

Pinehurst-Beverly Park Neighborhood Meeting

July 25, 2023

Welcome

Gary James, Chair

Meeting venue: Outdoors in Lions Park

Attendance: 19 (All in person)

- Gary, Mike, Ken Smith, Deanna Duncan Smith, Michael Hill, Barbara Wheeler (Lions Club), Melanie Rose, Galen & Rachel Rieken, Theresa Davis, Tammie Gere, Eugene aka “Karen”, Art Olson, Paula Rhyne (City Councilmember, Dist. 2), Officer Gibbs, Officer Baumgardner, Officer House, Officer Setter, Sergeant (unidentified)

Police Report

Guns for Gift Cards event - Officer Gibbs

- When: August 13th, 10 AM - noon for Everett residents, noon - 2 PM for other Snohomish County residents
- Where: Old Wal-Mart property at 11400 Evergreen Way
- How: Bring unwanted guns, unloaded, safety on, secured in trunk or truck bed
- Why:
 - People inherit guns and then get burglarized
 - Reduces suicides
- There weren't enough gift cards last year, probably planning for more this year

Lions Park - Officer Baumgardner

- Roving patrols at approximately 3-hour intervals
- Eugene (introduced himself as “the Karen of the neighborhood”) observed and recorded activity in the park while it was closed and wanted to know where to send the video evidence
- 911 center is not equipped to forward photos or videos via text messaging. You can text 911 and request an officer to call you back; inquire at that time
- Once a case number is assigned, evidence may be uploaded to the web portal against the case number

Neighborhood Complaints

- Traffic safety in general
- Street racing on Evergreen Way
- Speeding on Beverly Blvd (Galen reports from 5-8 PM)

- Cars trying to bypass slow/stopped traffic using the center turn lane and/or parking/right turn lane. Suggested having a patrol car park in the center turn lane to discourage this.

Staffing

- Slowly growing from post-pandemic shortage
- It takes about a year and a half turnaround from hire to first solo patrol for a new officer

Graffiti

- Active graffiti should now be reported directly to 911 as this is pretty much always gang related
- “Cold” graffiti can be reported to the non-emergency line or the Graffiti Hotline
- The more you call, the better. Helps officers focus on trouble areas

Lions Park Work Party

Melanie Rose

- Event was held July 15th
- CPTED (sep-ted) effort - Parks personnel (Urban Forestry) cut back brush and removed debris before the event
- Neighbors spread 35 yards of mulch during the event after Urban Forestry was done
- Next event is to be scheduled on a Sunday so any leftover mulch can be immediately used by Parks personnel when they return the next day
- Choice of August 13, 20, or 27. Suggest 9 AM-noon to avoid heat of the day, but this can be flexible
- Parks needs to know 3 weeks in advance to procure wood chips
- Those interested in participating should message Melanie

Local National Night Out Event - Plans

Gary James

- Tuesday, August 1st, 6 - 8 PM, Lions Park
- Need 5, maybe 6, tables
- Public Works was interested in having a table to distribute information regarding the replacement of Reservoir 3. Three neighbors objected so we will not be extending that invitation
- Neighborhood Association table(s): information cards, police literature, water conservation swag
- CERT table: Signup sheets, pamphlets, Vickie Fontaine. Neighbor asked about joining CERT if one couldn't attend the event: online signup available from City of Everett website under CERT.
- Everett Public Library representative

- ECEAP (Early Childhood Education Assistance Program, pronounced “e-cap”)
- Lions Club - Barbara Wheeler
 - Two face painters
 - Books (mostly children’s, some adults’)
 - Collect old eyeglasses
- Sign-up sheet for volunteers passed around
- Requested approval for budget not to exceed \$250 - Passed without objection

Bylaws Committee

Melanie, Tammie, and Art agreed to participate. Melanie will chair. Bylaws should be adopted by October 31.

Council Update

Paula Rhyne

- Traffic and noise issues not unique to this neighborhood: Port Garner having similar issues at Rucker Ave. Built Environment Committee will address
- Officer Vacancies: 18, down from 50. All positions fully funded
- Speed Trailers requested for deployment on Beverly. Paula to contact Corey
- Waits Motel to be acquired via eminent domain, demolished, and new housing built on site. \$1.4 million budget
- ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) resolution: \$20 million grant, some funds yet to be allocated. Next up:
 - \$1 million to Compass Health
 - \$1 million to Housing Hope
 - \$150,000 to the Early Learning Center
- Music at the Marina - Served by Thursday - Saturday shuttle bus route
- Many events including Fresh Paint - See <https://visiteverett.com/>
- Wednesday Farmer’s Market at Everett Station is done for the season due to low turnout. Many of the same vendors will be at the Sunday market downtown (Wetmore Avenue)
- No right turn lanes off Madison at Beverly, which is awkward for drivers and bikers alike

Primary Elections

Ballots have been sent. Be sure to return them to a [county ballot drop box](#) or have them postmarked by August 1st.

Open Discussion

- New Neighborhood Association elections to be held after the Bylaws are finalized. Gary agreed to stay on as chair until the elections

- Reallocation of mini-grant funds not spent on National Night Out to occur at September meeting
- Consider a free or city-funded conferencing system rather than spending grant money on Zoom (strong objection from Melanie)
- Mass mailing is ineffective. Meeting people face-to-face in the neighborhood is key
- One of the purposes of bylaws according to the city is to restore accountability and neighborhood approval of budgets and projects
- We need more A-frame signs to advertise our meetings and events

Next meetings

August 1 - National Night Out (Lions Park) 6:00 - 8:00 PM (No meeting in August)

September 26 (Cascade High School) 7:00 - 8:15 PM