

Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2012

Attending: See Attendance Roster

Minutes submitted by: Kate Ramsden, Secretary

**Program:** Beth Chisholm, Master Gardener and WSU Community First Garden Project Coordinator

The WSU program assists in creating and maintaining community garden spaces, and is available to offer help with site planning in community gardens (vacant lots, etc). Beth provided several examples of community garden projects and partners. There is also a plant clinic in which the public can come in to the WSU Community Extension office (1000 N Forest St) to ask questions – they will also be at the Farmer's Market in June.

**Board Meeting:**

**Present:** Arlene Feld, Kate Ramsden, Howard Steiner, Rae Edwards, Chris Eltrich, Earl and Carolyn Hutchins, Mike Kimmich, Shirley Mahlberg

**Minutes:** April's minutes were not yet written up.

**Street Trees update:** Rae had the city arborist take a look at the trees. One tree is likely dead, and the magnolia is not doing very well. Rae will follow up with the nursery to discuss the dead tree.

**Outreach:** The newsletter is being worked on.

**MNAC:** Howard Steiner attended the MNAC meeting. Mayor Kelli Linville is now chairing the meetings. There was a discussion about a Railroad Quiet zone – the city has studied this and it would cost approximately 2.5 million to create one through town. Other topics – one neighborhood is using a direct mail service for their newsletters which costs approximately 14.5 cents per item. The metropolitan park district in the south neighborhoods was discussed – would be a tax to help fund the purchase and clean-up of the Chuckanut Ridge/100 acre wood. Small and Simple grants through the city are not coming back due to the deficit.

**Treasurer:** Nothing to report.

**Other:** Neighborhood resident Natalie McClendon is running for 42<sup>nd</sup> district representative, against Jason Overstreet. Her campaign kick-off is May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30, at the YWCA.

**Next Meeting:** June 12, 2012.