

July 10, 2018 MEADOBROOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

At 7:05 pm the President, Pam Bowe, called the meeting to order. There were 24 attendees, including 16 voting members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

Crime Report Ms. Aundie Collison pointed out August 7th is the "Night Out" night and she encouraged members to participate. This is a nationwide event on one night to reduce crime by getting to know your neighbors. Also, on August 18th, the North precinct Police Department will host a family picnic at their station. The public is welcome. Ms. Collison will be moving away and asked for a volunteer to take her position.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer, Ms. Boyd reported the Council had \$1,865.55 on deposit at BECU. Membership dues are \$10/year.

Meadowbrook Pond Dredging Project Jonathan Brown, SPU's Project Manager for the dredging project and Josh Maydon from SPU's Urban Ecosystems Group, discussed the project. The project contractor has been selected. The Pond is part of the flood plain of Thornton Creek. It is a 12 square mile watershed and was one of the major salmon bearing streams in Seattle - before the City developed. The pond is designed to help with lowland flooding and to improve water quality by allowing sediment to settle out. It has become a great public amenity.

The purpose of the project is to remove as much as 9,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment. SPU plans to close the pond to the public on July 23rd and hopes to conclude work by mid October. The perimeter path along 39th and NE 105th Street will remain open. One member asked about the closing of the overflow pipe because the closure of that pipe has caused flooding in his home and others. SPU personnel said they will be using a bypass system so the flow will not be increased and they do not expect this project to create downstream flooding unless there is a major storm event – in which case the creek would normally flood. Several members asked about allowing the public to use the walkway across the pond or establishing cameras to allow the public to view the progress of the project. The contractor does not want the public in the area during the work period.

Mr. Maydon talked about wildlife at the pond. Beavers will be gone for a month to up to two years as a result of the project. They expect the project to improve salmon spawning habitat downstream by reducing the amount of sediment moving downstream.

Ms. Brenda Gardner (ph. (206) 256-5139), in SPU's System Planning and Analysis Group, is responsible for long term maintenance of the pond. She reported SPU is trying to avoid large projects at the Pond in the future and expects to conduct annual sediment dredging in the fore bay of the pond. Hopefully this will eliminate the need for more lengthy and expensive dredging of the main Pond.

Your Voice, Your Choice YVYC is a City of Seattle fund to pay for pedestrian improvements which receive the most votes in this annual vote. The President asked members to vote for Meadowbrook's one project for 2018, which is labeled as Meadowbrook's. She distributed ballots to interested members to vote. The deadline for voting is July 16th. Meadowbrook had the most votes in its' district last year and as a result, had its' project installed by SDOT.

SDOT Activity in Meadowbrook Dan Keefe distributed a spreadsheet from SDOT regarding the progress of SDOT pedestrian projects in Meadowbrook. There will be a temporary sidewalk installed between 35th and 36th Avenues NE on the south side of NE 110th Street, while SDOT waits for a bridge to be installed by the County across the creek. One member voiced his thanks for working to have that site improved.

Lake City Way Repaving It will be repaved from I-5 to 145th Avenue NE. Most of the work will be done at night. The President has lobbied SDOT and WADOT to hold some public meetings by to explain the proposed work.

Jane Addams Improvements Colleen Weinstein reported they are trying to raise \$100,000 at jamsdreambig.org to be matched by the City, to install a walking surface and stairway between the bus loading area and the southeast field at the school. She also spoke about several volunteer opportunities to help the school and encouraged members to contact her if they were interested.

New Emergency HUB at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church The HUB is a meeting place and communications hub for people to go in the event of an extended emergency, such as a major earthquake. There will be an open house on July 19th and a larger one in September.

Community Garden & Orchard The volunteers are currently harvesting blueberries and raspberries at the garden by the Nathan Hale tennis courts. New volunteers are welcome and receive part of the food grown in exchange for their work. Mr. Keefe commented that two thirds to three fourths of the harvest goes to the food bank, since the volunteers cannot consume all that is grown.

Thornton Creek Update (e coli) There are two separate projects currently being conducted. They have identified three sites where e coli contaminates are higher and they are focusing on those three sites. The highest e coli contamination is occurring just below a homeless encampment at 95th. That pollution is entering at Mathews Beach and is carried across the beach by the current which moves up lake.

35th Avenue NE Bike Lane One member asked how many out of 20 attendees, favored the City's plan to install a bike lane on 35th Avenue NE. No one favored the plan and upon motion duly made and seconded, the members unanimously authorized the President to send a letter to the City stating Meadowbrook's opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

By: Michael Reinhardt, Secretary