

Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2011

Attending: See Attendance Roster

Minutes submitted by: Kate Ramsden, Secretary

**Program:** No program this month.

**Board Meeting:**

**Present:** Arlene Feld, Kate Ramsden, Howard Steiner, Vince Brown, Earl & Carolyn Hutchins, Jim Straatman, Chris Eltrich, Mike Kimmich

**Minutes:** May meeting minutes were approved as written.

**MNAC:** Howard Steiner attended the MNAC meeting. The following topics were discussed. The Skill-Building workshop was cancelled due to lack of interest. Litter control: the city will pick up garbage bags or provide dumpsters. Washington Department of Transportation will be holding a public meeting regarding options for Meridian Street, which has work scheduled for 2013. The city is developing performance measures for a report on city performance. The neighborhoods showed opposition to the Gateway Pacific Terminal, and the mayor has since also come out against it. Neighborhoods have had the Red Cross come do meeting programs, perhaps the LSNA should have them come too.

**Treasurer:** Vince Brown reported there is \$1753 in the account, and a \$235 reimbursement expected from the city.

**Outreach:** Garden Tour – some members of the committee have decided to expand the garden tour to include art and music. This commitment and liability is more than the LSNA board would like to take on this summer, so the LSNA will encourage the private event to continue but has decided not to participate this year.

**Other:**

1. Street Trees – the committee is looking for places to plant. Ideal locations would be highly visible locations, neighborhood entrance points, and the new Whatcom Middle School. A motion was made by Jim Straatman for the association to provide funding to the project, and cost reimbursement options were discussed. Additional funding is coming from the Lettered Streets Covenant Church, Shannon Neufeld, and other neighborhood members. Mike Kimmich suggested looking into getting some moveable watering bags for the trees to ensure proper watering for the first year.

**Motion:** The Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association will provide \$500 toward the Street Tree Project. **Approved.**

2. Potential new meeting location was discussed due to a new and noisy soda machine in the meeting room.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> Program: Candidates will come and answer questions.