

SOTS Meeting Minutes April 10, 2016

- **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM – in attendance Angelica Spates, Gary Harris, Rand Fullington, Patty and Barrett Knudsen, Chestine and Bob Edgar, Jean Spohn, Eli Tuttle and Dana Wheelock.
- **Welcome Guests if any** – No Guests
- **Minutes and report of Secretary** – March meeting minutes had been provided in draft form. Minor edits/corrections made. Gary motioned to approve, Eli seconded the motion, voted approved.
- **Report of Treasurer** – Gary Harris – Gary provided the most recent balances. Checking \$1,195.02, Savings \$27,080.23, Total \$28,275.25
- **Budget** – Rand reported that there have been 190 responses to the dues notice so far, which is about where it was last year. The dues reminder that was sent out last year prompted a good response and was well worth the effort. Gary provided a printout of the proposed budget, slightly modified from the budget that was presented in January. The changes were reviewed and Chestine made a motion to approve the budget, Jean seconded and the budget was approved as presented.

Standing Committees & Events

Welcoming – (Patty K, Angelica) – Patty reported that the Welcoming committee had provided a basket to new neighbors Shannon and Gene. Chestine asked if new mugs had been ordered yet. Patty said not yet. Chestine recommended using the current SOTSCC logo with the piling and sign. She offered to check with the folks at Discover Burien to compare some of the bids that they had received for similar mugs – she thought that they had been provided by a local shop.

Ecology / Path Maintenance – (Jean Spohn) – Jean reported on the work party that happened on Saturday April 9th. There were sixteen participants including two kids. They pulled ivy, blackberry vines and holly – all non-native and all invasive. The park showed no signs of transient camps or activity.

Communications – (Bob, Chestine, Kyle, Betsy, Angelica)

Newsletter – (Betsy) – proposed Mid – May for next Newsletter (announce Salmon Bk & Streets of GS)

Web Page (Jesse & Eli) – Updating the web site was discussed. The Current Events column needs to be updated. Angelica suggested that an article and photos from the last work party would be a nice update. A copy of the latest Newsletter should be uploaded.

New Directory (Steve B., Kyle L.) – Rand indicated that there had been a number of updates received with the dues notices and surveys.

Beach – (Jean Spohn) – Jean reported that work party on April 9th moved to the Beach in the afternoon and pulled more ivy and blackberry vines. It was noted that the depression in the ground near the deck has settled some more and should be filled in. It should be leveled out before the Salmon Bake as that area is used for food preparation and serving. Dana and Eli said that they would look into it – maybe a couple of yards of compacted gravel (5/8” minus). Angelica indicated that Joe Cail had concerns regarding Tansy Weed. Gary brought up a

photo of Tansy Ragwort on his phone. That will be watched for on future trips to the Beach. Jean said that the focus of the last work party was to remove ivy from strangling some of the trees and that it was noticed that there is some non-native honeysuckle vines, but they didn't appear to be causing any problems. Jean also brought up an issue with the City's storm drain. Eli had some information regarding that issue – discussed under New Business [below].

Gate issue – it was noted that since the recent repairs/upgrades to the gates that the pedestrian gate has not been locked – possibly a problem with the access code. Dana noted that the vehicle gate worked fine with the old code last week when hauling off things from the work party. Also noted was the fact that deterrent on the west side of the gate – branches and such – had been removed and that getting around the gate was fairly easy. Dana noted that he checked that out during the time that the gate was removed for repairs and found that the short section of gate/fence on the west side appeared to be permanently attached and had not been removed for maintenance. There is a possibility that something could be fabricated to fill in the small area that people are using to go between that and the chain link fence. However, it did not appear that there were any issues, so far this year, due to unauthorized access to the Beach.

City Items – Bob Edgar – Bob reported that the new businesses are going in at Town Square and that the new buildings are coming along nicely. He added that Franciscan had bought Highline Hospital. He also reported that a new Junk Vehicle ordinance had been passed that would allow the City to assist in removing junk vehicles from private property.

Events for 2016

Easter Egg Hunt – (Lori & Betsy) – The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. There were around seventy five kids and over one hundred twenty people overall. Everyone spoke positively about the event. Chestine inquired about a sign-in sheet. Dana said that there was a sign-in sheet, but not everyone signed in. He also said that copies of the most recent Newsletter as well as the Dues Notice/Survey form were laid out on the sign-in table for anyone to take if wanted.

Streets of Garage Sales (proposed date of June 4 by Heather)

Summerfest - Barrett indicated that he is not able to coordinate the event this year and that the area in front of his house where the bouncy-house is usually set up is not available. Summerfest had been especially well attended by younger folks with the face painting and bouncy house always being a hit. A discussion of whether or not to have a Summerfest this year resulted in taking a year off. The Club will look for a suitable site for next year and hopefully get some interest in coordinating the event.

Salmon Bake (Jon Newton) – The Salmon Bake is scheduled for August 20th. Jon Newton and Tim Riley will be coordinating the event. Barrett mentioned that the tents that have been used for shade and cover over the last few years are showing wear. He recommended replacing at least one per year over the next few years. Eli said that he had found some at Walmart that were reasonably priced.

By-Laws – Angelica reported that she had met with Karen Goroski regarding the By-Laws. Karen has experience in this type of project and is willing to help. This is a project that if done well will probably take a couple of years. Angelica noted some of the deficiencies such as the lack of a Membership Committee – there is a Welcoming Committee, but no Membership Committee. The Club exists for the members. She also indicated that if the Club does not operate in compliance with the By-Laws, that there could be problems with the insurance. As this effort ramps up it would be ideal to have a ‘task force’ that would take on the project and recommended that be addressed in the next Newsletter.

Any Unfinished or New Business - Eli reported that he had been contacted by a community member regarding the erosion and conditions of the pipes at the Beach along with concerns of trees that might be in danger of sloughing off the hillside and that he had forwarded those concerns to the City of Burien – they did not seem too concerned and their focus seemed to be on the trees (which are the property owner’s responsibility) as opposed to the pipes and erosion. Dana had some photos and felt that the erosion was a direct result of the discharge pipes and heavy rains this past winter/spring. Dana indicated that active pipe has settled into a position where its discharge is almost directly into the ground at the base of the slope and is accelerating the erosion. Additionally, the rusty abandoned pipe has completely separated and is situated at the bottom of the slope in a manner that might be considered an ‘attractive nuisance’ and kids playing around it could be hurt if it rolled. Chestine reminded that liability lies with the property owner – that’s us. She recommended that City of Burien be contacted again and further explain the Club’s concerns. Dana agreed to take that on.

Next Meeting – May 12

May meeting possibly at Lori & Steve’s – June Rick G.

Adjournment – 8:40 PM