



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 2018

Howes

Mayor Gillem called the meeting to order at 7pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Gillem, Councilmembers Paula Dix, Aletha Howes, and Tom Stowe.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Hans Juhle. (The Council has one vacancy.)

STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp.

GUESTS: Water Department Supervisor Bob Durr, WABA President Susan Bogert, Gary Marshall

MINUTES: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the March 13, 2018 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Howes seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Councilmember Stowe to approve the April Claims Register for check numbers 14893 through 14912 in the amount of \$15,597.68. Councilmember Howes seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

KENYON-DISEND FEES TO DATE: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported there were no new charges. The balance of our retainer for 2018 remains \$2,643.25.

WEBSITE: Clerk/Treasurer Spens noted that she distributed a link to the new under-construction website last month and asked for comments. She reported that she received direct feedback from Councilmember Dix, who expressed excitement for the new site and some of its capabilities, e.g. translation to other languages. She also received feedback from Councilmember Howes, who asked if some of the format issues could be changed. Alas, most of Ms. Howes' changes cannot be accomplished. Municipal Impact sells a standard format at a very low cost, but the low cost means few deviations from the standard layout are allowed. It does, however, allow for personalization through photos and content, and it is mobile-device friendly.

Ms. Spens then noted that the photos on the site need to be replaced with newer fresher perspectives. Councilmembers suggested that she contact Nancy Burlingame and Janet Griswold, both of whom have taken many photos of the Village during every season.

FOLLOW-UP ON BUILDING-PROJECT COMPLAINTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the Complaint Form has been updated based on Council's feedback last month.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that the water tank was cleaned about three years ago and will probably need attention again in 2 years or so. Before cleaning, he will hire a diver to inspect and document the condition of the tank's interior. He and Water Superintendent Bill Beck will perform a visual inspection of the tank's exterior later this year.

He added that there a few more of the old-style water meters to be replaced. He wants to look into replacing meters in the future with electronic ones that will simplify the meter-reading process and improve accuracy.

WABA REPORT: WABA President Susan Bogert reported that:

- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success.
- The Spring Beach Clean Up will be held on April 28, 2018.
- The Summer Picnic will be July 28, 2018.
- Marji Jochums has agreed to serve as Beach Mom and is looking for lifeguards. WABA is considering changing the lifeguard's work hours in order to attract more candidates.
- The WABA Dock Committee will be constructing a new rack for kayaks and paddle boards in the North Beach parking area.
- WABA has hired Aquatechnex to spray for Milfoil on May 1st, with a second application in July if needed. They will post notices at the beach.
- NW Security will begin weekend patrols two weekends before Memorial Day and will switch to daily patrols from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Annual WABA street closure will happen again over Seafair weekend in August.
- She is working to complete property agreements for the three owners along SE 27th who have WABA strip running through their properties. The process is nearly complete.

APPEARANCES: None.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF KATHY CORRA TO COUNCIL: Mayor Gillem announced that he has appointed Kathy Corra to Council Position No. 2 filling the vacancy created by his election as Mayor. The position's term ends on 12/31/2019 at which time, she will be eligible to stand for re-election.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to confirm the appointment of Kathy Corra to Council Position No. 2 for a term ending 12/31/2019. Councilmember Dix seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF JAMES McCARTHY TO PLANNING COMMISSION: Mayor Gillem announced that he has appointed James McCarthy to Planning Commission Position No. 2 for a term ending on 12/31/2020 at which time, he will be eligible for re-appointment.

MOTION: Councilmember Dix moved to confirm the appointment of James McCarthy to Planning Commission Position No. 2 for a term ending 12/31/2020. Councilmember Howes seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MITIGATION: Mayor Gillem directed the Council's attention to a graph he produced using data from our traffic counters. He commented that the data points appear to be consistent with earlier data shared by the City of Bellevue, though they don't match earlier data collected from our counters. Given the problems we have had setting up and collecting data from our counters, he proposed continuing to collect and review data through Memorial Day weekend. Based on the review of that data, the Council can decide whether we should continue regular collections or switch to a sample-basis only.

