

# MINUTES

## West Hill Cambridge Council Board Meeting

September 13, 2023

### Call or Order

The meeting was called to order by Mike Scuderi at 5:38 pm; Lanae Miller excused. Dawn Genzlinger attended while learning about role of Treasurer.

### Minutes / Agenda

The Minutes from the August 2, 2023 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Request for Liability Coverage – Letter to City

Holly has created a letter to send to Mayor Ralph and City Manager Fitzpatrick to again request inclusion under the City's liability insurance umbrella. A reminder of the request by Sound Transit for meeting space and possible use of the school's will be including with the text.

### Officers and Other Positions

The Treasury materials were shared with Dawn Genzlinger who is considering taking the role of Council Treasurer. Dennis also has spoken with Kim Wise asking him to consider becoming the Council's Grant Writer. Kim has agreed to do so. We will review deadline parameters and begin to look at the grants available to the Council from the City. Holly will talk with Lanae about the possibility of taking part in her mailer – if and when and get a cost projection for the grant.

### Next Entrance Clean-Up

Gaby and Dennis are sponsoring another S. 264<sup>th</sup> Entrance clean up scheduled for the morning of October 7. Dennis will grill hot dogs. Holly will get the announcement out to the website.

### Survey

The board discussed a variety of questions and styles for use of a survey. Based on the discussion and ideas put forward, Holly will draft a sample to bring to the board then will work with Dale Armstrong to get something built onto our website. Getting the news out to neighbors to even take the survey is the big challenge. Holly will talk with Lanae about using her mailer to make this connection. We will need to have the survey live and ready according to any schedule Lanae may be putting together.

### Homeless Challenge

Mike and Holly attended a regional discussion led by Congressman Adam Smith. Mayor Ralph was a panelist. She spoke with Mike and Holly about updates on projects within our area. Mike believes that the challenge to the West Hill for use of the HomeTowne Suites for housing is on hold and possibly off the table at this point. Following the event, it was felt that there are competent people working this monstrous issue and that there is the will to create quality systems while using resources wisely.

### Upcoming Events

- **Grant Writing Workshop** – September 30, 9:00 am – 11:00 am; Kent Activity Center. Dennis and Kim will be attending this workshop.
- **Block Watch Training** - September 28, 6 pm – 8:00 pm; Kent Police/Fire Training Center 24523 116th Ave SE, Kent, WA; Dennis is attending this. Holly will get this out onto the website and announced, encouraging neighbors to consider sending a representative from their neighborhood.

### Other Ideas

- CERT Training events

- Invite Dave Upthegrove to share perspective
- Drinks in the Driveway
- Promote National Night Out
- Sponsor a Blood Drive

Future Meetings and Dates

The board discussed the following ideas for the schedule

- An annual meeting will need to be planned for April
- Sound Transit update - Mike will coordinate
- Holiday Giving Project with the Schools – Holly will make contact

The board will next meet on November 7 at 5:30 pm at Holly's house. Mike will contact Kim Wise and Alex Lapeska who have both expressed interest in attending these planning meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned about 7:30 pm.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Holly Isaman

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_