

MINUTES

West Hill Cambridge Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

February 13, 2024

Call or Order

Mike Scuderi called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm; also in attendance: Holly Isaman, Dawn Genzlinger, Gaby and Dennis Hampton, Lanae Miller and Alex Lepeska (by phone). Kim Wise was absent.

Minutes / Agenda

The Minutes from the November 7, 2023 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Request for Liability Coverage – Letter to City

Holly reported that she again contacted the City. (Later that evening, we did receive some communication from the City that there may be an alternative solution that could accommodate our needs.)

Finance Report

Dawn reported that we were successful in getting the bank account set up for on-line access, eliminating the need for recurring fees for mailed statements. (Dawn, Mike and Holly are signatory representatives for the Council.) The account currently contains \$1103.00.

Grants

Dennis reported on the workshop that he and Kim attended and believes that we may still have access to funds via the small Communications Grant and will follow up with an application for those funds. If there are remaining funds from the City and we can receive that grant, we will be in better position to afford a mailer to promote the Council events. We stand to receive about \$1.50 per household. Dawn will work with Dennis to submit a W-9 vendor document and other documents he may need.

Survey

The board discussed the status and possibilities of getting a mailer out to encourage neighbors to take the on-line survey that Dale has ready to go. Depending on how much we wish to spend, the board may decide to do a full mailer (as opposed to an add-on to Lanae's business mailer). With this option, we could also post a full calendar of events. We will wait to see what Dennis and Kim can come up with in terms of a grant at this time. Lanae will get a planned schedule of mailers to us to assist with our decision.

The Council has been asked to work with the City on secure mailbox grants. The board concurred that we don't wish to be a middle-man for this kind of grant. Dennis will ask about this kind of access so that we at least might have information on how a small group of neighbors might secure this kind of assistance from the City, if it does exist.

Road Safety Committee Meetings

Alex reported on his first meeting with this group and that he will be attending two more. He shared a link to a safety survey which we shared in January with our on-line neighbors. Hopefully, some took the survey and offered ideas for traffic and walking area safety.

2024 Calendar

The board had more discussion on ideas for neighborhood activity and participation, along with ideas for calendaring such:

- Annual Meeting – possibly April 23 or 30 (Holly will contact Tracy Taylor to ask her to guest speak and offer connection/communication ideas to neighbors. The board concurred she would be a good draw

and could represent the City allowing us to schedule the use of the schools. The idea of having a food truck event at the same time was discussed. Holly will work with Tracy on this.)

- Drinks in the Driveway – Mike will watch for the announcement and get the neighborhood on their calendar for one or two events.
- Yard Sale – Lanae will work with Robin to coordinate another event, possibly July 20.
- National Night Out – August 6
- Giving Project – Holly suggests that the school giving project needs to be revamped or pared down to something different, due to lack of participation and interest. Gaby suggests that we team with the Puget Sound Fire Authority on their annual Christmas project.

Left Over To-do

- The board may contact the West Hill Neighborhood Council to see if they wish to surplus their sturdy sandwich board signs for use by this council. Anyone?

Next Meeting

The board will meet one more time before the annual meeting on April 2 at 5:30 pm at Holly's home. At this time we will need to draft a slate of officers so if anyone is thinking of a change in duty, please let Mike know.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Holly Isaman

Attested by: _____