



THE VILLAGE AT FISHER'S LANDING

ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 13th, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Type: Meeting at Fisher's Elementary School, Multi-purpose Room

Present: Atul Mathur, Phil Brooke, Laura Mason, Cindy Finch, Toby Graff, Katherine O'Neil, Jolene George, Bill Hruby, Brian Kelly, Kathyellen Blovits, Howard Adler, Julie Gilbertson, Connie Cork, Dennis Hite, John Zimmerman, Lee Hudson, Randy Hudson, Valerie Adler, Bob Dehler, Heather Swoap, Sharon Santiesteban, Ronny Plushnick, Fran Hammond, Harry Barber, Austin Huang, Roxane Huang

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:55 pm by Atul Mathur, and the agenda agreed upon (note the **Business** items following).

Business

- **Neighborhood Police Officer:** Corporal Cole Larson addressed community concerns related to crime and safety. He serves as the NPO liaison between District 4 residents and the Vancouver Police Department. He answered questions concerning crime in this District, which is very low in the area of our neighborhood association. Currently the hotline for abandoned vehicles is not in service, so it is best to contact him directly. Email is most efficient. colelarson@ciityofvancouver.us His office Phone is #360-903-8020.
- **Financial Summary:** Laura Mason, Treasurer, presented the VFLNA Financial Report of 1/1/24 to 11/12/24. Currently the checking account has \$14,935.46 and the savings account has \$11,510.39. Annual Neighborhood Donations are running far behind prior years — currently only twenty-two homes have donated. Laura prefers that the donations request be sent to households in early September for budgeting purposes. It was suggested that much more publicity is needed regarding the visibility of the VFLNA, to bring attention to its worth. The current budgeting deficit is \$1,903.50 needed to cover ongoing budgeted landscaping costs for remainder of 2024. Ronny Plushnick suggested investing the saving in a Certificate of Deposit, as well as researching other financial institutions for our banking accounts. A copy of the complete financial report is attached.
- **Landscaping Review:** Laura Mason explained that the current landscaping contract is with J's Custom Landscaping, Inc. It is a nine-month contract, January through September, for forty-two weeks, paid monthly \$516.33. The landscaper maintains the outer areas on 164th Ave. and 34th St. The trees of Homeowners on other side of boundary fence produce debris, and shade encourages moss growth. The City of Vancouver recently planted six trees in tree wells along 34th, and concerns were raised regarding watering the trees. The sidewalk outside a homeowner's boundary fence remains the Homeowner's responsibility. However, homeowners do not handle this maintenance duty due to Difficult access, no parking available, and no utilities. Volunteers were recruited to discuss these ongoing landscaping problems and propose a solution: John Zimmerman, Toby Graff, Sharon Santiesteban, Bill Hruby, Dennis Hite.
- **Projects Update:** Cindy Finch presented a review of the three main VFLNA projects from the past year.
 - (1) Neighborhood Cleanup Day was held on April 20th in Fishers Landing School parking lot from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. We were partnered with Northfield Association. Evergreen Habitat for Humanity collected a truckload of re-saleable furniture. The Boelters took three pick-up-truck loads of donations to Open House Ministries. Bulky items, yard debris, chipped brush, and recyclable metals were collected by the City. VFLNA earned \$120 from the metal recycling contractor. Cindy Finch was chairperson.
 - (2) The Neighborhood Garage Sale was held on July 26th and 27th. Advance publicity was distributed in April and June, as well as advance signage at Village entrances. Participation was good. Katherine O'Neill served as chairperson.
 - (3) The Little Free Library project was granted monies from the City of Vancouver 2024 Community Grant Initiatives. Cindy Finch and Atul Mathur wrote a grant for \$500 for the cost of the library house

kit, and Quikrete. An association member will supervise the building of the kit with local youth, as well as donate the mounting post, lumber, and hardware. Association member Libby Clow has offered a spot on her tree lawn on SE 34th Way. A weatherproof brochure holder will also be mounted on the post to stock VFLNA newsletters and useful City materials. An Association book drive will gather initial books for the library. A Steward will rotate among residents to guarantee the contents of the Library. An additional Little Free Library grant was written for a second library, from the City of Vancouver 2025 Community Grant Initiative. This will be located on Fisher Drive, near 172nd.

- **CC&R Discussion:** Bill Hruby presented an update on current CC&R issues. He explained a specific home that has multiple ongoing maintenance issues identified by a group of neighbors, and presented to the CC&R Chairperson in a formal letter. Bill sent a letter from the Association to the homeowner with the formal letter from neighbors. Bill communicated by phone with the homeowner. Since 90 days have since passed, a new tactic will be used. Those attending felt that much more education is needed for VFLNA homeowners to understand their responsibilities. Those attending also felt that the CC&R issues should be better explained in the newsletter, with references to City regulations.
- **Open Board Opportunities:** Atul explained that it is important to have a full Board of Officers and Members at Large. It is beneficial to have one Board Member from each phase of VFLNA. Two association members were nominated to be Members at Large: Fran Hammond and Dennis Hite, with each nomination seconded. Those members attending the meeting voted unanimously for Fran and Dennis to join the Board.
- **Julie Gilbertson, the City Liaison for VFLNA,** explained her role, and provided these updates;
 - Vancouver has a new City Manager: Lon Pluckhahn
 - Vancouver is recruiting a new Police Chief
 - Comprehensive Plan: Our Vancouver - Comprehensive Plan 2045/ Be Heard Vancouver
 - Questions residents may have about potential Land Use or Zoning changes as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan can be directed to City staff at: ourvancouver2045@Cityofvancouver.us
 - Vancouver's 2025-26 Budget: Budget 2024-25-The City of Vancouver
 - One way to give input and feedback on City projects and initiatives is through www.BeHeardVancouver.org

Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Meeting notes submitted by Cindy Finch, Secretary