

February 8, 2012 Minutes Westside Neighborhood Council #2

Meeting called to order by President Phyllis Hemstad. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Those present: Phyllis Hemstad, Dorothy Schmidt, Kelly Manzer, SueAnn Strickland. Absent: Bob Mehlhoff. Quorum established.

There were corrections to the previous months' minutes as follows: Secretary position is to be rotated. There were two spelling corrections – Hemstad and Mares. Dorothy made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Kelly seconded the motion – passed.

Patty Cadwell stated that the public with regard to the website is requesting names to be included as to speakers. The sign in sheet is available on the website. A discussion regarding this matter followed.

A motion was made by Kelly Manzer and seconded by Dorothy Schmidt to appoint Bob Mehlhoff as our council representative to the Police Advisory Board. Motion passed.

Bylaw modifications were tabled until next meeting.

West Levee Update – Sandy Mares said that there are several appeals pending. When the maps are publicized their disposals will be published. There is still no word on the accreditation of the levee. After May 2013 the PAL Agreement expires and de-accreditation takes 18 months after that.

West Bank Park Update – Phyllis Hemstad spoke with Mayer Michael Winters and two of the Commissioners concerning a letter we sent (by the Council of Councils) several years ago concerning funding for this project in the budget. As there is currently no money budgeted for building parks. Sue Woyth asked about the current straw area by the river. It was explained that this is the new non-motorized launch site. Phyllis Hemstad motioned that we review the letter and request an answer regarding this issue. Motion seconded by SueAnn Strickland. Patty will get us all copies of said letter. Phyllis withdrew the motion and it was decided that we will write a letter from our Council concerning this matter

R-3 Update – Patty said that Mr. Fleming has hired an attorney. No progress has been made. Planning Department is now contemplating changing the ordinance. Discussion followed. The neighbors are quite upset. SueAnn Strickland has volunteered to speak for and with the neighbors at the next City Commission meeting so their concerns can be addressed.

Council of Councils Update – Phyllis Hemstad met the new Police Chief at the meeting and spoke with him afterwards. The Large Vehicle Parking Ordinance is moving extremely slowly. Sue Woyth discussed her frustration on calling on two trailers which were parked in her neighborhood. It took four calls before Officer Shephard was able to respond. Officer Bragg spoke on the very lengthy process involved.

Patty read us the e-mail from Mike Haynes and will forward it on to us.

Officer Bragg spoke on the crime statistics in our council area, with a comparison using the past three months' statistics with those of a year ago at the same time. The big change is that traffic stops and warrant arrests are nearly half from a year ago. A question period followed. Google mtsvor for the sexual violent offenders. Officer Bragg also brought self-protection information to be handed out along with cable safety gun locks. More are available. He also spoke on propertyroom.com which is the site the police department is using to clear out items from the evidence locker.

Cascade County Conservation District – Toni Neslen gave a history on the Soil Conservation District and the benefits of belonging to the District. Our area is not currently in the District. It will take a petition of approx. 900 names to get this on the ballot. Kelly Manzer has a petition at the Vet. Clinic to sign.

Mary Ann Komar had a question as to why the City lets the water just run from a broken main instead of fixing it right away on the weekends. Patty suggested that she call Public Works for the answer. SueAnn Strickland assumes that the water is cheaper than paying all the overtime unless it is a real emergency. Mary Ann also complained about two stop lights on Third Street N.W. but was told that these were not in our council boundaries and to contact Council #3

Kelly Manzer has concerns about the Bond Issue for Talcott – repayment of \$900,000.00 but nothing was resolved on this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01

Respectfully submitted,

SueAnn Strickland, Acting Secretary