

LOWELL VOICE

Newsletter of the **L**owell Neighborhood **C**ivic **A**ssociation

May 19, 2014

*** ANNOUNCEMENT ***

Neighborhood Meeting

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7 PM - 9 PM

- 7:00 - 7:10 Police Report
7:10 - 7:15 Adopt Agenda and Minutes
7:15 - 7:45 Speaker-GreenEverett
7:45 - 8:15 Elections
8:15 - 8:45 Updates and summer plans
8:45 - 9:00 Good of the Order/Announcements

Location: Everett Gospel Mission House
2222-52nd Street

Purpose: The principle objectives and purposes of the *Lowell Civic Association* are:

- A.** To encourage neighborhood participation in attaining goals as set by the democratic process of the Association's membership.
B. To be the official Lowell neighborhood organization for any and all matters related to the Lowell neighborhood.
C. To identify neighborhood concerns and to establish priorities.
D. To serve as an advocate and representative voice to seek resolution of neighborhood concerns and issues.
E. To develop proposals to finance additional neighborhood services and facilities.

Executive Committee

Chair:	Megan Dunn	252-6265
Vice Chair:	Jackie Minchew	238-8657
Treasurer:	Ken Carlson	355-6664
Secretary:	Sheri Lungstrom	346-2481
Neighborhood Representative:		
	Elly Smith	330-5096
Historical:	Gail Chism	258-9381
Mini Grants:	Sheri Lungstrom	346-2481
Newsletter:	Megan Dunn	252-6265

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." --Margaret Mead

**A GREAT COMMUNITY IS AN
INVOLVED COMMUNITY – LET'S BE
GREAT THIS YEAR**

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From the Chair

Its election time again! According to our by-laws, we hold our elections every May. We need to elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Neighborhood Representatives (two). These are voluntary positions that oversee all the work of the Association. This summer, we'll need to plan the Night Out Against Crime event in August, and oversee our mini-grant funds, including improvements to the park sign.

In an effort to keep you informed so that you can catch up and come to a meeting without wondering what you've missed, we are printing our meeting minutes in this newsletter. Thank you to Sheri for her time to prepare them. Also included is information on the Monte Cristo awards; nominate a home or business in our neighborhood that you are especially proud of, due by June 1st to city. Lowell did not submit any nominations last year, so let's try to turn that around! See you at the meeting and contact any of us if you'd like more information on serving in leadership positions!

Megan Dunn, Chairperson

Speaker: GreenEverett Partnership

We'll hear from staff from the GreenEverett Partnership. This is partnership with the City of Everett and Forterra to maintain green spaces. Joanna Nelson de Flores will discuss the partnership, the project and answer any questions you may have. These are fun, community building events with multiple benefits-awareness, exercise and an improved environment!

From the Forterra website: "Forterra's Green Cities Program creates public-private partnerships with municipalities around the region to develop and implement community-based stewardship programs for forested parklands, natural areas and greenspaces. Everett is the latest addition to a network of Green Cities including Seattle, Kirkland, Tacoma, Redmond and Kent."

Rotary Park Bird Walk and Forest Restoration Event

May 31st 8am-1pm

Pilchuck Audubon is teaming up with the Green Everett Partnership -Everett's citywide effort to restore 354 acres of forested parks and natural areas. GreenEverett has an upcoming event at the Rotary Park on May 31st from 9 am to noon. Start the morning with a bird walk with Pilchuck Audubon from 8am-10am followed by habitat restoration work party 10am-1pm focused on removing invasive plants along the beautiful Snohomish River at Rotary Park. This area is prime habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife. It is also important to have healthy natural areas like Rotary Park to provide us with places to recreate, relax, and experience nature right in the city.

Time: Bird walk guided by Pilchuck Audubon 8am-10am. Work party 10am-1pm.

Where to meet and park: Main parking lot. Please do not leave valuable in your car! High theft area.

What to bring: Wear long sleeves and boots and dress for the weather (rain or shine). Bring water bottle to stay hydrated. Tools and snacks provided.

