**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association Minutes -- APPROVED**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at Patty Pan Community Kitchen**

Attendance: Devra Gartenstein, Alice Keller, Lee Keim, Bill Dwyer, Janelle Woolsey, Bettelinn Brown, Joe Campagna

Meeting called to order by Devra: 7:09

Approval of minutes from May 8: Approved as amended via email.

Treasurer’s Report: Sarah was delayed and wasn’t able to arrive by the end of the meeting, so no Treasurer’s report.

Council of Neighborhoods report: Bill Dwyer reported that City Council member Doris McConnell came and talked about the new sidewalk tax. The city has the ability to add taxes to vehicle license fees. There’s already a $20 fee for roads and maintenance. The City Council recently voted 4 to 3 for another $20 fee for repair and maintenance of existing sidewalks. The three voting against it (McConnell, Roberts, and Salomon) thought the proposal should go to a public vote. The Council is thinking about asking for an increase in the sales tax by two-tenths of 1% for new sidewalks on the November ballot. See an article in the Shoreline Area News. There are no other sources of money for this. The Sidewalk Advisory Council (BNA didn’t have a representative on it) has submitted a report, which is probably available on line now.

Rob Beem, Community Services Manager, spoke about the homeless count last fall, which showed that King County had 12,000 homeless, of which 45% were sheltered and 52% unsheltered. The latter is a 15% increase from the previous year. There was a 4% increase overall.

The new CON president is Stephanie Angelis (Ballinger). Dan Dale (North City) is vice chair.

The city owns property at 198th & Aurora, where Shoreline and King County will partner on a low-income development.

Annual BNA picnic on Aug. 25: Jean has contacted Shorecrest HS to see if there are students who’d like to help at the picnic for community service hours, like last year. Devra will bring a portable hand-washing station to put near the BBQ.

Rob Beem will send the new Emergency Management Coordinator, Jason McMillan, to the picnic to talk about the emergency communications hub to be in Briarcrest. He’ll have disaster prep materials to hand out.

Publicity for the picnic: Everyone should help to get the word out via posters and word of mouth. Also, the newsletter email list could be used. Emily or Jean could send a quick Save-the-date and Can-you-volunteer to people on that list.

Bill wondered how we can reach more people – for example, apartment dwellers – in general about the BNA, not just about the picnic.

We need more sandwich-board signs to announce meetings. Perhaps income from the Swingin’ Summer Eve book sale could be used for that.

Rescheduling Aug meeting: A motion was proposed, seconded, and unanimously approved to change the August BNA meeting to the **first** Tuesday of that month for 3 reasons: the second Tuesday of August conflicts with the very popular North City Jazz Walk, we’re not meeting in July, and an earlier date in August will give us an additional week to organize the picnic.

Good Neighbor Giveaway report: Janelle said that the event was quite successful in its second year. Deseret provided a container for collection on the three days before the giveaway. The Saturday event went “like clock-work,” with people coming from a lot of different areas. Most saw an announcement in the Shoreline Area News, which included it twice. Flyers were posted a week ahead. The church received contributions from non-members. This year the church received far more items than the first year. A give-away is unusual. It felt good, and people enjoyed talking with each other.

Swingin’ Summer Eve book sale, July 18 at Cromwell Park: Alice reminded attendees that she’ll be accepting books, CDs, and DVDs into her garage from July 4 through July 16. She requests that people contact her first for a time when she’ll be at home. She has a team of people (Jean Hilde, Ian Taylor, and Lois Harrison) who’ll sort books on the 17th and deliver them to the park on the 18th.

However, the BNA needs at least 2 more volunteers for the sale itself in order to qualify to share in the proceeds. Contact Alice to find out what shifts are needed.

She has sent out a list of categories of materials that will be accepted for the sale, and of course she’ll send it again.

Emergency Preparedness update: Bill Dwyer met with Rob Beem last week. The new Emergency Management Coordinator, Jason McMillian, from the Kitsap County Emergency Management Team, starts in Shoreline this coming Monday. Jason has contacted NEMCo (Northshore Emergency Management Coalition) already.

About a communications hub in Briarcrest: Hopefully Jason’s on board so it can be set up. When? It’s hard to tell. The best way to establish these hubs is through the 14 neighborhood associations. The city’s plan deals only with getting city government back up and running and will depend on outside agencies coming in to deal with an emergency. If we want to work on this as a community, we can take care of ourselves better than waiting for outside agencies to arrive. A problem – how to communicate with neighbors to bring them into a neighborhood system.

The BNA needs a working committee, and so far has several members: Bill, Lee, Devra, Alice, April Ingle. There may not be a committee for the city as a whole, but groups in CON and the neighborhoods. The BNA Emergency Committee will try to get together in the coming weeks, tentatively on June 20, for their first meeting.

Update on Fircrest Community Garden idea: Jean has been working with Patty Hale (Ridgecrest) to collaborate on a pea patch. Patty will find out if Ridgecrest is on board. Jean has to fill out a DSHS release form after hearing back from Patty. Jean will start a conversation with Joyce Lingerflt, who’s in charge of a pea patch with the Ballinger Neighborhood Association. She’ll also get in contact with people in charge of the gardens at Twin Ponds.

Briarcrest yard signs: Jean still has many that need homes!

Environmental science curriculum: Bettelinn reported that many years ago an environmental science curriculum was taught by three educators, Gerry Nunnelee, Terry Clayton, and Tony Angell. It was Terry, a teacher at Shorecrest, who worked closely with Charlie and the South Woods Preservation Group to save the woods. They’re meeting with Rebecca Miner, district superintendent, next week.

Joe Campagna came to our meeting: Joe is running for King County District Court Judge, a position that deals with misdemeanors in Kenmore and Shoreline. Joe has been working on behalf of clients charged with crimes in misdemeanor courts, trying to get people out of the system at that level. There are various therapeutic methods which he considers sound models, and he wants to get momentum going. He’s been doorbelling and just today rang his 1,000th doorbell, having good conversations with many people.

Bettelinn asked Joe how the three jurisdictions, Seattle, Lake Forest Park and Shoreline will communicate with light rail coming. Joe isn’t sure.  The increased traffic at the intersection of NE 145th, Lake City Way and Bothell Way, will impact the Briarcrest neighborhood and she is concerned about inadequate infrastructure. Also, the Seattle side, south of 145th, has been a high crime area.

And how do we involve people in youth issues? A good question.

No meeting in July. Next meeting: Tuesday, August 7 (a change from the usual second Tuesday).

Adjournment: 8:30 Submitted by Alice Keller, Secretary