

# Puget Neighborhood Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time/Date: 5:30 PM, April 25, 2017

Meeting Location: 1713 Edwards Ct

Invited: Steve James, Stacy Jenkins, Tammy Jones, Amy Malone, Terri Marshal, Greg McKinney, Damian Pro, David Sparman, David Campbell

Absent Members: David Campbell, Steve James, Stacy Jenkins

- I. Remote Amy joined the meeting and called us to order at about 5:36 PM via Skype
- II. Roll taken. Minutes of last meeting approved and will be posted on website.
- III. Announcements:
  - a) Amy shared MNAC discussion topic: "Low Barrier" shelter (aka "Easy Access" homeless shelter). Apparently MNAC discussion included need, where, how, and contrast to religious missions. "Easy Access" has minimum entry requirements, no drug tests to get homeless in facility; but doesn't allow drugs, drinking, fighting on site. Public Meeting will be May 17, where/time details to follow. (PS – Related article in "The Bellingham Herald", page 2, April 26, 2017 -GM)
  - b) Bellingham Neighborhood Coalition: Alliance of community members working to assure vitality and character of residential neighborhoods. Meeting/presentation at 5:30pm on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Garden Street United Methodist Church.
  - c) New cell tower going in near Fred's. Public meeting was 4/24.
  - d) PNA Membership "Donations" (...not dues) – Terri mentioned that annual membership donations seem to be falling behind. We need to announce at meeting and via website that the annual membership donations are welcomed.
  - e) Apparently Stacy will provide the PTA-supported child care in adjacent room for upcoming general meeting. (I believe someone was to follow up to confirm and check arrangements, but failed to note who. – G)
- IV. Open Issues:
  - a) Planning for May 15 General Meeting:
    1. Noted assignments working from our [General Meeting planning list](#):
      - A. Using Carl Cozier – Amy will follow up to confirm use of Carl.
      - B. Speaker/topics - Discussed, decided to include speakers (about 15-20 mins per):
        - Jean Layton – Running for City Council at Large, Presentation on Platform & Brief Q&A.
        - Joy Gilfilen – President Restorative Community Coalition, Presentation on RCC and the proposed new jail tax/jail.and defer to possible future meeting:
        - Jill Bernstein – Co-Chair Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force (Whatcom Co. Council) Presentation on the work they do and the progress made since inception in September 2015.
      - C. Signs – David and Greg will handle, Greg will send "heads up" and "now post" notes to sign keepers for their signs.
      - D. Pizza – Terri and David will arrange, cook, bring. Since pizza quickly disappeared last time, bringing 4 pizzas was discussed, but for now we'll just stick to 3.
      - E. Juice – Tammy will bring Juice and water.
      - F. Check/Bring cups, plates, napkins – Checked. Greg will not be at May 15 meeting, so David has box of supplies to bring this time.

- G. Welcome/Membership Table, checking supplies – David will handle.
- H. Program –speaker arrangements - Amy will follow up with Jean and Joy.
- I. Other Announcements
  - MNAC – Amy attended and has info to share.
  - Police – Damian will check with Officer Eric if he'll be there for Police report.
- J. Maps – Greg will not be at May 15 meeting but gave small maps to David to bring. (PS – I have large poster-size Puget map, and can get it to someone if needed.)
- K. Other Notices for Meeting (in addition to signs)
  - Website – Greg will follow up with Diana about posting on website.
  - Email – Diana will send “*Keep the Date*” email about a week before, and reminder a few days before meeting.
  - Nextdoor –Steve usually posted on Nextdoor, but Greg will post this time.
- V. Other Old Business: Nothing covered
- VI. New Business: Suggested future general meeting speaker/topic –
  - a) Suggested that we have mayoral candidates, starting with Kelly Carol (spell?)
  - b) Deferred to future meeting: Jill Bernstein – Co-Chair Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force (Whatcom Co. Council) Presentation on the work they do and the progress made since inception in September 2015.
  - c) Whole Foods Presentation: It was mentioned that Whole Foods gives presentations on cooking/nutrition, donates to needy and local nonprofit or educational organization. Although we have avoided being a promotional venue for commercial businesses, Whole Foods’ community service activities may offer a topic of public interest for our Neighborhood. Apparently Stacy may know more about how and what a Whole Foods presentation might include.
- VII. Adjournment – Amy dismissed us at about 6:30pm.

**As promised, here is the schedule for this term’s PNA Board and General Meetings:**

**1. Board Meetings:**

- A. Tuesday, April 25, 2017 @ 5:30**
- B. Wednesday, August 30, 2017@ 5:30**
- C. Wednesday, October 25, 2017@ 5:30**
- D. Wednesday, January 31, 2018 @ 5:30**
- E. Organizational Board Meeting – TBD (following Feb 20, 2018 general meeting)**

**2. General Meetings (Pizza Social – 6:00, Meeting – 6:30):**

- A. Tuesday, May 16, 2017**
- B. Tuesday, September 12, 2017**
- C. Tuesday, November 14, 2017**
- D. Tuesday, February 20, 2018**