

Laurelhurst Community Club
Minutes
July 13, 2020
Zoom virtual meeting

Trustees, Staff, Committee Member Attendees: Stan Sorscher, Don Torrie, Colleen McAleer, Jim Rupp, Katherine Burk, Emily Dexter, Connie Sidles, Kay Kelly, Jeannie Hale, Jan Sutter, Liz Hemer

Excused: none

Guests: none

CALL TO ORDER: McAleer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calls and Concern from neighbors: Sorscher noted that the directional signs at 38th Ave NE are not properly aimed, causing confusion for drivers who are trapped going the wrong way. SDOT to be notified to correct it. Hale and others had inquiries about the Talaris site status. One neighbor sent in a letter about the BLM issues. McAleer received a call about boys bringing their own shovels and digging new pathways along the NW slope at the Laurelhurst Playfield.

Minutes: McAleer presented the minutes for May and June. Rupp moved that the May 11, 2020 minutes be approved, and Kelly seconded. They were approved by all with an abstention from Hemer, who was absent from that meeting.

Burk moved to approve the June 8th, 2020 Annual Meeting minutes. Sorscher seconded, and Sidles added as "excused". All approved with one abstention from Sidles, who did not attend that meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dexter reported that LCC has adequate funds for Security Patrol, and upcoming predicted expenses. The newsletter expenses were paid this year from the end of 2019 so the deficit for that line item looks larger than normal, but the new printer continues to offer a larger cost savings. McAleer noted that the retainer for legal services needed to be replenished. She moved that \$2,000 be added to that account. Hale seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Announcements: Leslie Wright, the long term Communication Specialist will retire by year end, and a website rejuvenation is also needed by year end.

McAleer announced that SCH is opening a non-drug option surgery suites at its Eastside location. LCC noted that they supported closer-to-home treatments as part of their Master Plan.

LEAP-Luthy reported to McAleer that the HUB communication mini-building for LEAP is now finished, and the next steps are procuring the needed equipment. The planned August and September drills will be done electronically.

Crime Prevention: No North Precinct meetings have been held because of the pandemic, and Kelly will report back in September on the virtual meetings.

A discussion of the Private Security Patrol drew broad discussion. With the strain on SPD and overtime, LCC wanted to ensure coverage. By general agreement, trustees wanted to verify availability, so McAleer would contact McMullen on patrols, and Dexter would provide funds drawn information. Subscriber notification could be pursued if needed, as a temporary measure for planning.

Land use updates: Sutter, McAleer and Hale reported nothing new with Talaris, and LCC is tracking public records for any new filings.

LCC sent in a detailed comment letter on early design guidance for a proposed apartment building on Sandpoint Way NE, with concerns about safer garage access, and compatibility with existing heights and saving exceptional trees.

Parks -Torrie reported that several volunteer work parties of neighbors cleared safer sidewalk access along 48th Ave NE. He mentioned that our LCC sponsorship for Girls' Softball will be rolled over to 2021, and also to expect maintenance cuts in the 2020 budget. Hemer also commented on the incident of bike trails dug in the park. She noted the need to provide access for bikes away from busy trails and that the increased use of the park via bikes by children, esp during Covid, should be embraced while discouraging unauthorized digging by any parties in the parklands.

Newsletter and Website position replacement- Longtime Communication Specialist, Leslie Wright will retire at the end of 2020, and two tasks will need to be filled. The newsletter and Constant Contact editor as well as a need to build out an updated website. Trustees suggested running an ad in the newsletter as a start to fill the positions. Burk had additional suggestions and will help vet the applicants.

Centennial /Bylaw updates: With Covid-19 restrictions, the big celebration will have to be postponed to 2021. Rupp and Wright are awaiting more archival access at Suzzallo Library, and Rupp continues to write a popular series of historical articles for the newsletter. A virtual organizational meeting will be held before September to create the architecture for the celebration events.

Bylaw committee update was given by Rupp, who noted that the entire review of them will comply with the bi-annual requirement to do so. Sorscher, Hale and Burk will work with Rupp and on final wording for next meeting for any permanent bylaw changes, to cover any future emergency procedures.

Other City Hall news- CM Alex Pedersen, representing Laurelhurst (D-4), added Malik Davis and Willa Hevly to complete his staff, and as his contacts for constituents. The City also just passed a tax on salaries called "the Jumpstart Tax," which applies to larger businesses. How the funds are spent is to be determined at this point.

Broad discussion about how the LCC should communicate to the public and what processes and should be in place to assure consistency and agreement in messaging. This discussion will be continued at the September meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:14 pm