

**Beachcrest Community Association**  
**8846 51st Avenue NE**  
**Olympia, WA 98516**

**Minutes of the Annual Membership meeting, May 6th, 2015, held at Olympic View Elementary.**

Members present: Paul Wagner, Larry Lindsley, Kat Leathers, Bret Bajema and Vic Zelepuza.

Call to Order: Paul called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05PM.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes for the Board Meeting held on May 7th, 2014, were read and approved as drafted.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

President's Recap: Paul reviewed activities from the last year, including: completed road projects to address decomposing wood stumps under the roads; repairs made to the beach roads due to slides; the City of Lacey's monitoring well project; bluff management meetings and ongoing work; obtaining final approval of the marina project permit; the purchase of additional metal picnic tables for the beach; and communications work on the website. Paul also addressed upcoming events, including: Clean Up Day; community potlucks, and the need for potluck hosts to organize those events; anticipated additional work by the City of Lacey during the summer to test the monitoring well by running water down to the beach; and long-term projects, including possible upgrades to the playground and beach areas.

Volunteer Opportunities: Larry reviewed opportunities for community members to volunteer for short-term or long-term projects. Larry noted that Beachcrest operates primarily on the volunteer efforts of its members.

Treasury: Bret reviewed the community income and expenses through March, and commented that he would review the draft proposed 2015-16 budget later in the meeting.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Communications/Website: Larry reported that community members are now able to use the website to reserve a cabana for use Friday through Sunday. Larry reminded members of the following: Cabana reservations are offered as a courtesy to help all community members share the beach and enjoy special events; participants in a reserved cabana event are encouraged to share the space with other community members whenever possible; and, a community host must be present at any beach event, whether or not a reservation is made. Larry reported that registrations to receive eBlasts have increased to approximately 200. He noted that the Beachcrest Exchange page is for residents only. Finally, Larry asked for any suggestions to further improve the website.

Newsletter: Jan Walsh reported that Eric and Laura Kraig volunteered to assist her as co-editors of *The View*, and she thanked everyone who submitted articles and helped with deliveries. Jan commented

that the process for getting *The View* to everyone depends on the help of many volunteers, and that she is in need of volunteers to help deliver *The View*.

Marina Update: Paul updated the community on the proposed marina wall project, beginning with news that the permits needed to begin the work were finally approved. He noted that the permits limit our work window to a specific time period during the summer, and thanked Ben Nesheim, Dan Eason and Vic Zelepuza for their ongoing work to move this project forward. He further noted that we have an estimate for the cost of the work from Gary's Bulldozing, and that the Board plans to fix the gate at the dock this summer as well. Paul reported that the Board will attempt to notify all owners of the kayaks and small boats parked alongside the marina that their watercraft must be moved before work begins on the marina wall project. He stated that the Board is looking at building some type of storage unit near the marina for kayaks and small boats. In response to a question about whether residents would be required to pay a fee to store their watercraft in the new storage units, Paul replied that it is likely those owners would be required to pay a fee. He also noted that marina dues may also need to be adjusted in the near future.

Questions were asked about the cost of the marina wall repairs, including whether the funds to pay for the project would come out of the marina account, the general fund, or both. Paul stated that funds will likely be used from both, and that the Board would make those decisions. Comments were offered regarding the value of the marina to the community and whether the marina wall project solely benefited the marina slip users or whether the project benefited the community as a whole. A concern was raised regarding the boat launch, noting that it was in need of repair.

Safety/4<sup>th</sup> of July: Kat reported that three Thurston County Sheriff's Deputies would be hired to provide security on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She thanked the volunteers from last year and asked for volunteers again to help with setting up the beach, checking in guests at the front gate, and cleaning up afterwards. A question was raised regarding who to contact on the 4<sup>th</sup> if someone had concerns about fireworks being discharged in the neighborhood; Kat stated that residents could contact her, and that an eBlast would be sent out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> to remind residents that they can call her.

Clean-up Day: Paul reviewed some of the projects that were planned for Clean-up Day and asked for any additional projects that he could add to the list. He reminded residents about the potluck that would take place afterwards and encouraged residents to attend the potluck even if they could not join in on the clean-up efforts.

**DRAFT BUDGET OVERVIEW:** Bret reviewed the proposed 2015-16 budget, including proposed projects and expenses. He noted that funding set aside for proposed future projects were only estimates and that actual costs could be higher or lower.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITIONS: Paul reported that there were 3 openings on the Board, 2 positions that had expired (positions held by Vic Zelepuza and Kat Leathers) and 1 position for which the existing Board member was unable to continue serving (Jennifer Motley). Paul described the officer positions

and general duties of Board members. Paul asked Vic and Kat if they were willing to continue serving on the Board. Vic stated that he was willing to serve another term; Kat stated she was willing to serve if no one else was willing to do so. Paul asked for nominations from the floor. Cindy Stichweh was nominated and she was willing to serve. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations, but the motion failed after some discussion. Penny Kocan was nominated, and she stated she was willing to serve. A motion to close the nominations was seconded, and the motion passed.

VOTING RESULTS/BOARD POSITIONS: The following 3 community members were elected to the Board:

- Vic Zelepuza
- Cindy Stichweh
- Penny Kocan

**BLUFF CONSERVATION:** Guest speaker Stephanie Bishop, Thurston Conservation District, gave a brief presentation on the work that she and Rich Geiger have been engaged in with Beachcrest community members to craft a bluff management plan and to help educate the Community on best practices for bluff conservation.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

It was reported that a citizen committee may be formed to consider a fixed annual fee for septic tank owners.

Board members were encouraged to consider incorporation of Beachcrest into the City of Lacey.

The Board was asked for information on what changes to private property must be approved by the Board, and how to go about obtaining Board approval.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Annual dues assessments are due to Vantage by July 1
- Next monthly Board meeting is Wednesday, June 3, at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at about 9:30pm.