

Northern Heights Community Association
2021 March Meeting
March 25th, 2021
Minutes submitted by Sarah Messmer

1. Call to Order

- At 7:31 p.m. Bryan Jones called the meeting to order. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Present were Bryan Jones, Mike DiSpigno, Marty Sauvage, Keith Zackel, Karen Holderman, and Sarah Messmer.

2. Correspondence

- A resident sent an email to the Board asking about the installation of a barrel sauna in their back yard
 - There were no concerns with this installation
- Several escrow requests have come in for people either refinancing or selling their home

3. Treasurer's Report

- Checking Account balance as of 03/18/2021: \$20,558.97
 - \$6,520 in dues were deposited into the account
- Storm Water Account balance as of 02/18/2021: \$20,548.00
 - Transferred 10,288 from savings to this account this month
- Reserve Account balance as of 02/18/2021: \$15,014.73

4. New Business

- Whatcom County Public Works had a meeting on March 3rd and discussed the easement between the McLeod and Tweed Twenty houses
 - The county will not be doing anything about the trees behind the McLeod houses that have been falling down and damaging houses
 - Residents are free to cut down at risk trees at their own expense
 - The county will also not be maintaining the ditch that runs behind the McLeod houses
 - Residents will need to keep the ditch clear of debris to ensure it continues to flow and does not flood their yards
 - Mike will reach out to a McLeod resident to set up a field trip for the NHCA Board Members to access the area behind the McLeod houses and assess how much work needs to be done to clean up the ditch
- Karen gave an update on converting the NHCA street lights to LED

- She reached out to PSE and they confirmed that the city would not change out the light posts if NHCA were annexed
- Because of the rebate program, the total cost of converting all the lights to LED is \$1,300.
 - The new lights will save \$0.17 kW/hr. Therefore it will only take 14 months to recoup the cost of converting the street lights to LED
 - The Board thought the cost was reasonable
- Karen to reach out to Brite Solutions to get a written quote
- Bryan did a walk of the neighborhood and only three streetlights have trees close to them
 - One homeowner on Ethan Ct. trimmed their tree after Mike talked to them
 - Only one other tree on Tamarack needs to be trimmed
 - Sarah to send a letter to the homeowner
- Mike plans to start year three of pond tree clearing in June/July after things dry up
 - Will get quotes on taking down the fence between the properties where the NHCA pond access easement is to make it easier for the tree service to access the pond
- This month Sarah discovered that the Northern Heights sign at the east end of the neighborhood has been removed
 - The Board discussed and thinks a new sign should be made
 - Placing a new sign in the median may be a better location
 - Keith will look into options for obtaining a new sign, it may be good to have a NHCA resident design a new sign

4. End of Meeting

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, and seconded. The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.
- The next meeting will be held on April 15th at 7:30 pm via Zoom