

WFNA General Meeting Minutes November 12, 2019, Kulshan Middle School

Board members:

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

Todd Luther - Vice President
Dave Ahrenholz - Director
MNAC Alternate - Vacant
Director - Vacant

1. Aaron Foss was the first speaker from Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS). Here are some of the services DVSAS offers:
 - Mission is to support individuals affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and sexual exploitation and to lead the community to ending these abuses of power
 - Non-profit organization, staff of 35 with around 100 active volunteers
 - 24 hour toll free hotline available 365 days a year at 1-877-715-1563 or www.dvsas.org
 - Advocacy counseling and safety planning
 - Medical and legal advocacy
 - Support groups for all as well as offering Spanish speakers
 - Offers prevention programs for schools and the community

2. New business:
 - 6200 square foot house is being built on Birch St which needs a variance and will be discussed at the Hearing Examiners office
 - Xenia Street sub division is still proceeding, there are concerns with water runoff and traffic
 - Parking along Birch Street is still an ongoing issue
 - The Small and Simple Grants program provided by the City of Bellingham allows for neighborhoods to fund projects to better their community. These can range from a welcoming neighborhood sign, share shed, tree plantings, park benches and special dog waste collection sites. It was mentioned an etiquette sign for the mountain bikers using Birch Street would be a nice option.
 - Please continue to talk to neighbors to encourage them to attend our meetings

3. MNAC update from Jenny Baker-Couch, there were presentations from the City lawyer as well as from Parks and Recreation regarding new parks and traffic patterns

4. Claudia gave us the Treasurer report
 - The checking account balance currently has \$108.45
 - The savings account balance currently has \$5.05

5. Next meeting is January 14, 2020 we will be electing new officers, bring your neighbors!
6. Local resources can be found at the following:
 - 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>

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Cook, Secretary