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November 9, 2016 MEADOBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 7:10 pm the President, Dan Keefe, called the meeting to order. There were 13 attendees, including at least 7 voting members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

Metro Bus Service Lisa Shafer, Transportation Planner for Metro, discussed their long range plan. By 2040 their plan envisions the Metro area will have 850,000 more jobs and 1,000,000 more people. A survey indicated riders want more frequent service, more east – west service, etc. They plan to have 73% of residents within ½ mile of frequent service, improve Rapid Ride bus service, increase local service, and have more people be able to get to Link Light Rail within 15 minutes. She displayed a slide showing the map of different Metro bus services projected for 2025. There will be a new route to Ballard. There will be a new Express bus running down Lake City Way NE to connect to the Roosevelt Light Rail station which is projected to open in 2021. A Light Rail stop at NE 130<sup>th</sup> Street may be installed after the light rail service is in operation farther north. Metro will have an outreach process in 2018 and 2019 to meet with the public in this area to receive input about proposed route improvements. By 2040 they expect a great increase in the Metro area which can be reached by public transit within 60 minutes from NE 110<sup>th</sup> Street and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Their plan is available at [kcmetrovision.org](http://kcmetrovision.org).

Rachel VerBoort and Ted Day of the Transit & Mobility Division of the Seattle Department of Transportation (ph. 684-5019) reported in November, 2014 Seattle voters approved a vehicle license fee to provide \$46,000,000 for maintaining Metro bus service in Seattle. Seattle purchased an additional 225,000 bus service hours from Metro – an 8% increase in bus service in Seattle. The money goes to routes which have at least 80% of their stops in Seattle. SDOT added over 12,000 hours in the Meadowbrook area. SDOT has gone from 25% of Seattle households having frequent all-day frequent service a few years ago, to 51% in 2016. Their goal is over 70% having frequent all-day service in several decades. SDOT is working with Sound Transit to coordinate bus and rail service.

Mr. Day, Service Planner for SDOT, discussed North Seattle bus routes and the change to every 15 minute all day service in this area. Routes 71 and 73 were changed to connect to the Link Light Rail in the U District. Route 72 was discontinued. He distributed a map showing the changes in bus ridership in the last year. Meadowbrook has had a 2-10% increase in ridership in the last year. The light rail between UW and downtown runs every 6 minutes and takes 6 minutes to make the trip.

Luminaria Walk Ann Girven of Friends of Meadowbrook Pond reported they will have 800 lights, cookies, and hot chocolate on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm for the walk in Pond Park. November 17<sup>th</sup> they will build the bags at Meadowbrook Community Center.

Earthquake Preparedness Ms. Girven showed projected times for the City to restore service such as water - estimated to be restored between one week and one year after the quake. Meadowbrook residents should build their own earthquake kit to prepare themselves to subsist for an extended period before services are restored. Meadowbrook Community Center will be a rally point for residents. She solicited members to sign up to assist in preparing the community to be ready to subsist after an earthquake.

Volunteer Tree Planting behind La Villa Dairy on Fischer PL NE Earthcorp will be planting trees in the City Park behind the LaVilla Dairy building on Fischer PL NE near Lake City Way NE on December 3<sup>rd</sup> between 10am and 2pm. They would like volunteers to assist in planting the trees. The President mentioned possibly installing trails and a bench in that park at a later date.

Community Gardens & Orchard In addition to providing food for its volunteers personal use, this year it has produced 1,500 pounds of food which was donated to the North Helpline food bank.

Sidewalk Update The President reported Meadowbrook has been promised a flashing beacon both at NE105<sup>th</sup> Street & 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and at mid-block on 35th. There will be a raised crosswalk on NE 110<sup>th</sup> Street at 34<sup>th</sup>. They also approved sidewalks in two other locations in Meadowbrook i.e. NE 115<sup>th</sup> Street to Nathan Hale. The President's letter was submitted and Ms. Bowe met with Councilmember Juarez about Meadowbrook's desire for a new sidewalk at NE 110<sup>th</sup> between 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Aves NE.

Greenways Project The President will meet with View Ridge Community Council about the Greenways Project.

Tiny Trees Preschool Program It is a preschool program at Seattle parks to introduce

Member Website Survey Ms. Bowe plans to conduct a survey of members in early December to discuss at the next meeting. She asked members to contact her with information they would like to see on the Meadowbrook website such as safety

Crime Ms. Aundie Collison said the Police Department is attempting to raise money to provide 5,000 pairs of socks to children. Contact her to assist in donating socks or money.

Door To Door Sellers versus Burglars: When a person comes to your front door, the Seattle Police Department recommends you always answer the door (Don't open it.) Look through a peephole in your door. If the person is an authorized Door To Door Seller, you should be able to see the face of the person on their displayed City permit to solicit door to door. If they don't have a permit, there is a high probability they are a burglar casing your home. Do not open your door until after seeing their permit. It is safer not to allow strangers into your home because they may be a burglar using that opportunity to case your home for a later burglary. One member suggested taking a picture of the face of such individuals to discourage and identify potential burglars.

Our existing police precinct is 40% of the city area and it will soon be divided into a smaller areas, with this area to be known as the North Precinct.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary