

Norwood Village Corporation Annual Meeting
January 10, 2009
East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue, WA

Call to order by Barbara Kalis, Board President at 6:45pm

Roll call: Cindi Smith, Board Secretary

Cindi read through the Directory and accounted for members present and proxies held.

Proof of mailing and quorum met.

- Households in attendance received the mailing, 6 were returned as resident owners had moved.
- Quorum was met as 29 families were represented: 15 families were in attendance and there were 14 signed proxies.

President's Report: Barb Kalis

- Norwood Village Corporation is doing fine
- We would like to see better attendance at the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Kalis reported for absent Don Jacobs, Board Treasurer.

Review of 2008 year end budget

- Error in mailing acknowledged-There was a net loss of \$2449 in 2008 rather than a gain. Parentheses were mistakenly omitted.
- Greatest overage was in the mailbox materials. The 2008 budget guesstimate was not accurate.
- Yard waste dumpster was higher than budgeted.
- Drainage was higher than budgeted
- Annual meeting was higher than budgeted
- Despite these few overages there were line items that we not used or lower than budgeted.
- There were several foreclosures and it is expected that we will receive back dues soon.
- Ravine Park-the report details were unclear.
 - **Action needed:** Barb Kalis will ask Don Jacobs for clarification.

Committee Report: No action on either committee in 2008. The Area Development Committee no longer exists and there was no action from the Architectural Control Committee.

Review of 2009 Budget: Barb Kalis led the discussion of the proposed 2009 Budget.

- Proposed budget has a net gain of \$535
- Dumpster was doubled due to significant use by members in 2008.
- Bonding of the Treasurer was not needed as the book keeper is bonded and is the only one writing the checks. Therefore, it was decided not to incur the high cost of bonding the Treasurer.

- Question: Is there insurance for the Director's.
 - **Action needed:** Barb Kalis will investigate.
- It was moved and seconded to accept the budget. All approved to accept the budget as proposed. **The 2009 Budget was approved as proposed.**

Presentation of Norwood By Laws and proposed amendments- Barb Kalis led members in review of proposed changes to the By Laws.

- Norwood Village By Laws have been typed into document form for current edits and future edits, if needed. These will be put on the Norwood Village Web site once completed.
- Most edits include word smithing, clarifying and updating notification processes, to include emailing membership. The Board recommends emailing members rather than mailing to reduce mailing costs. Those without emails will continue to receive needed documents in through the mail.
- Most significant proposed edit included a change to Article 12, Section 3. Much discussion occurred and members were fairly evenly split to keep the language the same or to approve proposed language. Don Skidmore voiced concern that the change would open up the meeting to budget change suggestions that the full membership may not have full option to discuss if they did not attend the meeting. The current language was put in place in 1990 to put in safeguards. Cindi Smith indicated that last year at the annual meeting, members in attendance had recommended more ability to propose changes during the meeting, rather than waiting a full year and thus the proposed changes. Don indicated that a special meeting or mailing to the membership could be made rather than waiting a year. It was moved and seconded that we vote on Article 12 changes separate from the rest of the edits. **Outcome of the vote: 12 voted to not change the language from 1990, 16 voted for the proposed changes. Proposed changes passed.**
- **Membership voted to accept the rest of the proposed changes. 29 voted for the changes.**
- **Outcome of votes for proposed By Law edits: All edits were passed.**
- Recommendation to remove the last paragraph of the document as it is superfluous. Members agreed we could not do that in this meeting and that the paragraph would not make any difference for future proceedings.
- **Action needed:** Jean MacDonald will proof the document for final edits and submit to Barb Kalis for posting on the web site.

Election of Trustees: Barb Kalis led vote and discussion

- 2 seats open for 2009. Don Jacobs and Bob Weiss' seats are up for election.
- Bob Weiss would like to continue for a new term.
- Don Skidmore was willing to serve again if no one else wanted to join.
- **Membership unanimously voted Bob and Don to the 2009 Board for a 3 year membership.**
- Cindi Smith and Barb Kalis' positions will end in Dec 2009. Barb encouraged members to consider the future positions.

Old Business:

- **Mailbox Shelter update:** Dennis Hummel informed the members that the mailboxes were nearly done. Dennis Hummel, Don Jacobs and Bob Weiss had all worked on the structures and Bruno Kalis was currently finishing the painting. Due to weather, the structures will not start being erected until March. At that time, the members affected will be notified and asked to help erect the new structures. The structures have been enlarged to accommodate locking mailboxes. Members are encouraged to buy the suggested new mailboxes or to give an order to Barb Kalis if they wish to order through the Board. Members do not have to order new mailboxes and can keep their current boxes if they so wish.
- **Long Park:** Barb Kalis informed the members of a special meeting held in Dec of Norwood members that border Long Park. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss any wish to develop the space into more usable space for the community. The blackberry bushes have been of concern for some while most of those in attendance did not feel the need for more developed park space (and resulting expense to the corporation). All wished to maintain the level of privacy adjacent to their property. After a short discussion the members in attendance of the annual meeting did not indicate a wish or need to do anything further with Long Park. **Outcome: Long Park development was tabled.**
- **Web Site:** The Web site will be archival in nature. It will hold the minutes, By Laws, Covenants, and Annual Meeting Documents. Members did not want the roster viewable by others outside the membership.
 - **Action needed:** Barb Kalis will look into the Roster posting issues.
- **Clean Up Day** has not been well attended and the board has budgeted for hiring out regular weeding and mowing of common areas.
- **Dumpster-** 2 have been budgeted for in the 2009 budget. It was recommended that we not have 2 dumpsters and use that money for added common area clean up if needed. All agreed.

New Business;

- **Issues regarding downed bushes/trees.**
 - F-1 has a butterfly bush that needs trimming due to the snows.
 - Ravine Park trees have encroached on Doris Nelson's property. Doris was not sure how to handle this.
 - **Action needed:** Barb Kalis will look into process and notify affected members.
- **New Members:** We would like to welcome new members but do not have the process working to know who they are. Apparently, the Block Captains have historically handled that. The members would like to revive the Block Captain process and the Board will discuss at future meetings.

We also welcomed new members, Troy Gillilian and Wendy Buckley.....and their 2 children, who have moved into Lael Braeymer's home.

And congratulations to Mike Weaver on his marriage in Dec to Anna.

Scribe: Cindi Smith, Board Secretary