

January 20, 2010

BOARD MEETING

Roll Call:: Michelle Sailor, Greg LaCombe, Janis Rabuchin, Denise Campbell, Joie Goodwin, Dawn Morse, Jane Maule

Call to order: 7:30 pm by Michelle Sailor, Chairman

Budget Review:

Greg LaCombe gave an accounting of funds for 2009.
Revenues for 2009 totaled \$4,313.13.
Expenditures for 2009: (\$2,763.41)
Net revenue over expenses: \$1,549.72
Cash in bank - 12/31/09: \$2,817.65

With the cutback of city funds, the Board discussed how they will fund 2010 special events. City will only be contributing \$650 in 2010, down from \$3,000 in 2009. The Board also discussed the needs for public funds and volunteers to help organize and pay for these events.

GENERAL MEETING

Introduction of Board Members

Introduction of Michelle Sailor, Chairperson; Greg LaCombe, Treasurer; Janis Rabuchin and Denise Campbell, Co-Vice Chairpersons, Joie Goodwin and Dawn Morse, Co-Secretaries; Jane Maule, City Watch Chairperson

Update on City Projects and Annexation - Dave Ramsey, City Manager

Dave Ramsey discussed the overall challenge of a \$15M budget shortfall for the City of Kirkland. Shortfall is primarily related to revenue sources down (i.e. sales tax down approximately 20%; utility tax and business tax also down). The City is meeting this shortfall by reducing headcount and cutting back city programs.

The council approved the annexation of surrounding areas like (Finn Hill, Kingsgate, Juanita, etc.) The annexation will make Kirkland the 12th largest city in Washington with a population of 80,000.

The BofA project is underway, the McLeod project (Hectors, Ben & Jerry's, etc.) is underway. The remodel of the transit center is also underway. The City has negotiated some additional parking space - approximately 100 paid parking spaces will be available in the March 2010 timeframe where the Antique Mall was located. The Metropolitan Market is expected to open in the summer timeframe in Houghton. No new development on the Totem Lake Project. Park Place is under design review.

Dave Ramsey will be retiring and the City will be interviewing candidates and inviting residents to share their views on what the city needs in terms of a new city manager.

Update on Parks Department - Michael Cogle, Park Planning

Michael provided an update on some of the cuts that will affect the Parks. Trash containers in many of the neighborhood parks have been removed as of January 1, 2010. City would like to remind visitors to 'pack out' whatever they 'pack in' to the parks!

The City is working on a project to draw water from the lake to maintain the Heritage Park lawn.

Budget for the Parks was cut by 15%. Volunteers are needed to help maintain our parks during these tough times. This is especially important in parks where ivy and blackberries are taking over.

Residents are encourage to e-mail Adam White at white.adam.n@gmail.com. Adam White is our Park Board Representative to the Market Neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer or 'adopt a park' - give Adam a call.

Update on Kiwanis Park - Carol Lee Powers, Steward

A tremendous amount of work has been accomplished over the lasts several years to save Kiwanis Park from ivy and blackberry invasion. With the recent budget cuts, we are at risk of losing all the good work that has been accomplished. Please contact Carol Lee Powers if you can volunteer any time to help keep this park under control. She can be reached by e-mail at: carolpower@comcast.net.

Announcement of Heathman Adoption of Heritage Park

The Market Neighborhood Association is pleased to learn that the Heathman has adopted Heritage Park. They will be helping to keep this park cleaned and trimmed. But ... they can always use more help!

Update on Market Neighborhood Website - Dawn Morse

Our website should be ready to launch within the next few weeks. We'll send you all an e-mail with the link once it is ready!

New Business/Items

Attendees had several questions about the budget, cutbacks, funding for the annexation, the condition of parks, 'facelifts' for parks to name a few!

Next MNA Meeting - March 17, 2010, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm