

Shorewood on the Sound Community Club
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2011
Tim & Ceceli Wilhelmi's house

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm

Board Members Present: President Barrett Knudsen, Vice President Tim Wilhelmi, Secretary Kevin DeLashmutt, Treasurer Sarah Whitmyre, Past President Mike Armstrong, Directors: Joe Cail (arrived late), Bob Edgar, Chestine Edgar, Gary Gibson, Patricia Haugen, Ray Hetrick Patty Knudsen, Jean Spohn.
A quorum of Directors was present at the Membership meeting.

Board Members Absent: Treasurer Sarah Whitmyre, Directors Jean Spohn and Patricia Haugen.

Community Guests: John Upthegrove – Burien City Planning Commissioner (1yr).

President's Report: None

Program of the Day:

Chestine introduced John Upthegrove. John stated he has been a member of the Burien Planning Commission for about a year and is a waterfront owner on Lake Burien. Seven Burien residents sit on the commission and make nonbinding recommendations to the Burien City Council, which more often than not ignore the commission's recommendations. The agenda for Planning Commission meetings is created by the staff of city's planning department. About 80% of Burien staff positions are filled by nonresidents. The feeling on the commission is the city manager runs everything using little or no input from any of his many resources, including results for the current Visioning process now underway. According to requirements within Burien's Master (Comprehensive) Plan the plan is to be reviewed and updated every 7 to 10 years. Also within the plan is a requirement that it should take recommendations from Burien's various Neighborhood Plans to determine whether or not the Master Plan still fits resident's needs. This is a primary component of the visioning process. Burien only has one neighborhood plan on record - The 2004 Salmon Creek Neighborhood Plan (our neighborhood) – even though the Master Plan calls for more. The expense of creating these plans was given as one reason no other plans exist. Another reason is the neighborhood plans are not popular with Burien representatives because too many plans would dilute the representative's power base. Discussion ensued over the neighborhood plan's weakness of directing that Burien "should" pursue certain objectives rather than stating Burien "shall" pursue them, and the legal ramifications if Burien committed themselves to taking action dictated in the plan as a result thereof. John's opinion is the City manager is not a fan of our current Master Plan and does not support the process. Chestine and Bob fill in details. Additional information: At one time Burien City Council and the planning department tried to put our Shorewood Beach into a "Conservancy" status, and only the actions of Patrick Haugen, and Chestine and Bob Edgar kept it out. We currently remain as stewards in managing our own property thanks largely to their efforts.

Reading of the minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all board members prior to tonight's meeting. Everyone had a chance to read a draft of the minutes prior to the start of the meeting so no one objected to not reading last month's minutes aloud. No changes noted. Ray moves the minutes be accepted with no changes. Barrett seconds. Unanimous approval.

Addition to the Agenda:

Shorewood Mug design.

Beach property title.

Secretary Report: Kevin received the following communications and entered them into the permanent record:

Note from Nancy Breslich. One page received 3/22/2011: I was at the community beach last Sunday. It looks beautiful with the downed trees and cleared invasive brush.

Bob Edgar emailed to all members the October 2004 City of Burien, Washington Salmon Creek Neighborhood Plan. Twenty-nine pages received 4/16/2011.

City of Burien SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance. Regarding short plat of property at 12463 14th Ave S. One page received 4/21/2011

Treasurer Report: Sarah not present but Barrett produces familiar spread sheets, now included in the record. The club is still solvent, but dues receipts are way down from prior years. Barrett informs the board he is not the treasurer but is still acting as club bookkeeper. According to Barrett, Sarah is slow giving him information. Barrett asks that Kevin provide advertising income from newsletter and directory advertising so they can be included in his record. Kevin asks why we need a bookkeeper when we already have a treasurer and Barrett says he is just helping out.

Reports of Community Events: - No past events to discuss.

Easter Egg Hunt – Joe says they’re ready. Patty K to create signup sheets for the event. Everyone helping is to meet around 9:00am Saturday. Hunt starts at 11:00. Board members should attend to help recruit new blood to the board. Glad-handing the event is important to the Board’s continuing health.

Garage Sale – Patty K says she will be ready. She has run the sale for the last 11 years. She says this is her last year chairing this event. We will see.

SummerFest – Barrett says he can get chairs from his new church. Singers are being rounded up.

SalmonBake – Joe has left a message for Jon to see if Jon will chair the event. No face to face contact yet. Joe reminds the board he will not be here for the event. Joe also reminds the board they are to be gracious and thank the volunteers and people who donate to the event. Andy will probably again supply the fish. The “women” helping usually procure the rest of the food.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Ecology and Path Maintenance Committee: No comments.

Beach Committee: Ready for Easter. Walk-in gate latch still busted – working with AGI on getting new part.

Welcoming Committee: Sarah not present. No comments.

Communication Committee: Please submit any newsletter articles you have to Chestine by the end of this month. Next issue may have crime stats because crime is escalating in Burien.

Previous Action Items:

Publish 2011-2013 Directory Communication Committee – Delivered to houses - Done

Advertising Policy Communication Committee – not discussed. Carried forward.

Refund locker fee Joe – We pay \$24/mo plus tax. All agree this is reasonable - Done

Membership cards Board – not discussed. Carried forward.

Beach stairs Beach committee – not discussed. Carried forward.

Beach gate latch Tim, no part yet. Carried forward.

Ecology Committee names Jean – No present. Carried forward.

New Action items/Additions to Agenda

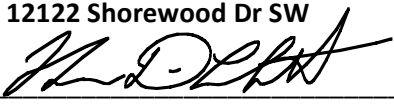
Coffee cups: One found at goodwill and purchased for 50 cents. Discussion on current design being too businesslike. Consensus is once current stock is depleted cups will be redesigned.

Beach title: - Issue is who has title to community beach. Mike Armstrong cannot find record of our ownership. Says past Board discussion dismissed the issue inconclusively. Bob and Kevin refer to conclusive past research showing that beach is common property for club members. Kevin also refers to club history of ownership account within current Directory history. Barrett reads account of how the club sued Dr Standing for possession back in 1949. Kevin offers to send Mike pertinent records we hold that are unavailable online.

Updating of Salmon Creek Neighborhood Plan: Bob requests that Board members review and make suggestions to improve the current neighborhood plan, which was last reviewed in 2004. Submit input to Bob as soon as possible.

Adjournment: Patty K moves we adjourn. Bob Seconds. All agree. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next Meeting: 7pm, May 19 at Patrick and Patricia Haugen’s house – 12122 Shorewood Dr SW

Secretary: 

Kevin DeLashmutt

Ongoing Action Items noted:

- Advertising Policy..... Communication Committee
- Membership cards Board
- Beach stairs Beach committee
- Beach gate latch..... Tim
- Ecology Committee names Jean
- Beach ownership..... Kevin
- Advertising income Kevin/Sarah
- Comment on Neighborhood Plan All Board members