

Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2011

Attending: See Attendance Roster

Minutes submitted by: Kate Ramsden, Secretary

Program:

1. **Brooks Anderson, Bag It Bellingham** – presentation on plastics in our environment and local initiative to pass an ordinance eliminating single-use plastic bags at check-out stands in retail stores. Only 5-12% of plastic bags are recycled; 75% go to landfills or end up in waterways. The ordinance is expected to make an appearance in front of City Council sometime this summer, and would eliminate single-use plastic bags and require a 5-cent charge for paper bags at the check-out stand.
2. **Linda Stewart, Mayor's Office** – Update on Waterfront Redevelopment Project... not much has changed since her last update. The draft sub-area report is complete and available for viewing on the Port of Bellingham's website, and she answered questions about park planning and pedestrian access to the waterfront. Linda also took questions from the attendees in regards to how coal trails going to the proposed Gateway Terminal might affect traffic planning and quiet zones.

Board Meeting:

Present: Arlene Feld, Kate Ramsden, Howard Steiner, Shirley Mahlberg, Vince Brown, Earl & Carolyn Hutchins, Rae Edwards, Jim Straatman

Minutes: April meeting minutes were approved as written.

Outreach:

1. Newsletter distribution – Shirley Mahlberg is unable to coordinate the newsletter distribution this time, so another person is needed. Also, volunteers are needed to help distribute. The newsletter is currently at the printer and will be coming out soon.
2. Garden Tour – the committee has been meeting and the tour is scheduled for July 24th

MNAC: Howard Steiner attended the MNAC meeting. The following topics were discussed: how to report graffiti (call 911), the CNG franchise agreement, transportation district bicycle and pedestrian plan, and the coal trains.

Treasurer: Vince Brown reported there is \$1751 in the account, and a \$280 reimbursement expected from the city.

Other:

1. Pollinator Pathways – Rae Edwards handed out a informational pamphlet
2. Street Trees – nothing new to report, except a link went up on the LSNA website

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 14th