

MINUTES

West Hill Cambridge Neighbor Council Board Meeting

August 24, 2021

Introductions & Welcome

At 6:03 pm, board members Mike Scuderi, Jon Becker, Crystal Blanco, Holly Isaman and Lanae Miller convened via zoom.

Minutes Approval

The Minutes from the July 13, 2021 special board meeting were approved as submitted.

Plan for Upcoming Meetings

For the September 22 meeting, Mike will contact the city's Public Works engineering department to request that Chad Bieren or other representative be present to update neighbors on current and future projects. Some issues that could be addressed include: construction flagger problems, construction dust and noise, the corner of S 270th and 40th Ave S as well as the lack of connection/advisement with the council.

The board agrees that a public meeting format is not yet feasible. The September meeting will be via Zoom.

We will post for elections for our November meeting. Board members are still lacking optimism with fresh candidates for leadership and hope that a new campaign of visibility and encouraging project participation will increase interest, involvement and a leadership pool.

Projects

The board will participate in the September 18 Kent Clean Up event. Holly will contact the City to determine if registration is required and retrieve clip art or links that we can post on our social media. The board also will include the repair of the Cambridge East sign as part of its clean up agenda. We will post and invite neighbors via the website, NextDoor, Facebook and through personal contact. Holly will contact Ande Kastanis who may be interested in helping along with Cliff and Mike.

The board agrees that the more visible we are, the more people will consider participation with the council.

Communication

The board will focus on photo opportunities and make effort to get those photos onto our social media venues. Photos need to be sent to Holly, Lanae and Mike for posting accordingly. Holly will contact Kim Wise to see if he still has any photos of our "charter" event with the city. Holly can post.

Lanae and Mike both post to NextDoor; Lanae posts to Facebook and Holly posts to the website. Lanae will be creating a QR tool that can take visitors directly to our website.

Financial/Budget

Crystal has been studying our bookkeeping, budgeting, expenditures, reporting, and asked the board’s input into creating a formal line-item budget for directional and accounting purposes. Crystal was thanked and appreciated for her expertise. She is also working to complete the Communications Grant for this year. We may also look into grant writing to the city for possible entry cleanup/lighting projects.

Good of the Neighborhood

- a. Entrances to the neighborhood – the board is pondering the upgrading of lighting for the 263rd entrance and conducting cleanups around other entrances.
- b. Mike will contact Kent Parks to request participation on the Recreation Planning of the City.
- c. Sidewalk repair update – Holly will make another contact to check the status of these projects.
- d. We will promote the Farmers’ Market (sponsored by Living Well Kent) that will take place August 28 at Glenn Nelson Park from 11:00 – 2:00. Holly will look for photos or links on the city’s website that we can use for promoting. Are board members available that day to wear t-shirts and hand out information cards? We have been asked if we know of other vendors who may wish to participate in the market.

Other

- a. We have not looked further into merging the next door neighborhood council with ours.
- b. Holly will touch base with St. Columba’s and the Fire District to look at future meeting sites – what are their current rules for meeting space use?

Future Dates

- ✓ September 22 – next general meeting
- ✓ October 26 – next board meeting
- ✓ November 17 – general meeting with elections

Adjournment – Mike adjourned the general meeting at 7:23 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Holly Isaman, Secretary

Attested by: _____
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