

## **2018/02/26 HOA Board Meeting Synopsis**

### **Synopsis (7:10~8:30 PM)**

- This is the first set of minutes in several years that were done in a timely manner. The published minutes are a fair account of what happened.
- One thing missing from the minutes that was pertinent: John McConnaughey, PWS of Environmental Technology Consultants, the environmental expert the board has previously hired, sent the HOA a letter. He says that professional ethics require him to inform the board that according to his analysis, the HOA is financially liable for past/neglected maintenance of “Meadowland Park”. This might be remedied if he can send some sort of letter to the US Corps of Engineers to settle some question with the Washington State Department of Ecology. Apparently, the Corps of Engineers share jurisdiction over Lacamas Lake. A discussion of hiring John McConnaughey to write another letter/report ensues. The decision is to hire him again for an additional \$1,000.

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### **Opening Ceremonies (7:06PM)**

Roll Call - Marie Callerame, Pat Lambert, Tom Kelly, Ron Boyce, Mark Guthrie, Marty Elzingre  
Missing - Janine Smith

### **Audience Comment (7:08PM):**

- Cindi Marrinan reads a prepared list of questions. (Go to this link to see Cindi’s questions.) She questions the 2017 expenditures of the Wetlands project and refers to the recent decisions by the City of Camas, and the Washington Department of Ecology. How can the board choose to spend even more money to continue these failed efforts? Tom Kelley says that she will be answered later in the meeting.
- Richard Arnold has two topics: First, a comment on the February minutes. They are the first timely and reasonably accurate minutes in years. Secondly, a question from a neighbor: “If cutting the trees in the wetlands benefits only the board members, why not spend your own money on all these studies and legal efforts and spare the community this expense?” (The neighbor fears retaliation from the board and wants to remain anonymous.) I tell the board that I cannot presume to answer for the board and that in any case, words alone cannot answer such questions. Only your actions can speak for you.
- Many other neighbors are in attendance and ask questions similar to Cindi’s and mine. I did not get all the names.

### **Reports of the Officers (7:15PM):**

- Ron Boyce (by phone): The land use attorney needs more money. The HOA must get new bids to fix the Wetlands.

### **Land Use (7:48PM):**

- A general re-hash of past HOA board efforts and rationale behind these efforts. And a general back and forth with the neighbors in the audience. Tom Kelly again says that the Deeds of Dedication give the HOA the responsibility to maintain the Wetlands/bio-filter/Meadowlands Park/storm-drain. (It does not.) Tom Kelly later reads from the “DECISION GRANTING REVISION OF PERMIT #C-2-87” dated September 15, 1993. This document requires the developer to set up what we now call the “Wetlands” and discusses maintenance in the “Conservancy Zone”. It never mentions the HOA or any other on-going maintenance requirements. Much confusion. Various motions: To hire a Water Purity expert. (To what standards? What are we to look for?)... To hire a Storm Water System Expert. (Same questions as before.) All motions withdrawn.
- Mike Niquette wins the *bon mot du jour* award: He says that the board is just annoying the city and the state agencies. He says:... don't poke the bear... maybe the bear will put up with you for a bit,...then the bear will will knock you down with one swipe of its paw. DON'T POKE THE BEAR.

### **Closing odds & Ends (8:35PM):**

- A discussion of the annual meeting. In answer to an email I sent the board, Mark Guthrie says vaguely that they will try to handle the proxies correctly. (Mark has told me that I may not say more. His words are his own “intellectual property” and I may not quote him directly.)