

**SHOREWOOD ON THE SOUND COMMUNITY CLUB
DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

June 18, 2009

Held at Secretary Armstrong's Residence, 12857 Shorecrest Drive SW

Call to Order: Following some delectable delights devised & delivered by Jane Armstrong, the meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by President Gibson.

Board Members Present: President Gary Gibson, Secretary Michael Armstrong, Treasurer Barrett Knudsen, Directors Joe Cail, Patricia Knudsen, Kevin DeLashmutt, Raymond Hetrick, Patricia Haugen, Jean Spohn

Absent: Vice President Tim Wilhelmi, Director Bob Edgar

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2009 were read. *It was Moved, Seconded and Carried that the minutes be accepted as read.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Knudsen presented a financial report to the meeting. *It was Moved, Seconded and Carried that the report be accepted as presented. The written report is appended to and forms a part of these minutes.*

Welcoming Committee: Director Haugen reported no activity this month.

Ecology Report: Director Spohn had earlier indicated a need to remove Scots Broom at the beach property. A work party was scheduled for June 13th but it was not well attended. Jean emphasized the importance of removing the broom especially when flowering as it is now. Jean noted there are some good examples of local growth on the property, making the removal of the broom more critical. Jean updated us on the progress at Shorewood Park which is coming along well.

Summerfest: This event is proceeding as planned on Saturday, July 25, 2009. The street closure permit has been obtained from Burien and other arrangements are being made. There will be food, music, face painting, fun & games. Barrett is leading the committee.

Salmon Bake: The arrangements for this are going well and it should be a good party again this year. It was suggested we order the same amount of food as last year. It was also suggested that we invite members of city council. Joe Cail is coordinating and the Patricias will be assisting with the food. The date is Saturday, August 22, 2009.

Airport Noise: This topic has come up again – there was talk of a class action suit. Director Bob Edgar will update us next month.

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Garage Sale: Director Patricia Knudsen reported the event was not as big this year as it has been in the past and that is viewed as a curiosity. There were 25-35 homes participating and the number of purchasers was down as well.

Website: Director Cail updated us on changes & improvements to the website. There was a request that we publish our financial information on the site but the Treasurer and other Directors felt that was not desirable. The Treasurer will continue to make that information available to members as requested.

Annual General Meeting: Director Cail updated the group on our insurance coverage which had to be increased to two million from one. That change has now been completed. The additional fee of \$15 was waived by the insurance company. The annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009.

Speeding: Last month it was reported the 130th Street and 14th Ave group headed by Michael Bishoff would be making a formal proposal to the city and they were fine tuning their presentation. The Secretary was given one or two early drafts of their proposal and the communication fell off at that point. It was subsequently found that there were one or two additional meetings with the city. They came up with a proposal which included three way stop signs at three possible locations with the intersection of 131st and Shorewood Drive SW as the main focus of their interest. The city appeared to be going along with this approach. Our formal objection to the use of stop signs as traffic calming was immediately communicated to the City Manager. He asked that the Shorewood group meet with Mr Bishoff and his group to see if a common approach could be worked out. That meeting was held on the evening of Monday, June 15, 2009. Consensus was reached on all points in Mr Bishoff's plan with the exception of the use of stop signs for traffic calming.

A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the directors. It was pointed out that almost all of the technical papers on the topic of "stop signs and traffic calming" report the use of stop signs in this way is completely counter productive.

Research from the City of Fargo, ND found the following:

- All-way stop signs are NOT speed control devices
- All-way stop signs do not reduce traffic volumes.
- Unnecessary stop signs result in unacceptable levels of stop sign violations and lead to disrespect for all traffic signs.
- All-way stop signs do not always increase safety or reduce collisions at intersections.
- Unwarranted stop signs lead to air and noise pollution, as well as increased fuel consumption.

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Speeding Continued:

Other issues of concerns and thoughts expressed by the directors were:

- Lines of sight are poor in many areas and it was suggested that the road right of way be cleared back to property lines
- Painted crosswalks on the street would lead to a false sense of security for some who may use them
- Speed bumps are very unpopular and should not be employed
- Traffic circles were not seen as a good solution
- An apparent disregard for the professionally prepared independent traffic study of the City of Burien and the advice of the Burien Police Department
- The use of "rumble strips" is an effective means of raising consciousness for motorists

Following the discussion, ***It was Moved, Seconded and Carried that the Shorewood On The Sound Community Club oppose placement of new stop signs as traffic speed mitigation devices.***

This information is to be communicated directly to the City Manager of Burien with the offer that we can present our case to City Council if he feels it would be useful.

Next Meeting: ...will be held on the beach on Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 pm.

Michael Armstrong, Secretary