

Sunset Cove Homeowners' Association  
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
August 21, 2014  
Meeting Room of the Anacortes Library

**MINUTES**

Board attendees: Paul Allen, Barbara Ballentine, Vickie Cooley, Jackie Etsell, and Stan Singer.

Board absent: Victor Brzeg.

Members present: Bill Ballentine, Tim Cornelius, Cori Nelson, Jim Nelson, Lisa Scherer, Amy Schnabel, Chris Schnabel, Susan Singer, Linda Telles, Ron Telles, Bill Whittemore, Carrie Worra, and Dan Worra.

Guests: Captain Lou D'Amelio, Anacortes Police Department; and Eric Johnson, Anacortes City Council member.

**1. Call to Order and Welcome:**

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Ballentine at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Special Presentation:**

Captain Lou D'Amelio of the Anacortes Police Department led a discussion of neighborhood traffic issues and safety concerns. Neighborhood driving, he said, is the location where we tend to let our guard down. As far as pedestrian laws are concerned, there is no law about what you can't do in the streets. Since it is a driver's obligation to be overly conservative when driving, there is no real legal debate regarding who does (or can do) what. Hazards must be dealt with, but roads/streets are a shared resource. One cannot obstruct the roadway or cause a distraction to drivers. Pedestrians, including children, have an obligation to be respectful of drivers, and to make it clear (to a driver) when it is safe to pass (when a game/activity is stopped for the driver to pass, for example).

Specific issues brought up include:

- The stop sign at the top of the hill (where Washington Boulevard meets Washington Court) has become more of a "yield" sign, so few people actually stop.
- Perhaps the speed in the neighborhood could be reduced to 20 miles per hour from the current 25.
- A sign could be added at the entrance that children are in the area, to encourage more caution by drivers.
- A basketball hoop at the side of the street encourages dangerous play in the street itself.
- More police visibility or presence might discourage speeding.

Captain D'Amelio suggested that we come up with solutions that don't necessarily involve the police, and use the "power of the group" for ideas.

Eric Johnson pointed out that the governing body that reviews and approves speed limit changes, among other things, is the Traffic Safety Committee, and their next meeting is November 18, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

As far as security goes, Captain D'Amelio encouraged folks to watch out for each other. Lock your doors. Although most of the criminals in Anacortes are lazy – they usually look for the least protected property – there is still the criminal element with drug habits. The Auxiliary Patrol does a great job, meanwhile, and works closely with the police. Neighbors Stan and Susan Singer, Alan Hanson, and Joyce Young, are all members of the Auxiliary Patrol.

**3. Meeting Minutes and Finance Report:**

The minutes from the July meeting had been circulated electronically and approved as sent. The beginning balance for July 2014 was \$21,069.52. With expenses of \$6,675.52 and zero receivables the end of the month balance was \$20,394.00. The savings account balance was \$5,702.48. The treasurer report was approved by the Board.

**4. Committee Reports:**

4a. ARC – Vickie Cooley reported that the committee would again be meeting after this meeting, this time regarding a fence proposal at SCE Lot 2.

4b. Landscape – Paul Allen noted that now that the irrigation system is in at the entrance, deer-repellant plants need to be planted, like rhododendrons and daffodils; another letter will be sent soon to vacant lot owners about mowing; and no word has been received about mowing at the Gardens.

4c. Publicity – Barbara Ballentine reported in Victor Brzeg's absence that the community picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, at the main shelter at Washington Park. Jackie Etsell noted that the summer/fall newsletter was emailed July 21; hard-copies are available tonight.

**5. Old Business:**

Barbara Ballentine reported that the Shannon Point Shoreline Restoration Project has been placed on HOLD, until they (the Northwest Straits Foundation) can come up with a new plan and present it to the neighbors and City Council. The project is no longer on the "to-do" list for 2014. Jackie Etsell pointed out several recent newspaper articles in the Anacortes American which spoke to this issue.

**6. New Business:**

Eric Johnson noted that on August 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, everyone is invited to attend a workshop to discuss options for the MJB property along R Avenue.

7. The **next meetings** are scheduled for Thursdays, September 18 and October 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Anacortes Library.

8. The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Etsell  
SCHOA Secretary/Treasurer