

Mt. Baker Neighborhood Meeting Notes  
11/10/09 7:00 p.m. at Building Industry Association Building

Don Hale, President  
Stowe Talbot, Treasurer  
Robin Hitz, Secretary  
Joy Hale  
Ron Kowalski  
Bob Putich  
E. James Brennan  
Linda Stewart, City of Bellingham Staff  
Nicole Oliver, City of Bellingham Staff

I. Passed around previous minutes for everyone to review. Minutes are also posted on-line.

II. Discussion about the success of the Pioneer Human Services federal inmates facility in Irongate. Very structured, has an excellent record of not losing an inmate, work release program, substance abuse testing daily, concept is to release inmates into neighborhoods where they come from.

III. Nicole Oliver stated that Greg Aucutt will be working on planning issues concerning our split. City will bring the split to meetings in the first quarter of 2010, but the official decision won't be until the end of 2010 - even though it is expected to get approval from the city council earlier on in 2010. We can go ahead and incorporate both neighborhoods and start working within our 2 separate neighborhoods and get organized with new officers, changing by-laws if needed, recruiting new members, new articles of incorporation, new tax identification number, etc. The City is ready to help and is facilitating the split. Linda Steward suggested that the City have some public meetings concerning the split. Budgeted City funds for 2010 neighborhoods has been cut in half from last years amount to approx. \$500.

IV. Discussion concerning details of split resulted in decision that Irongate neighborhood will take over the old Mt. Baker Neighborhood Association by-laws, tax id no., etc. due to a lack of manpower (most active members are from the Barkley side). Barkley neighborhood will start new, or can copy the old by-laws. Stowe Talbot has electronic copies of by-laws for editing and changes.

V. Robin Hitz (Irongate) made a motion, seconded the motion, and voted to approve Don and Joy Hale as long-term members of the to-be Irongate neighborhood and are eligible to be board members/officers. Don Hale, for the time being, will continue to be the president of the Mt. Baker Neighborhood and future president of the Irongate Neighborhood until a new vote is held.

VI. Next neighborhood meeting, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 10:00 am. at the BIA Building in Irongate to work on separating into two neighborhoods, Barkley and Irongate. City Staff will be present to help facilitate meetings. Discussion on how to advertise meeting.

VII. Don Hale ended meeting at 8:00 p.m.