

Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2011

Attending: See Attendance Roster

Minutes submitted by: Kate Ramsden, Secretary

Agenda Item	Discussion / Action Taken	Follow-up Tasks
PROGRAM	<p><b>Street Trees Project Discussion.</b> Jim Straatman, Rae Edwards, Andrew &amp; Jenn Good, and Kate Ramsden met last month to discuss the Street Trees Project. The idea is to plant 20 street trees/year for the next 5 years. Jim has been working on setting up a website, Andrew &amp; Kate looked at grants, and Rae is researching trees. The scope of the project is still being formed, but the idea would be to raise money and also request a budget from LSNA (~\$500-\$1000). Discussion of possible funding – churches and businesses in the neighborhood. Write-up for next newsletter.</p>	<p>Street Trees committee will meet again before next LSNA meeting.</p>
BOARD MEETING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Present:</b> Arlene Feld, Kate Ramsden, Shirley Mahlberg, Jim Straatman, Vince Brown, Chris Eltrich, Howard Steiner, Andrew &amp; Jenn Good, Mike Kimmich, Earl &amp; Carolyn Hutchins, Rae Edwards, Natalie McClendon</li> <li>• <b>Minutes:</b> February meeting minutes were approved as written.</li> </ul>	
BOARD MEETING: COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outreach:</b>  <p>Newsletter coming out later this spring. Natalie McClendon also reminded everyone that they can add events to the Google calendar for the website, which will also go out on the e-newsletter.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Treasurer:</b> \$1500 in the account. Membership dues have been flagging. Vince estimated a budget based on last year's expenses.  <b>Motion 1.</b> Approve the budget as written. <b>Approved.</b></li> <li>• <b>MNAC:</b> Howard Steiner attended last month's meeting. Topics included an update to the comp plan, traffic cameras, and rental house licensing. On Saturday June 4, a workshop on writing bylaws and amendments will take place in the City of Bellingham Fireplace Room. LSNA needs to update their bylaws.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>• <b>Other:</b> Discussion of the Gateway Pacific Terminal project. Proposed shipping terminal for sending coal and grains to China. An EIS is being done. Pros include jobs. Cons include noise, pollution. Mike Kimmich suggested the LSNA board should support a Quiet Zone resolution (for trains) and that all street crossings should be signaled and lighted.</p> <p>Earth Day – Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10-12. Gossage Garden volunteer clean-up. Also April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-11 is the annual Easter Egg hunt at Fouts Park.</p>	
<p>BOARD MEETING: ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS</p>	<p><b>Topic for next meeting:</b> City of Bellingham, small home rehabilitation loans.</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011 7 PM</b></p>	