

York Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

January 9, 2019

Garden Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Leigh Mcdiarmid, Anne Mackie, Tom Scott, Emma Toth, Ticker Ba-Aye, Mark Ellis Walker.

I Call to Order by Tom Scott

II Approval of Minutes

Motion 2019.01.09.01: Anne moved to approve the minutes from meetings on November 14 and November 21. Leigh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III Samish Way Aloha Motel Site Development

The Aloha Motel site developers are requesting a roof height increase of about 10 feet. There will be a public hearing on January 24th at 7:00pm (televised live on BTV). Anne suggested letters or emails in support.

IV Board Nominations

Motion 2019.01.09.02: Anne moved to elect Shannon (Ticker) Ba-Aye and Emma Toth (student rep) to the YNA Board. Leigh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV School Bus Barn on Whatcom Creek

Anne reviewed the background of the City's proposal to upgrade the bus barn facilities (currently at capacity with 68 buses) on Whatcom Creek at a cost of \$3.5m. There is considerable community opposition to the plan, which conflicts with the 2010 neighborhood plan, the City's stated plan for Whatcom Creek, and the State's efforts to support the whale population. Greenways money allocated for this area was re-allocated elsewhere due to Bellingham School District resistance.

V Board Responsibilities

Anne has filed the YNA's 2019 State Registration as a Non-profit Neighborhood Association.

Motion 2019.01.09.03: Anne moved that Tom take over as YNA's Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council (MNAC) representative, and Mark Ellis Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **Motion 2019.01.09.04:** At Tom's suggestion, Anne moved to use a PO Box as the mailing address for the organization to simplify staying current as responsibilities change. Leigh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI February 13 General Meeting Topics

The proposed General Meeting agenda topics include a potluck meal with baked potatoes, a Valentine-making table for the kids, John Hymas to speak and take questions on trees and pruning, the bus barn issue, the City's Small and Simple Grants, and the possibility of other grants such as WECU or Whatcom Community Foundation grants.

VII The Yorker

Anne proposed an outline for the next *Yorker* issue, to include information about the general meeting, new board members, the bus barn, etc.

VIII Treasurer's Report

Due to Jean Ryan's recent resignation from the Board, no new information is available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm; minutes approved March 13, 2019.

Minutes by Leigh Mcdiarmid.