

Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
November 9th, 2010

Present: Lora McMurry, Lorraine Palmer, Chris Eltrich, Mike Kimmich, Clay Butler, Taimi Gorman, Jim Streetman, Nicole Strep, Coral Whitling, Howard Steiner, Shirley Malberg, Arlene Feld, Rae Edwards

Presentation: Clay Butler – banning Fireworks in Bellingham

Clay reviewed regulations and ordinances for the selling of fireworks locally, State Parks, National Parks and state laws. He introduced the number of cities/towns in Washington who have bans and restrictions on fireworks. He sited fireworks-related fires and injuries, and noise as issues for other communities to ban fireworks. He passed out support materials. For more information or to sign an on-line petition:

On-line petition:

http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/bellingham_consumer_fireworks_ban/

e-mail: freedomfromfireworksbham@gmail.com

blog: <http://freedomfromfireworks.blogspot.com/>

Presentation: Arlene Feld – Multi Family Tax Exemption Program Target Area

There is a proposal before City Council to expand the existing Multi Family Tax Exemption Program Target Area. It is currently in part of the downtown core and part of the Lettered Streets Neighborhood. The new areas are

Area A – Chestnut & Cornwall

Area B – Old Town

Area C – Boundary consistency issues along Holly Street

Arlene asked for permission to write a letter

Motion was made and passed giving Mike Kimmich & Arlene Feld permission to create a letter to the city expressing concern that historic homes in the M.F.T.E.P.T. A. have a buffer zone protection.

Lora McMurry reported that old smoke detectors could be put in the garbage.

A 27 hour CERT is available for \$27 (Community Emergency Response Training)

Treasurers Report: \$1,752

Outreach Committee Report:

The January Potluck will be January 11th, 6pm at the First Congregation Church.

Next newsletter will be out the end of December/early January. There will be an article about the new LSN logo.

MNAC Report: Howard reported

Community Block Grant: Home Repair Loans for Low Income Citizens

Comprehensive Plan: City will be revising in 2011

December Meeting will be at Arlene's home