

April 24, 2018 Marylhurst Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

President Oakes called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, noting a quorum present.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve minutes of each of the February 27, 2018 and March 27, 2018 meetings as drafted.

Treasurer Boucher reported \$35 expenditure to Columbia Land Trust for the fee to register Marylhurst Heights Park in the Backyard Habitat Program. Ending balance 3/30/18 is \$6037.01. The bank will issue 100 checks for \$32.50.

President Oakes reported that the Neighborhood Association Presidents continue work on policy recommendations to the Council for distribution of City grants funds to neighborhood associations and a draft of NAP bylaws. She will share the final drafts with MNA.

Sydney Potkowski suggested MNA host a monthly social gathering at the park throughout the summer so that people in the neighborhood could become better acquainted. She particularly feels new residents and young families may benefit and she volunteered to take the lead. Members discussed various ideas and dates and decided to support regular monthly socials with different food/activities. Tentative dates are the third Friday of the month May- August, beginning May 18. Jim Koll moved and Sydney Potkowski seconded, to allocate up to \$200 for a neighborhood pizza party with face painting and it passed unanimously. Ms. Potkowski will reserve the park shelter, put up signs and purchase supplies. President Oakes will send an email to subscribers to MNA list.

Treasurer Boucher reported she and Terri Jones of City Parks and Recreation met with Antonya Pickard, Backyard Habitat Technician, to access the park for certification. The area north of the state property, labyrinth/pollinator garden and storm water swale were considered. Treasurer Boucher briefly explained there are three levels of certification. Many natives were identified and some invasives. Ms. Pickard will send a report. President Oakes reported the City responded to Ms. Pickard's request for additional information about park flora.

It was moved and seconded to purchase 100 checks. Discussion identified upcoming needs for checks to reimburse members who become Backyard Habitat certified or purchase items for the socials. Receipts are required per City policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Spring weeding and planting in the labyrinth was discussed and it was decided it would be held Saturday, May 19 at 9 to 11 am. President Oakes will send an email to MNA email subscribers and Teri Cummings will see if there are signs that were used last year to use.

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Sydney Potkowski moved and Christa Burk Koll seconded to purchase new dry erase board for the MNA signs. The condition of the existing ones and the need to publicize upcoming events was discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

Christa Burk Koll suggested someone from the City present to MNA about the structure of the City so residents know who to contact with their concerns and the process for resolution. She and her husband, Jim Koll, shared their experience trying to work with City engineers to minimize impacts to their property due to Valley View Drive street improvements. They have been active participants in the design process since it began and took every opportunity the City offered to plan for their property with the engineers and yet, the City moved forward with other plans without notifying them. It was very upsetting to them and other neighbors impacted, to come home to unexpected construction. The City Engineer visited MNA meetings twice with plans for improvements and said he would work individually with property owners. Concern was expressed that the process was disingenuous and the culture at City Hall needed to respect citizens and public process and be forthright in communications. President Oakes will ask the City Manager for a presentation at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting is May 22, 2018.