

MINUTES
NORTHWEST OLYMPIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monday, December 17, 2012

Board members present: Erica Guttman, President; Cathy Visser, Secretary; Rip Heminway, Vice President; Susan Tuzzolino & Jean Mead.

The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m. The agenda was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Gist was absent, but submitted a report in advance.

10/01/12 Beg Bal:	\$2,674.37
10/31/12 Dep checks from annual meeting	657.00
10/31/12 Dep interest	.23
11/04/12 Chk to Dorothy Gist (cookies)	-54.00
11/04/12 Chk to Susan Tuzzolino (pizza)	-108.70
11/29/12 Dep 1 due chk	20.00
11/30/12 Dep interest	.22
Ending Balance:	\$3,189.12

By-Laws Review: Rip put by-laws up on Google Docs and received a few comments back. At the annual meeting, some comments were made as well. Rip will resend location of by-laws to NWONA Board members for review with a request for return comments and recommended changes by January 21st. We will review them at our next Board meeting on January 28th, which will be held at Dino's Café. Any changes proposed by the board will need to be voted on by NWONA members at a membership meeting.

Establish dates for neighborhood business meetings: After discussing potential dates for a quarterly meeting, the Board decided that 2 business meetings and 1 neighborhood party would work better for busy schedules, i.e., we decided not to have quarterly meetings. The first neighborhood business meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26th. It will be a potluck and will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. at Garfield multi-purpose room (pending approval by the school district). The second neighborhood business meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. The third will be a neighborhood party and will be held in August. Potential dates are the weekend of August 3rd, 10th or 17th. The advantage of holding the party Saturday vs. Sunday was discussed. See additional details below. Rip will contact Bob Hodges at Garfield to see which weekend days are open at Garfield.

Confirm future meetings/dates/times/locations: Regular Board meetings will be held the last Monday of each month at Dino's Café from 6-7:30 pm. Dino's Café has offered free space to NWONA for our monthly meetings. We will bring our own beverages. We will support Dino's by recommending them on NextDoor and in other ways in the community.

Love our Local Love Fest – annual neighborhood party. Susan T. researched what happens in the NE neighborhood. They have a big local festival that includes music, entertainment and an open mike, artisan booths, community village with food booths, and street painting. Considerations include logistics/operations, electricity, and permission from the City,

FAST/Financial Assistance Sponsorships Team, and promotion. Possible \$\$ grant from the Community Sustaining Fund, Block Grants from City of Olympia (coordinated by Jennifer Kenney/Community Planning and Development). What kind of “fest” do we want? Another suggestion was getting Garfield involved with a “Parade of Students.” NE neighborhood has a financial assistance committee that requests funds from local businesses and other resources. Potential sources for cash include in-kind sponsorship. Susan T. and Jean Mead will take a leadership role but insist that they have additional support from the community to proceed. Susan T. will send out an email to people that signed up as interested at the annual meeting and will request commitment to help organize and implement the neighborhood party. Rip suggested starting a “closed NextDoor” group once the people interested are on board.

Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA) Report: Rip and Erica attend the monthly CNA meetings as they can, with an aim of having at least one of them present each month. The meetings are held the second Monday of each month at City Hall. Rip attended the December meeting and reported that it mostly focused on an action plan written by CNA to guide the relationship between the City and neighborhood steering group. The City is developing a more formal relationship with CNA to accomplish more at the neighborhood level; the CNA meetings typically include at least 15 neighborhood association representatives.

Pathways Programs Review: The Bike Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) had their first meeting to look at which Pathways applications to consider. They’re meeting again on January 9th and will subsequently recommend specific projects to fund. Of the 17 they reviewed, 8 came from our neighborhood (great job NWONA Pathways Project committee!). BPAC and transportation staff suggested passing a few of our suggestions on to other departments the City of Olympia for consideration in their action plans.

Follow up – posting meeting notes: Our procedure for posting minutes is that once they are sent to the Board members will have 4 days to comment. Scott Bishop will post them on the website and Rip will let people know on NextDoor that they have been posted.

Reliable Steel parcel for sale. Tabled for another meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.