

Bolton Neighborhood Association Meeting 3/16/15

Grant Oakes and Dennis Richey make presentation on emergency preparedness.

Presentation interrupted by Alan Smith; moves to change the agenda to include voting tonight and to move election to the beginning of the meeting. Brenda Perry says we need to move forward with election because we have not had one in many years. After many comments from various people we vote to move nominations to the beginning of the meeting and agenda. (15 in favor, 13 in opposition)

Kathryn Jernstedt of the nominating committee asks for on floor nominations. Alma Coston adds her name and Peggy Watters as co-officer/team mates to the slate for President. Mike Watters in Peggy's absence says that she will not accept the nomination for President but does accept the nomination for Secretary. Roger Straus moves to close nominations and it is passed with a preponderance show of hands.

Bob McCarthy makes motion to move election to this evening. Passed with a huge margin by those in attendance. Sally reads our bylaws that outline the process of elections and we are going against what is written in the by laws by moving forward with the election this evening. *Under Article IV, Section 1: Biennially nominations will be made at the October general meeting. Election of officers shall be held at the following November general meeting.*

Candidates speak for 3 minutes each: Sally McLarty, Alan Smith and Alma Coston for President. Steve Miesen for Vice President. Peggy Watters (absent) and Katie Wells for Secretary.

Ballots are passed out by Kathryn and names are checked against roster that lists those members that are qualified to vote in election according to our by laws.

Grant and Dennis proceed with their presentation. Talk in detail about the MAP your Neighborhood program that helps people prepare for emergencies. They stress the importance of getting together and meeting neighbors because in case of emergency, we will have to rely on ourselves and those within close proximity when something cataclysmic occurs; such as flooding, earthquake, massive snow storms.... All services will be suspended and probably for some time. There will be training seminars coming up at the library, the adult community center and the police station in the near future. They will let us know the dates. They are putting together 100 5-gallon buckets that include necessary equipment in the case of emergencies. They have gotten \$ from the rotary club and private donations.

Minutes are read and accepted.

Steve Miesen announces that there is an executive meeting of the City Council scheduled for 3/23/15 to discuss the property by Burnside Park. He has heard back from Jenni Tan and is feeling very optimistic.

Ken Warner took Sally and a few others on a tour of station number 2. Not in great shape now but there are many possibilities for the space. She is working with Ken and the city on this option.

The bench that we purchased for the McKillican bus stop will be returned to the city's to do list and replaced.

Announced that there will be an Earth Day celebration at Savannah Oaks to try and break a World Record for simultaneously planting native bulbs. Fliers were handed out and the date is 4/18 from 9-11am.

Peggy Kirkendall speaks about cleaning up the community. There are several areas of concern and she is promoting the upcoming clean up day that is scheduled with the trash company that serves our area.

Suggestions were discussed for a larger meeting space and no decisions were made.

Mike Watters shows map of West Bridge Park and the master plan for McLean Park. Explains the city property around the area; some is owned by the state.

Sally encouraged people to put their ideas for the Arch Bridge area on paper and to turn ideas into the city.

Results of the election: 35 Ballots cast

President:

Sally McLarty: 13

Alan Smith: 16

Alma Coston: 6

Vice President:

Steve Miesen: 32

Secretary:

Peggy Watters: 11

Katie Wells: 24

Brenda Perry stresses the importance of posting signs in the correct place for the mayoral race.

40 people in attendance.

Next meeting 4/20/15.

Recorded by Constance Weaver, Secretary