

## York Neighborhood Association General Meeting

March 13, 2019

Garden Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes

### I Social

Current and new board members were introduced. The shared meal was baked potatoes, and Anne Mackie provided a St. Patrick's Day activity for the children.

### II Speaker: Christopher Hunsaker from Earthworks Tree Service

Christopher Hunsaker, arborist from Earthworks Tree Service, gave a talk about tree care and answered attendees' specific questions about watering and other concerns.

### III YNA Board Nominations/Elections

Current Board members were re-elected: Emma Toth, Anne Mackie, Leigh Mcdiarmid, Mark Ellis Walker, Tom Scott, and Shannon (Ticker) Ba-Aye. Anne Mackie nominated Chris Robinson, who declined. Rob Lewis and Daniel Di Bartolo volunteered.

**Motion 2019.03.13.1:** Don Hilty-Jones moved to accept the nominations, and Michael Neville seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

### IV Police Report

Bellingham's newest Community Police officer is Officer Knutsen, who introduced himself and said that the second vacancy has not yet been filled (it will likely be filled in June 2019). He does not know whether he or the second officer will be assigned to our area of the City.

### V Whatcom Creek Update

Anne Mackie reported on the efforts of the Whatcom Creek Alliance to protect the Whatcom Creek at the Bellingham School District's bus barn area by defending the City's 2010 Comprehensive Plan for continuing to develop the site as a potential park, with some affordable housing. These efforts have the support of the Sierra Club, the Happy Valley Neighborhood Association, the Sehome Neighborhood Association, and the Chair of the Greenways Committee. She shared a video from the Whatcom Creek Alliance highlighting the concerns.

**Motion 2019.03.13.2:** Anne moved that the YNA submit a Comprehensive Plan/Neighborhood Plan Amendment by April 1, 2019, to the City for a site-specific amendment to relocate the Bellingham School District's Bus Facility located on Whatcom Creek out of this important wildlife and salmon habitat, and to reiterate the YNA's 2010 Plan Amendment urging creation of a park, trailside riparian corridor and consider the area along Meador Avenue for infill affordable housing units. Leigh Mcdiarmid seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### VI Small and Simple Grants

**Motion 2019.03.13.3:** Anne Mackie moved that the YNA submit a Small and Simple Grant proposal to the City of Bellingham to fund a Neighborhood Wayfinding Signage Project:

- A "Welcome to York Neighborhood" sign located in the southern portion of the neighborhood, south of Lakeway Drive
- Street sign toppers for the southern portion of the neighborhood and the west-of-Ellis St. subarea: "Welcome to York Neighborhood"
- Printed yard signs and wire holders for announcing neighborhood meetings, picnics, and other events
- Sandwich board signs to direct foot traffic to events at time of occurrence.

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Leigh Mcdiarmid seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**VII Other Business**

- Tom Scott announced that YNA has booked the City's party trailer for the YNA picnic on August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Dumpster Day date has yet to be determined. It needs to be coordinated with the move-out date for WWU's curbside collection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Minutes by Leigh Mcdiarmid.