

Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2011

Attending: See Attendance Roster

Minutes submitted by: Kate Ramsden, Secretary

Agenda Item	Discussion / Action Taken	Follow-up Tasks
PROGRAM	<p>City of Bellingham Home Rehabilitation Program, Lisa Manos. Started in 1977 in the Lettered Streets neighborhood, this is a loan program for low to moderate income households, disabled persons, and seniors, to make health and safety improvements in their homes. There is currently a short waiting list for the program. Projects need to be general improvement (ex. flooring, doors, appliances), long-term maintenance (ex. paint, roof, furnace, hot water tank, siding, insulation, drywall) or safety (ex. electrical, plumbing, windows, handrails, security, lead-based paint).</p> <p>Garden Spot, Marcy Plotner. Garden Spot owner Marcy Plotner spoke about new upcoming things for spring and made herself available for questions.</p>	
BOARD MEETING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present: Arlene Feld, Kate Ramsden, Howard Steiner, Carol Whitting, Mike Kimmich, Earl & Carolyn Hutchins, Rae Edwards • Minutes: March meeting minutes were approved as written. 	
BOARD MEETING: COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach: Newsletter coming out in early May. Earl Hutchins announced that Ron, the director of the Lighthouse Mission, is interested in meeting with the neighbors. Mike and Arlene will also attend. Meeting date TBD. • Treasurer: \$1700 in the account and \$100 outstanding in ads. • MNAC: Howard Steiner attended last month's meeting. Topics included an update to the comp plan, a permit hearing for Johnny's Donuts (located on Kearney & Cornwall), a 10-year plan for the Domestic Violence program, and DOT site planning. There is a neighborhood skill building workshop on Saturday June 4th, which may be useful in writing new bylaws. An MNAC alternate is still needed, if anyone wants to volunteer. 	

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	<p>• Other: Earl Hutchins announced that a plan for the Maritime Heritage playground has been approved for the comp plan update; it will be located near the old Boss Tweed restaurant.</p> <p>Earth Day – April 23rd from 10-11 is the annual Easter Egg hunt at Fouts Park.</p> <p>Rae Edwards announced that 125 people volunteered at the Maritime Heritage work party the Saturday previous. She passed out a Pollinators Pathway handout.</p> <p>Street Trees project – Kate Ramsden and Rae Edwards will start working on the newsletter article. Rae has been doing more research into street tree types. Kate announced that a student from Western Washington University is interested in doing some neighborhood mapping in support of the project.</p>	
<p>BOARD MEETING: ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011 7 PM</p>	