



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 5, 2005

Rose

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Chuck Lowry, Councilmembers Betty Heckendorn, John Rose, Tom Robinson, Aaron Sharp, and Judee Wells.

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Julia Morse, WABA; Matt Leber; Tom Stowe; Tricia Crozier, King County District Court; Jane Lamensdorf-Bucher, WRIA 8 Coordinator.

MINUTES: Councilmember Heckendorn moved to approve the March 8, 2005 minutes as written. Councilmember Rose seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that neither Bill Beck nor Bob Durr have copies of plans for our storm drain system. She added that Mr. Beck told her that when this question arose a couple of years ago, the Council authorized a payment of \$800 to compensate him for preparing as-built drawings, which he anticipates completing this summer. Councilmember Sharp asked what we could expect as an end product. Clerk-Treasurer Spens answered that she expected a hand-drawn rendition showing the locations of the storm drains and pipes in the Town rights-of-way and possibly, the depths of the lines. Councilmember Sharp offered to discuss the project with Mr. Beck to clarify what the end product will be and when it will be ready.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she received a letter from Julie Finnell and Pam Donoghue, residents on SE 28th Street, expressing their concerns about plans to plant new trees on Town rights-of-way. She explained that the letter was prompted by a recent phone call in which Ms. Finnell stated she had heard the Town was applying for a Forestry Grant and wondered about the Town's intentions for using it. Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she told Ms. Finnell that she (Spens) had no knowledge of such a grant application and that Ms. Finnell, upon hearing this, decided to write a letter to the Council asking that any plans to plant new trees on Town ROWs be reviewed with neighbors in the vicinity of the proposed plantings to be sure that none had objections to the impact such trees might have on the space and light in that area. Councilmember Wells offered to contact Ms. Finnell and discuss the letter.

WARRANTS: No warrants were approved as this Special Council meeting.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report. Mayor Lowry asked Clerk-Treasurer Spens to follow up with Town Marshal Branum and ask why Blockwatch was not used to inform residents of a car theft in the Village.

WATER REPORT: No report.

WABA REPORT: Julia Morse reported that the WABA Beach Cleanup is scheduled for May 14, 2005 and the Summer Picnic for July 16, 2005.

Ms. Morse reported that WABA President Jim Airy has set some aggressive goals for WABA in the upcoming year including a full review / update of the WABA bylaws and a comprehensive plan for the beach. She also reported that WABA planned to close the beach roads tomorrow for maintenance.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Councilmember Robinson reported that he plans to attend an upcoming Emergency Training session and will report on the results at a future meeting. He added that he plans to devote time to developing the Town's tailored Emergency Response Plan this summer.

DISCUSSION WITH JANE LAMENSDORF-BÜCHER ABOUT WRIA8 FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LAKE WASHINGTON: Mayor Lowry introduced Ms. Lamensdorf-Bücher outlining WRIA8 and the watershed studies they have been performing for the last several years. She then gave some background on the group, including their work to restore Chinook salmon as a result of the salmon's listing as an endangered species in 1999. She explained that WRIA8's focus is on four areas: Harvest, Hatcheries, Hydropower dams, and Habitat Degradation. She noted that Habitat Degradation, in particular, is a local issue and involves improving water quality, from which we all benefit, as well as enhancing spawning grounds.

After describing what WRIA8 is and what they have accomplished to date, Ms. Lamensdorf-Bücher discussed what the forum's Salmon Conservation Plan, which is available for public review and comment through May 26, 2005. She commented that the forum hopes that at least 9 of the local governments working on WRIA8 and representing at least 70% of the region's population will ratify the plan in June. She added that after the plan is ratified, local governments would need to determine what aspects of the plan to implement and how to obtain funding. She explained that with William Ruckelshaus, the first head of the US Environmental Protection Agency and now director of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, on board, the forum hopes to attract more attention and funding from the Federal government for state and local use.

Ms. Lamensdorf-Bücher closed by stating that the Interlocal Agreement among the regional cities and towns that has provided funding for WRIA8 is due to expire this year. She added that Councilmember Heckendorn is a member of the forum and will bring additional information to the Council as it becomes available.

Mayor Lowry and the Council thanked Ms. Lamensdorf-Bücher for her presentation.

LEBER REQUEST TO REMOVE TWO SMALL TREES ON TOWN RIGHT-OF-

WAY: Mayor Lowry asked Mr. Leber to present his request. Matt Leber introduced himself as the new owner of property located at 2721 – 105th Ave SE. He explained that he and his wife, Leslie, are in the midst of designing a new home to replace the small cabin currently on this property and that as their design has progressed it has become obvious that two small trees on the ROW pose an obstacle to their driveway design.

Mr. Leber noted that his lot is approximately 75 feet wide and 100 feet deep. He added that he and his wife are planning a home that can be built without variances, if possible, much as the Tegelers are planning on 104th Ave SE. He stated that if the Town will allow him to cut the two smaller trees on the ROW, he would be able to preserve a grove of large cedars that stand on the property.

After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Leber’s situation is very similar to that of the Tegelers.

MOTION: Councilmember Sharp moved to allow Mr. Leber to remove the two trees from the ROW PROVIDED he makes a formal submittal to the Town’s Building Official to prove that the location of his proposed driveway constitutes a reasonable design for an essential use while inflicting the least impact on the trees affected OR that the trees in question are diseased as determined by a certified arborist AND that he replace each removed tree with a drought-tolerant native specimen approximately 6 feet tall.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 219 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH KING COUNTY FOR DISTRICT COURT SERVICES:

Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that this issue was tabled at the February Council meeting so that Town Attorney Stewart could review the subject agreement and noted that he has not yet completed his review. Mayor Lowry introduced Tricia Crozier representing the District Court System.

Ms. Crozier opened her remarks by stating that the District Court aims to be the Court of Limited Jurisdiction for all communities within King County. She noted that the Court recently completed a master-plan reorganization in support of that goal and added that this court has become the most technologically advanced in the Northwest. She then explained that the contract before the Council tonight contains no startup or personnel costs – funding comes entirely from users of the court through filing fees.

MOTION: Councilmember Rose moved to adopt Resolution No. 219 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with King County for District Court Services pending final approval of the Town Attorney. Councilmember Heckendorn seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

DISAGREEABLE WATER SMELL: Councilmember Robinson commented that he

continues to experience a disagreeable smell in the water coming from some of the water taps in his home. Mayor Lowry commented that some homeowners have installed a whole-house filter to eliminate the problem.

TELEPHONE TRAFFIC REPORT 511: Councilmember Robinson stated that he has registered his dissatisfaction about changes to the 511 Traffic Report with those in charge of preparing it.

COTTAGE HOUSING: Councilmember Rose reported that the Cottage Housing committee plans its next meeting for April 13th. He added that the committee is working with an architect who is volunteering his/her time and that they hope to bring an ordinance forward to the Council for consideration in three to six months.

CROSSWALK INFORMATION: Councilmember Sharp distributed some materials on crosswalks and recommendations for their signage. He noted that the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices suggests certain signs be placed at certain distances from the crosswalk but that he believes these are just recommendation, not requirements.

SPEED HUMP COMPLAINT: Councilmember Sharp reported that he continues to work on the complaint heard by the Council in December regarding several speed humps in Town.

STREET WORK FOR 2005: Councilmember Sharp reported that he is reviewing the 2005-2010 TIP and the actual condition of our streets to determine what street work should be completed this summer.

STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Councilmember Heckendorn outlined legislative action underway during the current legislative session, which is due to end in mid-April.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that their next meeting is scheduled for May 10th and will be held at Aaron Sharp's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Wells moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer