



2017 WPOA Board Members

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PROXY VOTES AND BUDGET

Earlier this year, two board members thoroughly reviewed all the historical WPOA documents in several boxes that were inherited from the previous WPOA president. They discovered a previous (1989) by-law revision that allows a property owner unable to attend a meeting to specifically designate a proxy to vote on the homeowner's behalf using a form authorized by the board. This previously adopted revision has been incorporated into the bylaws available for download at the website (<http://wpoa.us>) as Article I, Sections 3 and 4. Please view <https://wpoa.us/covenants-bylaws-and-maps/> for the proxy voting form.

Street Lighting:

In response to concerns about safety and energy efficiency, the Wilderness Board of Directors has been investigating an upgrade to our current street lights; by transitioning to brighter and more energy efficient LED lighting.

Puget Sound Energy has indicated this would require replacement of the entire top part of the light fixture, and not just swapping out bulbs. Since there are no funds in the current budget for this work, the board has decided to stage it over several years, and use residual funds from previous year budgets to start.

With the savings from the newly installed LED lights, additional money can then be put toward new lighting. Staging of the project will take a few years to completely replace all lights. More detailed information about the lighting project will be provided at the semi-annual meeting June 8.

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Semi-Annual Meeting

When: June 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Where: Grace Community Covenant Church, 5501 Wiggins Road.

Please send us your email address if you have not in the past.

WPOA 2017 Budget	Budget Amount	Actual (5/11/17)
Income	280 lots x \$175	
Income from WPOA dues	\$49,000	\$46,725
Expenses		
Greenbelt/Tree Management	\$21,205	\$4,728
Common Area Maintenance	\$13,590	\$5,569
PSE (Street Lights)	\$9,500	\$3,995
Insurance	\$3,360	\$0
Print/Copy	\$200	\$0
Meeting Hall Rental	\$150	\$0
PO Box Rental	\$135	\$130
Postage	\$100	\$0
Supplies*	\$100	\$105
Legal/Filing Fees**	\$100	\$46
Storm water fees	\$40	\$0
Taxes	\$20	\$11
Contingency	\$500	\$0
Total	\$49,000	\$14,584

* Check printing charges for new bank account

** Includes website hosting/domain registration fees

WPOA Position Available:

We are currently seeking a WPOA Member-at-Large position for the Board. If you are interested in being an active member of the Board, please contact Larry Rus (President) at 360-491-1101.

Mailboxes Security Concerns:

Recently there were reports of mail theft in the local area. Wilderness residents may want to evaluate their mail security. How the mail is received is a choice left to each resident. There are currently no set standards in the covenants or bylaws for mailboxes within Wilderness. The only requirement is the mailbox must meet standards set by the United States Postal Service. A good first step would be to talk with your local delivery person. **Learn more at:**

<http://www.theolympian.com/news/local/crime/article144405909.html>.

Detailed Images of Your Incoming Mail

Participate in this new USPS® service enhancement test and get images of the mail that will be placed in your mailbox each day. Black and white images of your actual letter-sized mail pieces, processed by USPS® sorting equipment, will be provided to you each morning. Flat-sized pieces, such as catalogues or magazines, may be added in the future. Participation is limited to certain ZIP Codes™ at this time. **Learn more at:** <https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>