

## North Douglas Neighborhood Association (ND Meeting 2/4/2024 (see signup sheet for attendance))

The meeting was held at Juneau Makerspace, which is a nonprofit organization that hosts events and provides studio and woodshop space for members. Conducts art projects and woodshop classes. Etc.

An overview history of the NDNA provided by Mike Stanley—nonprofit established in 2001. Not all neighborhood associations are nonprofits, but founders wanted the organization to have the credibility that a nonprofit brings to an organization. It also requires a Board of Directors.

Although the NDNA board has not been active recently, certain committees have been involved in issues such as the 2<sup>nd</sup> crossing committee. Need to reinvigorate the NDNA, especially since there are lots of activities in ND. Past committees looked at the proposed Golf Course and ATV use on N.Douglas.

Next who would be on the board was discussed. Mike nominated Ellen Ferguson (one of the founding members) to again be board president at this time and there were no objections. Doug Mertz is remaining on the board. It was important to residents in attendance that there be geographic representation. Younger members/residents were encouraged to volunteer for the board.

**New board members volunteered and were elected :** Dani Farrell, Matt Kern, and Doug Kolwaite

Ellen talked about how important membership is; Memberships help support and inform everyone along the highway of activities involving our neighborhood. Her goal is to increase membership and information sharing.

Treasury report will be given in the future. There's currently \$215 available. The annual PO Box is \$175. **Former president, Paul DeSloover has paid this year out of own funds.** Many new members and renewing members wrote checks to rejoin tonight. \*Again Treasury update will be forthcoming.

NDNA second crossing committee update from Mike Stanley—The PEL is at level 2 screening and the meeting is scheduled on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Reiterated that the NDNA is not taking a position because there are so many differences of opinion on the project since we represent such a large geographic area along the highway. **Mike stated that our involvement in the process has helped advocate for NDNA- like asking for a neighborhood plan, requesting follow up documentation, requesting that CBJ recognize that North Douglas Highway is a residential highway, ???**

Merry Ellefson emphasized that we want to be at the table and that we want a neighborhood plan, just like many of the other neighborhoods. Thane, Downtown Juneau, West Juneau, Lemon Creek, Auke Bay etc.

Terry Tibbit gave an update on the Bonnie Brea Neighborhood Association. She went over the new subdivision that was a part of the BB original plan. It's 12 new lots of 5 acres. The new higher development has caused drainage problems, there's a lack of stop signs, and there's lots of heavy truck traffic. NDNA will eventually add a link for BB on the new NDNA website.

Douglas Advisory Board—minutes on the CBJ website. There are 7 members, but only 1 ND resident- Terry Tibbit, the other 6 people are not from ND.

Mike Stanley mentioned that Jim Powell is putting together information together for the neighborhood regarding cruise ships and tourism. 2/20. Notes to follow.

Presentation on the NDNA website by Rob Heide [Home | NDNA, Juneau, AK \(northdouglasneighborhoodassociation.com\)](http://northdouglasneighborhoodassociation.com)

It's in the beginning stages and can be added to it. The annual fee is likely to be \$360, but often there are deals. Like the P.O.Box, the website will be an important part of members dues; Merry and Wayne paid for this year. There is an email associate with the website—still figuring out who has access, but should be easier to address access now that there are new board members. We had a live demonstration about adding a membership. \*Please include your first and last name along with email address. There can be banners added for events that disappear after the event. There is a Second Crossing Committee page.

Julie Bednarski—brought up the school budget issues and the urgency on timing since many decisions are being made- like school closures. After meeting, she provided Ellen with email that Ellen sent to the NDNA website's email list. Please join website if you have not yet done so yet.