

## **North Beacon Hill Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

**7:00 PM**, Beacon Hill Library Community Room

### **Introductions and Department of Neighborhoods Update.**

Chair Melissa introduced the Council meeting.

#### **Department of Neighborhoods**

Steve Louis from DON discussed recent events. Councilmember Rasmusson is working on issue of crosswalk lights not working in front of the Beacon Hill Library. SDOT picked three projects for feasibility study for street fund projects. The 14<sup>th</sup> and College project was picked as one of the three projects.

#### **SPD.**

Mark Soloman from the Seattle Police Department discussed public safety issues. SPD may increase patrols around newer infrastructure like cross-walks, greenway, etc. There has been a recent increase of car prowls in the neighborhood. A Mayor's meeting is scheduled for March 22 regarding the Safe Communities initiative.

There has been spotty participation in the Beacon Hill voluntary alcohol restrictions. There has been a problem with drunks in the library, according to library employees. SPD is hiring more officers again.

#### **Street Stories**

A combined effort between Feet First, Jefferson Park CC, National Park Service and the Washington Association of Landscape Architects is working with high school students to develop videos discussing walkability and biking. The videos will be presented at the Beacon Hill Festival.

#### **Sound Transit Repaving.**

Sound Transit representatives discussed the repaving and changes to Beacon Avenue in front of the Light Rail station. The work has been planned to fix damage to the street as a result of truck traffic during station construction. A median is planned in the middle of the two lanes. The median is included to prevent passing around cars stopped for pedestrians. The median is going to be all concrete, without any plantings. Plans are at 90%.

#### **SDOT RPZ**

SDOT representatives presented current status of RPZs. Currently, light rail stations are only areas allowing businesses to buy RPZ permits. They are evaluating status of this practice and possibility of eliminating RPZ eligibility for businesses. Currently conducting a survey evaluating options.

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**Pac Med Building.**

Rosemary Aragon discussed that there are three potential tenants for the Pac Med building. Tenants include educational, market rate apartments, and office uses. A public meeting will be happening in May or June.

**Lewis Park**

Dee Dunbar discussed the Opportunity Fund project. Friends of Lewis Park is exploring purchasing additional lots adjacent to Lewis Park to expand and improve access to Lewis Park. Approximate value is \$400,000. Next public meeting is April 22.

**Beacon Hill Garden Club**

Beacon Hill Garden Club is conducting a “Hill of Beans” through growing season promoting growing beans in Beacon Hill. Bean seeds will be available for planting.

**Rockit Space**

Rockit Space is looking for volunteers for Beacon Rocks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Board discussed renewing the NBHC bylaws.

Raffle ticket sales were \$211. The Board picked tickets for five prizes.

The Executive Committee adjourned.