

# MINUTES

## West Hill Cambridge Neighborhood Council General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Station - 26512 Military Rd S, Kent, WA

### Introductions & Welcome

At 6:05, the meeting was called to order by Mike Scuderi. Board members were recognized as well as Tracy Taylor from the city of Kent. Approximately 26 members were present. Mike discussed the main purpose of the meeting which is to revise the bylaws and elect officers.

### Minutes Approval

The Minutes from March 8, 2023 General Meeting were approved as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report

Crystal shared that over \$1000 remains in our account. The major expense we have is website maintenance. Mike was reimbursed for paying Dale Armstrong for the website maintenance. Tracy Taylor indicated that we can apply for city communication grants if needed.

### Presentation – Neighborhood Little Pantry

Robin Morales talked about the Neighborhood Medical Pantry she has set up (see attached flyer). They are looking for donations of non-perishable medical **supplies** and NOT medical equipment. She also has a small food pantry outside her house on Hampton Way which could also use donations of non-perishable food.

### Direction / Ideas / Plans / Concerns

Mike discussed the status of the council and how the board members have mainly served for four years with the exception of Crystal. Jon Becker has stepped down as Vice-chair. There is a need to restructure the council to a more ad hoc group, and eliminate term limits for officers.

### Review and Acceptance of Bylaw Changes

Mike reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. The Council would **change to an ad hoc group** with only one scheduled meeting a year and other meetings called on an as needed basis.

There would now be 3 primary officers (Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer), with up to four Officers at Large. The language for a quorum was discussed. The following was made for an amendment to the bylaws. The motion (as follows) passed by voice vote [changes in italics]:

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#### **MOTION** (passed by voice vote)

Quorum: In order to conduct official business, a quorum shall be ~~a simple majority of the General Membership~~ *two primary officers and one Officer at Large OR three primary officers and at least two general membership members* present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the General Membership, or at a meeting of the General Membership specially called and posted for the purpose of conducting urgent business of the West Hill Cambridge Neighborhood Council.

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#### **MOTION** (passed by voice vote)

The revised bylaws were offered to the membership for approval.

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## Elections

The following current board members agreed to run again for their respective positions. Mike Scuderi, chairperson; Crystal Blanco, treasurer; Holly Isaman, secretary; and Lanae Miller; Officer at Large. There were no other candidates for these slots. Dennis Hampton and Gaby Hampton came forward as candidates for Officer at Large.

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### **MOTION** (passed by voice vote)

The slate of candidates, including Mike Scuderi, Crystal Blanco, Holly Isaman, Lanae Miller, Dennis Hampton and Gaby Hampton was voted on by the membership present and all candidates were elected for a one-year term.

*(Please note that Kim Wise and Alex Lepeska could not attend but had expressed interest as being Officers at Large.)*

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## Future Meetings

Tracy indicated that we could work with her to schedule meetings at the Fire Station.

## Other

- Cleanups – There was a question if the council could apply for a city grant for neighborhood cleanup. The current deadline for a matching grant was Jan. 1 to April 1, so the council will have to plan to sponsor a request for next year if a group comes forward and wants to do the application. Dennis and Gaby noted that many home improvement stores will supply materials for cleanup and beautification free or at reduced prices. There is also an ongoing effort by the West Hill Neighborhood Council (immediately north of WHCNC) for adopt a street on Military. They are asking if we want to expand this effort to the south again. If anyone wants to take this on the Council will advertise.
- National Night Out – Second Tuesday in August
- Community Garage Sale – Scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>. Lanae and Robin are organizing. Excess goods not sold could be donated to Fusion.
- People not picking up dog waste – Long discussion on what appears to be new dog owners in the neighborhood who don't seem to respect peoples yards and sidewalks and do not clean up their dog waste. Holly and Lanae will talk to the School District and see if they can put up signs. But in general just "Be a good neighbor!"
- Community Police Officer – Officer Prusa retired and a replacement has not been designated yet.
- Traffic Issues – Contact Rob Brown, city of Kent traffic engineer.

## Adjournment

If ever you have questions or wish to communication with the organization, please email the Council leadership at [whcncouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whcncouncil@gmail.com).