Address and directions to site: 3505 Lowell-Snohomish River Rd. Everett, WA

Day of event contact person: Sara Noland 425-210-3764

RSVP: greeneverett@forterra.org 425-238-0065

Thank You to the Parks Department!

You may have noticed construction at the Lowell Neighborhood Park! Our park had an aging shelter which was torn down in 2012. Later that year, and after LCA and dog park users brought concerns to the Everett Parks Board, the Parks department held a stakeholder meeting to get input on long term goals for this park. From that discussion, city leaders, park users and neighbors decided to allocate improvements to the dog park and replace the shelter. You'll notice a new covered area in the dog park, grass seed and a large pile in the corner. The main park has a concrete pad and green framing for a shaded canopy. It's the perfect place to rent for a birthday party or have an outdoor concert or movie. Time to get planning for the summer.

January 20th Membership Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:02 p.m.

Police report: Community members can access crime reports for neighborhoods at Crimemapping.com.

Process has changed and Everett PD is using "D-DACTS" (Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety) that is a more proactive approach to policing and community safety. Focus is on emphasizing patrol to combat crime in geographic "boxes" and letting criminals and others know there is a police presence in the area.

7:13 agenda adopted

7:15 Suzy Oversee from PUD and Katie Breene from Northwest Seed spoke about a new energy efficient heating program "Ductless Heat Pumps". Information was handed out and volunteers were requested to help

with the program locally. The program gives discounts to groups of neighbors who decide to use this new technology.

7:45 Mini grant discussion: Members voted to allocate \$500 for Night Out, holiday party and Red Barn party, \$400 for disaster preparedness, \$100 for a brochure, \$1000 for a mosaic in the park. Evelia Sanchez made motion to approve mini-grant allocations, Jackie Minchew 2nd—all voted in favor.

8:05 Gail Chism spoke about the Lowell book. Jackie made motion that once the 150th celebration funds are quantified that the rest of the funds will be used for the book. Elaine Wilson 2nd- all voted in favor

8:23 Polygon discussion: Members discussed concerns that the area's history be acknowledged and time and effort of Lowell residents in the community; tire fire; block grant; and Lowell neighborhood. Additional concerns include a split neighborhood and Lowell becoming the "other side of the tracks" as well as architectural style of the Polygon homes and compatibility with the Lowell neighborhood.

The ability to handle emergencies was also discussed to include vehicle access and alley/front/

Visions include a community that is bike and pedestrian encouraging/friendly.

Neighbors brought up flooding issues; and concerns were raised about the river and safety with kids: a flooding plan? When the water inevitably comes, what will be done to address erosion and where will the water go? Is there a disaster plan?

Neighbors made a comment about Lowell being a part of the solution.

Community center-museum free to community they join

Results of the discussion are Megan and Gail will write a letter and the Executive board will review the letter

9:02 Good of the order

Gail urged Lowell to support the Lowell Community Food Bank, which is Saturday from 11 to 2 at the church

Elly Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Megan 2nd-all voted in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:08.

March 17th Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Nick from Polygon spoke on Riverfront construction. Comments included hauling in dirt for safety and flood plain

Meeting Wednesday before City Council to adopt design guidelines

Polygon changed the product to include alley loaded homes

No change to timeline for work

Continuing work on getting tenants and letters of intent for the commercial side

Police report: 7:10 pm - Addressed concerns about speeding in the neighborhood

Polygon resumed at 7:20 pm

Alex asked question about channel in the river and will the city pay to extend?

Nick said some examples of the home are available online and on the city website

7:35 pm Alex gave presentation on riverfront and improving part of the river (Nick said he can ask) to involve restoration and not modification.

Gail provided update on the Lowell book; cost is approx. \$15K for 500 books; ready for publication in Oct. 2014

Ken provided treasurer's report

New business: getting new people involved and coming to the meeting; change bylaws (survey neighbors and tailor bylaws to feedback); Megan, Jackie, Gail, Alex, and Elly volunteered to work on changing the bylaws

Planning commission meeting to be held Tuesday at 6:30 at train station; City Council meeting Wed.

Jackie motion to adjourn, Ken 2nd. Adjourned.

