



Karen Breen-Bondie, President
Carol Frederick, Vice President
Vacant, Second Vice President
Darcey McLaughlin, Secretary
Katrina Collins, Treasurer

Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2005

A call to order was made by President Karen Breen-Bondie at 7:10 pm. The meeting was held in Roosevelt Elementary's Teacher Work Room due to the Book Fair.

There were no additional items for the agenda.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Carol Frederick for Secretary Darcey McLaughlin.

Present: See sign in sheet.

Guest Speaker: Ferndale City Manger Tom Barwin presented an overview of the Ferndale Story. Mr. Barwin summarized Ferndale's development over the past 10 years. He talked about town planning, streetcar and suburb development. He mentioned the idea of going back to wider sidewalks and street parking in the downtown area and concluded with "smart growth". Views on mass transit were shared along with budget items facing the city. New construction was reviewed and new businesses in the downtown area were mentioned. Mr. Barwin explained the status of the park designation at the end of West Oakridge in relation to the expansion of Ferndale Labs. The park designation will happen no matter the outcome of Ferndale Labs but the city is waiting to see if the land swap will be needed. Land swap is monetary value, not volumer. The hydraulic water system study was discussed along with water rates.

Minutes for the February 28, 2005 meeting, presented by Darcey McLaughlin, were approved and recorded as submitted.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Katrina Collins reported a balance of \$1,124.04 with all bills to date being paid.

President's Report. Volunteers for two vacancies were requested. The position is the 2nd VP. Karen explained this position chairs the Beautification Award Committee. The second position open is the block director for lower Lewiston, currently being directed by Scott Helmer in the interim.

Discussion was held on the proposed addition of the south side of lower Lewiston joining the organization. Discussion included the additional snow removal costs that would need to be collected and the amount necessary to not make the addition a financial burden to the association. A survey was done of 50% of the homes, where 50% of those interviewed were in favor on joining. The survey will continue to catch the remaining 50% of the residences. By-laws would need to be amended.

The Beautification Award will go to 382 W Oakridge for the sensitive addition to their home. The plaque will be ordered. Karen was happy to announce that the Oakridge Park Committee will be chaired by Deanna Simmons. Committee member names have been forwarded. Karen will forward the Ferndale Foundation RFP paperwork to Deanna. This will start the fundraising drive. There has been talk of a drive in movie night in the park to help raise additional funds.

New Business. Snow removal was discussed. All-in-all everything is going well with the service. Corner lots were discussed and will be reviewed for next year.

Karen mentioned the need for a new business to underwrite our newsletter and asked if anyone was interested or knew of anyone who may be interested. Karen thanked Marie Haener-Patti for underwriting the cost of the newsletter in the recent past and explained Marie is no longer in business for herself.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting TBD.