

Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
Feb. 9, 2010

Attending: See Attendance Roster

Minutes submitted by: Kate Ramsden, Secretary

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| PROGRAM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program – Gardening: Five speakers were invited to present information related to the topic of gardening. The presenters included Gary Koch, who discussed permaculture, Becky Curtis, the program coordinator for Community First! Gardens through the WSU Whatcom County extension, Elsa King, a master composter, Ronalee Kincaid, with the Backyard Habitat program through National Wildlife Federation, and Chris Elder, with Bellingham Urban Garden Syndicate (BUGS). The speakers provided information about their projects and answered questions at the end of the session. The program was well-attended, with approximately 35 attendees. | |
| BOARD MEETING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present: Arlene Feld, Chris Eltrich, Howard Steiner, Kate Ramsden, Rae Edwards, Earl Hutchins, Rebecca Gleason, Judy Buchanan, Natalie McClenden, Vince Brown, Shirley Mahlberg • Minutes: February minutes were approved as written. | |
| BOARD MEETING: COMMITTEE REPORTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications: Natalie McClenden updated the group about the progress she has made with the website and listserve. A Yahoo group has been set up to distribute an e-bulletin. The new website was set up and while it was not at the regular website address yet, the domain name was registered. Natalie can add more people to administer the listserve, website, and website calendar. • Treasurer: Vince Brown provided the year-end statement, including a complete list of last year's bank statement and all transactions. The proposed 2010 budget still needs to be approved. The account balance is healthy (~\$1200) and Vince is about to submit about \$400 to the City of Bellingham for reimbursements. • Motion 1. Authorize Vince Brown to contact W. Nelson to forward the forms to the state that will renew the non-profit status, and pay the necessary \$10 fee associated with the filing. Approved. • MNAC: Howard Steiner suggested that city news releases be added to the e-bulletin and website. He also brought to the group's attention that the LSNA should be placing meeting announcements in the Bellingham Herald, and that the announcement is likely due 2 weeks prior to the meeting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalie will write up documentation for the website and listserve for future administrators of the website. • The 2010 budget will be approved at the next meeting. • Kate Ramsden will follow up on submitting LSNA meeting announcements to the Bellingham Herald. |

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| BOARD MEETING: COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach: Rebecca Gleason proposed a newsletter for this spring. An Outreach Committee meeting will be held in late March to solicit ideas for the newsletter. Material will be due by the end of April and the newsletter will be put out at the beginning of May. • Lighthouse Mission Outreach: No update. Earl Hutchins is looking in to whom to interact with at the city. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach committee meeting will be held March 29th. |
| BOARD MEETING: ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda for April: The following topics were suggested for the April board meeting: approving the final budget, discussion about an urban forestry grant, and a presentation by Ann Mackey of the York neighborhood about landlord licensing. • Work Parties: Rae Edwards reported that 38 people participated in a work party on the Old Village Trail on the previous Saturday. They just need to finish working on the remainder of the trail between D and E Streets. There is another work party scheduled for May 1. Also, a new bench is being installed at the Broadway overlook. • Domestic Violence Vigil: Chris Eltrich reported on the vigil that was held for the victim of domestic violence in the Lettered Streets in early February. There was a good turnout of neighbors and representation by the domestic violence program. • Upcoming Events: Chris Eltrich also reported that his church is likely to sponsor an Easter Egg hunt for children that includes door prizes for parents from establishments around the Lettered Streets neighborhood. April 3, at Fouts Park. | |
| NEXT MEETING | TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010 7:00 | |