

SNG Community Building Committee

September 4, 2018

Present: Kerry Cashman, Diann Anders, Alexis Troschinetz, Julia Ockuly (Longfellow Seward Healthy Seniors), Alison Beech

Julia Ockuly from Longfellow Seward Healthy Seniors spoke about the work of her program. The program has clients in Seward and volunteers from Seward. The program would like to increase its engagement in Seward.

Kerry reported on NNO events. Alexis noted that her block party really doesn't want to have many activities; they'd rather just chat. About 20 completed bingo cards were returned to the office. The group felt that announcements really don't work well at NNO parties. Kerry reported that 26 block captains came in to get packets for their blocks.

Open Streets: The table cloth seemed to attract people. The artist sign up for Frolic was also fairly successful. The map activity continues to work, although the wind this year made it difficult. Everyone agreed that it is important from SNG to have a presence at Open Streets.

Annual Meeting: Do we want to Annual Meeting be more than just a social time? This year the food will be in the lobby area right behind the sign in table. Thought should go into improving the space for the silent auction. Perhaps develop a special bingo card that gets folks to ask a board member or go to a committee table. The card doesn't need to have as many squares. Alison suggested NCC has done a create a city with clay for kids. This sounds like a great idea. Possible do the cityscape mural as well.

Clay Classes: Start again this Wednesday at East (1 to 3) and next Monday at West (3 to 5) for the next 8 weeks.

Crime and Safety: Kerry reported that a car was burned by arson in the 9th Street area behind Seward East. The Fire department came, but the police never came despite the fact that there was a witness. The block residents are frustrated. Alexis reported that the Evergreen Block Club has been diligent in reporting questionable behavior. A map of Seward indicating where semi-truck parking is legal has been developed. Kerry has also sent out maps to the block leaders of the hot spots where neighbors are encouraged to walk.