

General Meeting Minutes September 11, 2018

Board members present:

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 7:01PM, 25 attendees present.
2. 5/818 meeting minutes approved.
3. Eric Osterkamp was our first guest speaker of the night.
 - Kids are back in school so please watch for kids on sidewalks and in the streets.
 - The police are also out educating college students on how to be good neighbors.
 - The police are implementing a program called Adopt A School where police officers will be more present at schools and for school functions.
 - It was mentioned that Kenoyer has some speeding happening on the road. If you notice a certain time happening more than others, please reach out to the police department to see if they can get personal on site to track issues.
 - Claudia Vizcarra (sp) is our homeless coordinator, if you notice homeless camps in your neighborhood please reach out to her at the police department.
4. Kathryn Mathews was our second speaker from Bellingham Technical College-Continuing Education.
 - BTC's intent is to broaden your skills to help you find a new job or just for general enjoyment to learn something new. Continuing education is open to the public, generally held in the evenings or weekends. Contract training is a privately offered program for an organization to provide training and credentials for an employee or student.
5. Courtney Kendall was our third speaker from Whatcom Community College-Community and Continuing Education.
 - WCC continuing education is for non-credit personal enrichment, professional development and computer technology. WCC also offers a summer Kids' College for youth ages 6-18. There will be a fall open house at WCC September 20th 5:30-9pm.
6. Old and New Business:
 - Whatcom Treatment Plant update, it is in the final stages of completion. Updates will be made available on Nextdoor.
 - Temporary and Long Term Shelters for the Homeless. There will be a public

- hearing 9/24 by the City Council.
 - No new updates on the proposed residential subdivision at the south end of Xenia Street.
7. MNAC meeting report from Jenny Baker-Couch.
 - There was no meeting in August for the summer
 - There have been presenters at the MNAC meetings ranging from the parks, public works and transportation departments.
 - Talks about attached dwelling units and how neighborhoods are adhering to the new laws was a big focus.
 - 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:
 - About 25 people attended the summer picnic on August 3rd with wonderful food to be shared and games were played
 - As part of the National Night Out a member of the canine unit showed up to meet and greet the guests and provide a small demonstration with two of the dogs on the force.
 - The rental for the summer picnic was paid for by donations so there was no cost to WFNA.
 - Meeting at Kulshan Middle School costs \$7.50 per hour. The rate might increase with an additional \$58.00 charged for cleaning.
 - The checking account balance is currently sitting at \$57.45.
 9. Good of the order/open forum:
 - The Woburn Street new parking lot has been opened to the public and it looks great! This is near the intersection of Woburn and Iowa Streets.
 - The City has reached an agreement with the logging companies to secure and preserve trails on Galbraith.
 10. At the end of the meeting we held a random dice roll for a \$10.00 gift certificate to Fred Meyer and \$10.00 to Woods Coffee for those present.
 11. Mark your calendar for the next couple of meetings as the format is changing and should be exciting!
 - November 13th
 - January 8th
 12. 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 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Cook, Secretary