

North Beacon Hill Council Board Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Jefferson Community Center

1. Attendance

a. Attendees

- i. Maria Batayola
- ii. Stephen Daspit
- iii. Linda Jensen
- iv. Amy Kaminishi
- v. Mira Latoszek
- vi. Roseanne Lorenzana
- vii. Miguel Maestas
- viii. Lee Nathan
- ix. Kathryn Rathke
- x. Erik Stanford

b. Unexcused absences

c. Excused Absences

- i. Kathy Colombo

2. Minutes review

- a. The board agreed to complete review of January and February minutes by end of day Thursday. **Lee** agreed to send March and April minutes by Sunday, for the board to approve by Thursday, April 14.

3. Treasurer report

- a. Bank account balance: \$420.62, as of April 1, with a \$90 payment for Cinco de Mayo booth with BHMA pending.
 - i. Amy requests a motion to approve \$10 annual renewal notice for nonprofit status with the Washington Office of Secretary of State. Stephen so moved, Maria seconded. The vote was as follows: in favor: 8, opposed: 0, abstentions: 0. The motion passed.

4. Committee Report

a. Administration and Organization

- i. No new updates. Mira plans to research obtaining 501c3 status.

b. Community Engagement

- i. The board agreed to substitute the originally-outlined Community Engagement and Outreach and Recruiting committees' action items for the Beacon Hill survey work plan elements related to community engagement and outreach.

c. Outreach and Recruiting

- i. See not for Community Engagement above.

5. Letter for speed limit change proposal

- a. No quorum was available for a vote at the time.

6. Elections

- a. The board does not presently have an understanding regarding which board positions will be open for upcoming elections. Maria has planning tool to increase diversity, and suggests a longer recruitment period.
- b. Maria made a motion to delay elections from May as required by bylaws to September to allow more time to recruit more diverse NBHC board applicant pool. The Board was hesitant to approve the motion without general public input. The proposal was tabled until review with general meeting.

7. Beacon Hill Safe Streets' Speed Limit Proposal
 - a. BHSS's change only affects unmarked streets. The proposal as written seems to encourage split speed limits throughout the city. Discussion ranged from the wisdom of a city-wide approach to Beacon-Hill-specific application. Stephen agreed to pose the question to the general membership during the meeting.
8. El Centro's Cinco de Mayo Festival
 - a. Booth Staffing at festival was discussed. Board members agreed to staff the booth, and **Stephen** agreed to create a Doodle poll to arrange additional volunteers.
9. GDDC moving meeting dates
 - a. NBHC to come to a consensus and work with Antoine
10. Linda moved to adjourn, Stephen seconded. The meeting adjourned.

