

MINUTES

West Hill Cambridge Neighbor Council General Membership Meeting September 22, 2021

Introductions & Welcome

At 6:06 pm, via Zoom meeting, Mike Scuderi welcomed members and special guests from the City of Kent. Jon Becker, board member was excused.

Minutes Approval

No minutes are up for approval. The board approved the last minutes at a special board meeting in order to conduct financial business.

Treasurer's Report

Crystal Blanco reported that she is working on a couple of grant applications.

Communication

Mike explained the new QR symbol that Lanae created for use in accessing the website. Neighbors are encouraged to visit the website and sign up for email communications. They are also asked to send photos or other happenings around the neighborhood for posting on the website. Mike also talked about the Council's presence on FaceBook and NextDoor, the latter being most frequently referenced.

The website shared photos of a recent clean up at the East Cambridge entrance area on 46th. Yvonne Kastanis suggested that neighbors form and schedule routine "maintenance and cleanups" at the entrances to all sections of the neighborhood. Once others see these kinds of efforts, more will hopefully jump on board with the work of the Council.

City of Kent Public Works

Chad Bieren, Public Works Director, fielding questions and updated neighbors on the following:

- Traffic calming – neighbors are encouraged to contact the city via the website for request for study on speed and traffic; five requests must be filed before a formal request for a given area will be considered. Holly will contact a representative from the neighborhood on 263rd Street. Neighbors can also contact the city at 253-856-5500.
- Timing delay at turning lane light at Hiway 516 and Washington Ave; left turn going north. Chad will look into this.
- Speed bumps on 40th Ave are too rigid. Chad made note.
- Sidewalks on S. 268th Street will be completed by December, 2022.
- Curb reconstruction at 40th Ave S & 270th Street is being addressed and should be complete soon. Chad commended neighbors for their input on this challenge; without that input, this may not have gotten addressed in a timely manner.
- S 272nd Street speeding and traffic control – Chad spoke to the fact that this is a multi-jurisdictional issue. He did make note and will study that issue. At this time, there are no plans for turn lanes in our area.
- Safety improvement to walking area between Star Lake Park and Ride and bus stops is a big issue for neighbors. This area is a multi-jurisdictional response area as well. Due to

the nature of no apparent assigned duty related to lighting, clean up, safety, traffic flow under the overpass and other issues, Holly will draft a letter to the multiple jurisdictions with a request for study. It appears that Sound Transit has denied requests from the City of Kent for some improvements.

- The lighting project at the entrance at S. 264th Street is being addressed. Service is set to be ready by the end of October. Neighbors had questions regarding the kind of lighting that will be added as well as the possible replacement of the older, broken fixtures.
- Neighbors requested that the City also look at lighting outages at Glenn Nelson Park.

Neighbors were encouraged to use the KentWorks app in looking up other “who to contact” information with the City of Kent. Chad was thanked for his time, his professionalism, and his kindness in terms of customer service and support to our neighborhood. Mike also thanked Councilperson Brenda Fincher for her efforts with projects on the West Hill.

Other

Mike asked all in attendance to consider taking part in the leadership of the Council. Elections are coming at the next general meeting in November. Holly encouraged participation at all levels, including special project leadership or volunteer recruitment. Contact Mike to talk about the leadership roles.

Future Dates

- October 26 – next board meeting
- November 17 – next general membership meeting

Adjournment – Mike adjourned the general meeting at 7:18 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Holly Isaman, Secretary

Attested by: _____
Officer