

May 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Denae Bastian. All three board members were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Janet Miller, a guest speaker representing the Clearview Community Group, was introduced.

She stated that Snohomish County anticipates significant growth in the area including residential and commercial development. She suggested that if we wish to have more control over future growth in our area, we and the other developments near us should incorporate and create our own city.

For updates regarding Snohomish County planning, you can go to <http://2015update-snoco.org> or call 425-388-3311 for planning and development services. Public comment on new issues must be made by **Wednesday, June 10th.**

Michelle Haneberg moved to approve Board Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2015.
Seconded by Denae Bastian; the motion passed unanimously.

A financial report was given by Ben Blankenship
of Homeowners Dues Collected YTD: 299
Operating Budget Balance: \$52,498.79
Reserve Allocation Total: \$37,735.01

Expenses Paid for April 2015:

Archey's Landscape Monthly Maintenance: \$3,832.50
Silver Lake Water: \$65.70
Supplies: (Postage, Printing, etc.) \$9.80 for stamps
Fence Reimbursement: \$6,440.60
Aynax: \$9.95
Fence: \$0
State Farm Insurance: \$3,921.00 (yearly premium)
Reserve Allocation for April: \$350.00

Michelle Haneberg moved to have an **Executive Session** prior to the next board meeting to discuss private matters relating to individual homeowners; Ben Blankenship seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcement: The board is investigating the legal effect of gathering proxy statements which address a particular issue before formal notice of a vote on that issue is mailed. Such a process would provide additional time to volunteers to accomplish their work.

Email Authorization Forms keep coming, but we need more. We do not want to spend a lot of money to mail future notices, so we need members to sign the form if they haven't already--even if they are already receiving emails from the board. The form can be found on the Falls website.

Follow Up to Question from member on Gate at Back of School given by Denae Bastian. The gate at the back of the school is locked during the school day but is open when people should be coming and going. The school has no plans to close off the back entrance. Having two entrances to the school is a necessity.

Footbridge Update given by Ben Blankenship. Work should be completed by the end of the week; payment will be issued after final walk through. Two bridges were enhanced and one bridge was torn down and replaced. The bridge that was replaced had to be constructed at an angle to accommodate Department of Fish & Wildlife requirements. We passed some pictures of the work around. We have already received a good amount of positive feedback from homeowners, not only those living here, but also those from surrounding neighborhoods.

Motion regarding Payment for Footbridges: Denae Bastian made a motion to withdraw the funds in the reserve account that were earmarked for the footbridges and add funds from the operating budget that was earmarked for landscape extras to cover the full cost of the bridge repair and rebuild project. Ben Blankenship seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. \$10,000 will be coming from the reserves and the rest from the landscaping extras. We would like to note that the contractor spent 120 hours working on this project, much of which was working with Snohomish County and Fish and Wildlife. He did not bill for all of the hours that he put into this project. We really appreciate his efforts on our behalf.

Information about Lighting at the North and South Entrances was shared by Denae Bastian. Some lights have gone out. One is broken. Some wiring issues and issues with the timers exist. Alan Ferrin will be working on repair and replacement of fixtures, bulbs, and wiring. We appreciate his help and expertise in this area.

Our Very Own Neighborhood Patrol: Ben Blankenship introduced our Neighborhood Safety Patrol volunteers Bob Roush and Chris Birchman. Chris took time to tell us the details of their proposal which is a new way to help increase safety in The Falls. Their plan would involve two-person teams taking a time slot and driving together through our neighborhood for the chosen length of time (maybe 2 hours) and acting as the eyes and ears of our community. They would have with them phones, flashlights, and radios and would be prepared to observe, report, and call 911 if necessary. Volunteers would sign up for time blocks and would receive training from Chris Birchman, a retired police officer, before patrolling. The board will talk with legal counsel and will contact the police department to discuss our plan before it is implemented. Bob Roush plans to let the sheriff's office know the type of car and the license plate number for each car on patrol

so that if someone sees them driving around and calls in, they will be told that they are community volunteers patrolling on a safety watch.

The board no longer sends out the weekly crime watch information, but for those who want to know more about crimes in the vicinity, The Snohomish County Sheriff uses www.crimemapping.com to register all crimes. Homeowners can choose to have alerts sent to them if they wish whenever a crime occurs. There is also an app for cell phones, which is explained on the county website.

Quiet Hours in the Development: The question arose as to what the quiet hours are in our area. We did not have the answer, but county code enforcement would. Please contact them.

Neighborhood Beautification Day will be June 27th from 9 am to noon. Meet at Totem Falls Elementary Parking lot. Ideas suggested last month were:

1. Help a member with their yard
2. Clean mailbox

The board asked for other ideas in the April meeting, in a follow up email, and in the May meeting. Ideas are still welcome.

Please let us know if you can join us on the 27th. Please bring gardening tools, buckets, and gloves.

Water Pressure in The Falls: Bob Roush is working with the Silver Lake Water and Sewer District to change the lines affecting water flow in The Falls to create an increase in water pressure. Currently, the water pressure is not the same throughout the development. Some areas have very low water pressure.

Summer Board Meetings: Michelle Haneberg reminded us that our June meeting is on the 10th, the 2nd Wednesday for that month; July and August meetings will be on our normal 3rd Wednesday at the home of Bob Roush. We appreciate him opening his home to us for these meetings.

Meeting Adjourned: Denae Bastian thanked members for coming and participating. She then adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Minutes of this meeting will be approved at the next board meeting.