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Marylhurst Neighborhood Association Meeting Jan 23, 2024

Karie asks: Please help keep meeting to one hour, will end and carry over to next meeting. Please mute when not speaking.

1) Called to order at 7:01 and quorum established.

Members in attendance: Karie Oakes (President), Diana Lipton (Secretary), Jim Koll (Treasurer), Christa Burk, Teri and Cary Cummings, Rand New, Alyssa Beyer.

- 2) Diana moved to approve the agenda. Karie amended motion to remove the Treasurer Report because Jim has not yet been authorized to access the bank account. Teri second, motion and amendment unanimously passed.
- 3) Jim moved to approve the draft 11/28/23 minutes with Suncrest DR correction, Rand second, unanimously passed.
- 4) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Tree removal violation - Jason did not appear for his court date. Officer Higbee will file a motion with the court to submit a recent tree assessment by an arborist estimating the value at about \$2000 to determine a penalty. May try to recover cost of assessment. Violation was a CLASS A misdemeanor for which Jason has paid a \$400 fine. Motion will include what has to take place to replace the tree. Per code, replacements will occur on-site as appropriate or go to tree fund. Trees have to survive 2 years. Person that cut down tree was not a licensed contractor. He exhibited lude behavior towards Teri. A WLPD officer told her his behavior is probably protected under the Freedom of Speech act. Teri felt threatened. He lied to Teri and told her he was only trimming branches. Alyssa: how did it get to court? Because of the petition and a vigilant neighborhood? Is that the reason it got more attention? Karie: Officer Higbee was in the process of setting up a court date before the petition. Officer Higbee will be meeting with others in the city to propose changes to the tree enforcement code and other codes. Teri: tree code adopted in 2004 for eco reasons to increase the tree canopy and better water quality. Owners have access to a free arborist from the city. Tree fund in WL to help with costs if you need financial help. Education is important to inform public. Request city add tree information in city publications.
 - b) Crosswalk is installed. Jim: slow at crosswalk. Not stop sign. Vision is obscured from Valley View when large vehicles park on Suncrest 10 extra feet in the right-of-way. Karie said it go to the traffic safety committee for review. Online form- police, public works, public submission. Suggested that we talk to him first and explain the issue before going to the city. He might not know a child was hit.
- 5) NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Diana would like to record meetings so she can refer to the transcription for the purpose of accuracy of the minutes. Moved by Jim to allow recording meetings for said use and purpose, second, unanimously approved.
 - b) Facebook page: Jim asked to limit to business only and to residents of WL. Bylaws, agendas, activities will link to city website. Include disclaimer about current meeting on city website. Mimic city website but easier than finding on the city site. FB should be put on signs. TWITTER (X) -Rand indicated he will resume management. Teri moved to establish a Facebook page for MNA, second, unanimously approved.
 - c) Goal setting: possible goals for 2024: review bylaws and neighborhood plan, pedestrian path up Marylhurst from 43 to top of hill, rezone for a store on the top of the hill, increase participation, explore expanding pool membership (not possible due to

limitations). Park management without chemicals, possible park features, tree code enforcement, socials, invite new parks director.

6) CITY COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Recreation Center: see links on agenda for information. City funded several hundred thousand dollars for consultant to look at viability of the idea, cost and outreach to citizens. Parks director is working with them. Will include community rooms, no pool. Several community rooms are existing throughout city. Maintenance costs will probably be stop for the idea. July 8th deadline to consider proposed ballot measure for November election.

7) Motion to adjourn, second, unanimously passed. Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Recreation Center Feasibility Update. See links on the agenda for information. City is working on the estimated cost and outreach to citizens. Director of Parks has input about it. Maintenance of the center will prob be the stop for the idea. The rec center would have community rooms but we have a number of locations that are not being used to capacity. The city spent several hundred thousand to hire consultants to look at moving forward and the viability of the idea. Deadline to place bond measure on the ballot is July 8. Of those surveyed, 90% want a rec center.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.