

Board of Directors Meeting
Mary's Landing Neighborhood Association
April 19, 2024 9:30 to 10:20 AM
At Columbia Room in Dunn

ATTENDING: Karen Logsdon, Ricky Stowell, Carole White, Ralf Brabandt, Sr. Mary Ellen Holohan, SNJM....Also committee chair Patrick Cechini, and citizens Toni and Jim Mountain

CALL TO ORDER Chair Karen Logsdon called the meeting to order and congratulated Carole on our successful presentation to the City Council on April 16. We are now officially recognized.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Ralf moved and Sr. Mary Ellen seconded the approval of the minutes of the February 23rd meeting. Motion was approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE Carole made a motion that Ricky Stowell be authorized to apply for our EIN and our 501 c(4) status and that Carole White be authorized to apply for our Board Liability insurance with the City. Ricky seconded the motion. It was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee Report Patrick Cechini reported that the committee has met twice. As a starting point, they determined the Mary's Woods and the SNJM community are well prepared for the short term emergencies which last less than one week, such as, last January's ice storm. As far as the other SNJM tenants, they are required to have their own emergency plan. Since we are not sure whether this is an enforced requirement, we will presume it is a liability waiver clause until we determine otherwise. However, for longer term emergencies, such as a 7.1 earthquake, we are underprepared. The committee submitted an itemized inventory of additional supplies, such as, staging tents, luggable loos, and trauma kits, that totals \$55,730. Clearly that is a lot to ask of the city, but gives us a feel for the size of the risk.

Patrick also reported that he had contacted Jan Castle of PrepLO and David Smith of the city Fire Department. Jan said the city does not yet have a template for the Neighborhood Emergency Response Plan (NERP). The committee feels we understand what key components should be included and can continue to work on it. David explained that, unlike in the past, the city will be providing already stocked "disaster bins" to neighborhoods that qualify. It will not be a reimbursement plan with citizens left on their own to figure out what brands to buy.

Carole White, who also sits on the committee, shared sample letters to each of the HomeOwner Associations along with an assessment form to ascertain their preparedness. The letters ask to be invited to their next annual meeting to introduce the Neighborhood Association to their members, and for them to return the completed assessment form by May 20. Ralf suggested and it was agreed that the letter should be strengthened to indicate that if they are not willing to participate then our efforts to acquire city support will be in vain. The city's perspective is that

their support is to be shared by all. Therefore, all parts of the community need to participate in the assessment and the proposal preparation. Ralf inquired into the city's budget. For the 2nd half of the biennium starting July 1, 2024, there is \$60,000 total for all 25 neighborhood associations. It may be divided into two halves: \$30,000 specifically for emergency prep and the other \$30,000 for other needs the neighborhood associations bring forward. The split has not yet been decided.

Karen asked specifically about preparations for each apartment unit in Mary's Woods. At this time Mary's Woods has a plan for the overall retirement community. The Neighborhood Association will be an umbrella plan, but it could include goals to get various residential groups in the neighborhood to organize at these micro levels. So a building like Collin could have a specific plan, a group of 10 Villa residences could do so, Mercy Greenbrae could do so, and units of 10 to 15 houses on the West side could do so.

Based on this discussion, we feel we are looking at a multi year plan to get from today to where we could be with some work.

National Night Out We decided to postpone this discussion to next year.

Rededication of College Belltower Sr. Mary Ellen will talk to Sr. Carol Higgins to see if the leadership team is planning a summer rededication of the refurbished Bell Tower on the college campus. If they are, it could be an opportunity to introduce Mercy Greenbrae residents to the wider community. The neighborhood association is willing to assist if the Sisters would like us to.

Post Office flyer and Logo: Carole showed a cut and paste version of the flyer to be posted at the Marylhurst Post Office. This is to reach out to neighborhood stakeholders who get their mail at that post office. It included a sample logo designed by Ricky. We agreed to use this computer generated logo with the misspelling corrected for now.. The secretary will send a thank you letter to Richard Gessford for his work getting us started on the logo, but for now we will use the simpler computer generated one.

NEW BUSINESS

Being Heard A short message to update the Mary's Woods community in the Being Heard newsletter was presented. It was approved for publication after a spelling correction was noted.

Flyer from McVey South Shore NA: They are having a Habitat for Humanity collection day May 11. We will post their flyer on our webpage and include a copy in the letters to our HOAs.

Open Meeting Compliance: We asked our citizen observers how the zoom link worked and got feedback for improvements. Also, as an attorney who worked on our bylaws, Jim called our attention to Article 6 Section 5 of our bylaws. This clarifies that the observance of the open meeting law is only required when we are "giving advice or recommendations to any

governmental body". He went on to outline the many ways we can comply with "well publicized meetings". Carole added that the city will pay for up to 2 mass mailings a year to help with our compliance.

NEXT MEETING: Friday June 21 at 9:30 in Columbia Room at Dunn

ATTACHMENTS: Postal Patron Flyer, Being Heard article, proposed letter to both HOAs, questionnaire for HOAs, McVey SS flyer to be circulated.