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1. Announcements/Updates
 - a. Greater Duwamish District Council (GDDC) update by Stephen Daspit
 - i. A dedicated city staffer will not be retained for GDDC.
 - ii. The Move Seattle Levy includes \$24m to fund Neighborhood Street Fund (NSF) projects on SDOT property. The application deadline is April 17.
 - iii. CM Harrell was present at the council's March meeting.
 - b. Closing Occidental Street, by Port of Seattle commissioner Stephanie Bowman
 - i. Seattle City Council faces a decision to close Occidental St in SODO. Experts advise that the infrastructure in the area cannot sustain a combined event attendance over 72,000 people.
 - c. National Park Service update by Charles Beal
 - i. National Parks Week is April 16-24. Jefferson Park will participate in nationwide Park Rx day on Sunday April 24, 2-4 pm.
 - d. Small and Simple Grant update by Maria Batayola
 - i. Survey will be distributed between May and July. The steering committee is convening; many volunteers are needed to succeed.
2. Question and Answer session with Councilmember (CM) Bruce Harrell
 - a. CM's office is seeking to hire another staffer to represent CM Harrell at all community meetings.
 - b. Occidental Street was partially closed in 1996 to build Safeco Field. A Traffic Management Plan and other conditions would be required should the city agree to close it again.
 - c. CM Harrell is a proponent of a gunfire locating system, and has budgeted for a trial system ('ShotSpotter') in the current budget. He disagrees with the ACLU's concerns with ShotSpotter. State law prohibits the city from prohibiting guns; CM Harrell encourages contacting state legislators to overturn the law. CM generally does not talk with other councils, possible entry points into gang culture and views collaboration with other councils as a potential improvement area.
 - d. SPD Sgt Osborne stated that 66% of shots fired reports have been confirmed. 380 hours of police overtime for April have been approved; crime hotspots include Rainier and Henderson, Garden, and Orcas intersections.
 - e. An attendee noted the insufficient lighting outside Beacon Hill International School, potentially leading to more crime. CM Harrell will follow up on this with Seattle Parks and City Light.
 - f. Attendees voiced concern about negative aspects of opioid clinic at 1701 18th Ave S, and requested a Race and Social Justice analysis regarding its placement. CM Harrell stated that the city is not placing these entities, but properties are simply more economical in South Seattle. CM Harrell referenced a \$3.5m Economic Opportunity Center for tech firm mentoring as a positive investment in District 2.
 - g. Seattle is spending \$11-20m out of the \$930m August housing levy for homelessness. Other Councilmembers are travelling to Houston to review the city's aggressive case management approach to homelessness. Seattle currently employs a provider-based, broad scale solution. Barbara Poppe has been retained as 'guru' and suggests an individualized, case-based strategy.
3. RPZ policy review with SDOT's Becky Edmonds, Margo Polley
 - a. The RPZ program was established in 1979 to mitigate major institutions' impact on neighborhoods, but the program did not change as Seattle grew. SDOT is performing ongoing

data collection and research and forecasting growth 5 and 10 years ahead to anticipate upcoming development in Beacon Hill. Residents may comment on the RPZ policy update by sending email. A draft policy will be ready in fall 2016

- b. There was concern about a lack of enforcement of RPZ, especially for game-day parkers near light rail.
- c. The low-income RPZ policy allows for a \$10 pass, while the normal pass is \$65.
- d. A community can request a RPZ designation. SDOT receives the request, studies the area (targeting at least 10 contiguous blocks), and develops the zone collaboratively with the community.
- e. Allowing employees to park in an RPZ originally wasn't permitted, but was allowed after community input. RPZs around South Seattle have legislative provisions to cease issuing employee parking passes if deemed necessary.

4. Old/New business

- a. Maria Batayola advocates attendees form ad-hoc committees for topics that interest them.
- b. NBHC Elections
 - i. NBHC bylaws state elections occur in May. A proposal to move elections to September would allow for a longer recruiting period. A motion was made 'that NBHC suspend their bylaws and postpone the 2016 elections from May and hold them in September for this year for recruitment and diversification of the council.' Erik Stanford seconded.
 - ii. A friendly amendment was made to state that 'diversification goals include people of color, a closer Board representation to the population within North Beacon Hill, and a diversification of experience and skills.' The motion was so amended.
 - iii. Mira called the vote. In favor: 25, No: 0, Abstained: 1. The motion passed.
- c. Beacon Hill Safe Streets Speed Limit Proposal
 - i. BHSS requests NBHC's support of a speed limit reduction proposal, lowering default residential limit to 20, and arterials to 25 mph if not posted otherwise. Neighborhood Parks and Streets Funds projects require a study to show a traffic problem exists - lowering speed limits would lower threshold required to get funds.
 - ii. A motion was made 'that the council support the proposed change.' The motion was seconded.
 - iii. A friendly amendment was made 'to share information with GDDC and Seattle City Council.' Stephen seconded.
 - iv. Mira called the vote. In favor: 17, Opposed: 0, Abstained: 8. The motion passed.
- d. May NBHC meeting focus by Roseanne
 - i. A 6:30 open house with posters and a large portion of the meeting will focus on airplane overflights and the Port of Seattle.