

Norwood Village Minutes December 9, 2007

Present: Marco de Sa Silva, Barbara Kalis, Paula Oakdale, Don Jacobs, Mike Bean

Meeting was called to order at 7:10.

**The minutes** were read and approved as amended. (see amended minutes for 11-20-07)

Moved: Mike Bean

Second: Paula Oakdale

Motion carried

**Treasurers Report:** presented by Don Jacobs

### **Mailbox Shelters**

DJ continues to work on developing a plan for replacement/expansion/cost of mailbox shelters.

New Business

### **Annual Meeting Packet**

#### Adverse possession of open space tracts

Marco proposed that this be an agenda item at the annual meeting. He would like the NV residents to propose ideas about a possible amendment to NV documents concerning adverse possession, management and maintenance of open spaces, and indemnity of officers for decisions made in good faith that affect NV. Marco noted that WA State ensures indemnity of officers of non-profits for good faith actions. But it would be a good idea to bring NV governing documents current to make sure the Board is protected and the Village is protected.

#### 2007 Minutes prepared by John Gregov

These will be presented to NV residents in the packet that is mailed for the annual meeting. However, the current board will request that 2 changes (clarification of the size of the strip of land for the proposed land swap with the City of Bellevue and some wording changes in paragraph that starts "A lively discussion followed.) be made to the minutes for clarification and that John Gregov sign them for the record. Marco said that he would discuss these changes with John and see if he is willing to make them within the context of his understanding of the area in question: in end effect, it will be John Gregov's decision as he was the Secretary for that meeting and took the minutes. We cannot request substantive changes, only clarification.

#### Treasurers Report/Budget

Requested a budget with 3 columns: 2007, Actual, 2008 projected

The question of charging late fees was raised. This should be included in changes in the governing documents.

The new budget will be an "as of" date as there are variables.

Discussion: Paula raised the point that the Area Development Committee used to have a budget of \$500.00 for projects it identified as worthy for the enhancement of the Village. She proposed that the annual dues be raised \$12.00 so that this \$500.00 could be raised for this committee. Marco noted that there still is a \$500.00 line item in the budget for Area Development.

Paula also stated that she felt that the line item for tree cutting is too low, that it used to cover 50% of the cost to remove trees for view cutting and now is capped at \$500.00 per tree. This is predicated on getting the owner's permission to cut trees for view enhancement. Marco noted that this money has been available since 1992. He personally feels it is wrong for the NV Association to subsidize view enhancement and noted that at the vote, 2/3 of those eligible to vote did indeed vote to cut trees for view enhancement and for the Association to subsidize the cutting to a capped price. Again, he stressed that he feels that the cost of maintaining one's own property should not be subsidized by the Village – ie that cutting a tree that was storm damaged falls under property maintenance and the Village should not be asked to pay for this at all. And he feels that view enhancement is also not a particularly valid reason to ask for Village funding.

The NVB would like a line item for Village clean-up/yard waste dumpster for \$800.00  
Mowing common areas costs \$2000.00 a year and is and should remain a line item.  
Open Space maintenance should also be a line item (i.e. clear out blackberries, etc) \$500.00  
Tree cutting on private lots allot \$1500.00  
Area development projects allot \$500.00  
Barbara noted that this is a total of \$5300.00 just for the above. Can the Village afford this?

Discussion followed to propose an increase in dues to allow the Village to have sufficient funds to pay for the above and maintain the other budget items.

Don Jacobs moved that the NVB propose an increase of \$25.00 in the annual dues to a total of \$125.00 and that if a resident shows up at the annual clean up of NV in the Spring they be refunded the \$25.00 increase.

Seconded: Mike Bean

Motion carried.

Marco requested that Mike Bean work with Don Jacobs to create a proposed budget based on the proposed increase of the dues and the \$25.00 rebate to those who participate in the annual clean up day, recognizing that this will be a guesstimate of the number of Villagers who will turn out to work in return for the rebate.

Marco requested that this budget be circulated to the NVB via email for approval by the board.

### Roster

Paula Oakdale was authorized to spend up to \$250.00 to have the new roster formatted, printed, collated, stapled and folded. The budgeted amount is to include the cost of paper. Marco has been collecting the data from the committee headed by Caron Chorlton and will get that to Paula on a disk and a hard copy so that she can create/provide direction for the roster to be completed.

Barbara Kalis has been given the task of getting the documents for the annual meeting to the bookkeeper for the mailing to the NV members. These documents are being prepared by Marco.

As Barbara Kalis will not be at the Annual Meeting to take the minutes, Mike Bean has been asked to do so in her stead. He agreed.

Marco stated that he will no longer be able to serve on the NVB. This past year has been remarkable in the time commitment to this board and he noted that this is not the only board he serves on. The other board members noted that he has indeed been asked to perform above and beyond what a president is normally requested to do as he dealt with issues of pool management, pool lease, and other details concerning the pool that had become divisive. The Board accepted his decision with regret as he is seen as an asset to the functioning of NVB.

Paula Oakdale is also leaving the Board as her term ends at the next annual meeting. She declined to serve another term. She, too, has been invaluable on this board as she has a keen mind and was able to provide background and corroborating information on difficult issues the current NVB has had to deal with.

This means 2 positions must be filled on the board. Paula spoke to Cindy Smith and asked if she would consider taking a board position. She said she would be open to serving. Dennis Hummel is also open to serving. At the annual meeting these names will be placed in nomination and nominations will be open from the floor. Mike Bean is taking over for John Gregov who resigned from his position earlier this year. The new board will comprise 2 new people taking on a 3 year term, Barbara Kalis with 2 years remaining, Don Jacobs with 1 year remaining, Mike Bean with 1 year remaining.

Paula raised a concern over the obtaining of a liquor (banquet) license for the annual meeting. The wording of the license holds her personally liable for any abuse of alcohol at the meeting and she, rightfully, does not want to be held liable for this.

Marco moved that NV Corporation take responsibility for any liability imposed on any Trustee based on the banquet permit (alcohol license) and our sponsorship of the annual meeting.

Second: Mike Bean

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kalis, Secretary