

## **BNA Board Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 PM**

**In attendance:** Jay Elder, Deb Walter, Patti Sievert, Beth Milton, Peggy O'Keefe, Barb LaForge, Elaine Harmon, Laurie Dils, Steve Mazepa, John Gilstrom

### **1. News from the neighborhood and things to pay attention to**

- Code Enforcement office understaffed, they have a new electronic filing option
- Beck House – Code enforcement officer met with him, clean-up was happening today (1/17); Beck's partner is encouraging him to sell
- Our neighbor has highest crime rate in past year. Need for block watch is clear
- People are running the 4-way stop on Olympia, speeding
- Concerns about crosswalk at Olympia and Eastbay

### **2. Report from Steve Mazepa to go over 2017 matching grants procedures.**

Steve outlined several types of grants –

- neighborhood matching (includes signs, events, Facebook pages, street mandalas, etc.) – deadline for proposals is March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- parks project (not matching, includes trails, playground equipment, etc.); volunteer work no longer an option for liability reasons
- public lands (includes landscaping, murals on retaining walls, remediation of right of way issues, etc.)

### **• Make final decisions about 2017 BNA Olympia Matching Grants and Community**

#### **Artwork applications**

- Several options were discussed, including retaining wall murals in several possible locations – the group decided that a mural could be done on our own without city money – Dan and Jean will be approached about their wall, Elaine will pursue paint through Habitat store and Deb will talk to local artist (Carrie) about a design.
- Steve will approach Jonathan Turlove with the city about possibly applying for a matching grant for a Bigelow Springs Park movie night this summer. If it happens and goes well, a movie/concert series could be considered. Rotating sculptures also discussed.
- Jay will talk to Leonard Bauer and Fran Eide about speed bumps and/or speed limit signs on Olympia Ave (in response to high speed, people running 4-way stop sign). Also possible flashing crosswalk lights at Olympia and Eastbay.

### **3. Barb LaForge tells us the next steps in the BNA Blockwatch program**

#### **• Get the Blockwatch up and running and delegate duties.**

No progress made since last meeting, though Barb has a list of people interested. She will make one more appeal to all on our mailing list. Police need a map with captains and an agreement that neighbors will ID their possessions with codes and/or make lists of items with serial numbers. Barb will contact Harbor Church about involvement.

#### **4. Jay/Seth: Decide when to have a tree planting party, and work out logistics**

Tree planting scheduled for Feb. 11, in the morning. Jay has fencing that needs to go up, holes need to be dug for trees. John will contact Mormon Church and Boy Scouts about assisting with digging.

#### **5. Plan Spring events:**

- **Neighborhood Cleanups**

April 15 – Invite all neighbors to clean up their own and others' yards, clean up trash, grub curbs, clean storm drains, etc. Same day to promote community-building. Trash bags and gloves could be provided.

- **BSP maintenance**

Dirt and grass seed need to be spread.

#### **6. Upcoming pertinent City decisions**

- Downtown Plan in process for 2.5 years. Feb. 6 Planning Commission will review it. Jay will send out link.
- The brown apartments at the corner of Eastbay and Olympia will be torn down and condos built there – pre-submission, proposed 3 stories with parking in back