ROW MAINTENANCE: Mayor Gillem directed Council's attention to the fact sheet he prepared summarizing the Town's traditional approach to right-of-way (ROW) maintenance, outlining a program scope for possible upgrades to that approach, and evaluating the budget impact of such upgrades. He then explained his assumptions in preparing this information and asked the Council for input.

Clerk/Treasurer Spens noted that she also included Resolution No. 66, which first established the Town's approach to ROW maintenance and includes recommendations from the then-Planning Commission on the topic and information from Municipal Research and Services Company (MRSC) on the topics of public-works projects and purchased-services contracts. She added that she will need to confirm whether prevailing-wage rules apply ROW maintenance work.

Councilmember Stowe commented that the Council will need to write a clear and complete Scope of Work before requesting proposals/bids for this project.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to continue further discussion in May when Councilmembers Juhle and Corra are in attendance.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Due to the late hour and the absence of Councilmembers Juhle and Corra, the Council decided to table discussion of this item until May.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

STORM WATER GRANT: Councilmember Stowe reported that this grant remains on hold.

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT: Councilmember Stowe reported that the search for sources of funding for this project continues. Councilmember Dix suggested that the Council consider using earthquake-tolerant materials for future water-line replacements.

SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION (SCA): Councilmember Stowe reported that there is an upcoming SCA Meeting that he cannot attend and asked if another Councilmember is able to substitute for him. Councilmember Howes indicated that she is available to attend the meeting at Renton City Hall.

STRIPING ON ARTERIAL: Councilmember Stowe reported that striping installed by Apply-A-Line appears to be failing. He asked Clerk/Treasurer Spens to contact Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder to learn if the work came with a warranty, and if so, for how long.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Councilmember Howes reported that she recently contacted the West Bellevue Citizen Corp for ideas about training, e.g. CERT, OEM

Volunteer Training, etc. She is working to update maps showing utilities in Beaux Arts, and she is planning to reach to the King County Sheriff and Bellevue Fire to introduce herself. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will send an email to Mike Ryan, the Zone One Emergency Coordinator, sharing Councilmember Howes' contact information.

ROW RESTORATION STUDY: Councilmember Dix reported that the Planning Commission would like to study whether there is a way to cause building-permit holders to restore the ROW planting strip in front of a residence to its condition prior to construction work at the residence. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to review the existing ROW rules before continuing this discussion at the May meeting. At that time, Councilmembers will be better able to decide if this issue needs additional study or if better enforcement of the current ROW Code can resolve the issue.

TOWN CLEAN-UP: Councilmember Dix reported that the Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday May 19th. She plans to place dumpsters at the four usual locations: Near Lowry, Matsudaira, the Water Tower, and the South Beach Hill. She then distributed a list of proposed work areas. After some discussion, she agreed that the list should be consolidated into 3 to 4 bigger projects so that efforts won't be spread too thin.

LITTLE LIBRARIES: Councilmember Dix reminded the Council that she raised this idea last month and was asked to develop more information. She distributed a possible design for the stands and suggested that the Council consider allowing installations at 5 Corners near the Angle Path and on the path between Jochums and Morlock. She also noted that more information is available at littlelibraries.org. Mayor Gillem commented that he has concerns about who will maintain the structures and act as librarian for the contents. Councilmember Stowe asked if the Town wants to sanction these structures and allow placement on Town ROW or encourage placement instead on private property. Councilmember Howes stated that she would like to do more research about the idea and discuss it further when the full Council is present. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will add this discussion to the May meeting agenda.

TOAD HALL: Councilmember Dix noted that Toad Hall, the former residence of Ann Boynton, will be put on the market soon and wondered if there was Council interest in trying to purchase the home (or another historic property) to use as a Town Hall. Councilmembers agreed that the asking price for this home and property will be far more than the Town can afford, given our limited resources.

WIRELESS NETWORKS: Mayor Gillem noted that he is reading more about the development of 5G networks to replace the current 4G. He added that companies will be looking for new site locations, because the antennas must be placed closer together. When 5G service supplants 4G, the Town may need to allow for one or more sites or risk losing cellphone service altogether. He suggested that the Council consider proactively revisiting the topic to determine what we can/will support in this arena and then develop a policy to support that decision.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at Councilmember Juhle's home.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Dix moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.
Councilmember Stowe seconded.
Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer