

Beacon Hill Council Meeting
September 12, 2017
6:30 pm
Jefferson Park Community Center

1. Welcome and Hello Neighbor
2. Old Beacon Hill Council Business/Announcements:
 - a. Farewell and thanks to Lee Nathan - incredible board member and Secretary of BHC
 - b. Upcoming community meetings to gather input for the Beacon Hill Air & Noise Pollution & Health Problems Community Action Plan (meeting dates/times/locations attached at end of agenda). Maria and Roseanne
 - c. Friends of Lewis Park announcement by Rick Paulsen. The restoration project is nearly complete, but the group is applying for DoN matching funds grant to foster long term restoration of the park. Community support is needed in time and money. A sign-up sheet for volunteering is available at <http://www.lewispark.org/>.
3. Welcome and Introduction to Laura Jenkins
 - a. new Department of Neighborhoods Community Engagement Coordinator
 - b. Laura Jenkins and Yun Pitre of DON
 - i. Representatives to connect residents with city services. Yun is primary contact for Beacon Hill, and Laura is helping her.
 - ii. Parking Day to convert a parking space to a parklet is this Friday. El Centro de la Raza will be participating..
4. Find It, Fix It Community Walk on Saturday, October 7th
 - a. Presented by Paige Magan, Program Coordinator. This community walk is focused on pedestrian safety and organizers are seeking feedback from neighbors. The mayor's resignation will impact schedule of walk. Preparation work is necessary for planning route and other activities.
 - b. How would the Beacon Hill community spend \$3k of grant money for a volunteer-led project? Other neighborhoods have purchased community cleanup materials, created planting strips, painted murals, and others.
 - c. Question about pedestrian safety after fatal accident at Beacon and McClellan. This has been in the neighborhood plan for 20 years.
 - d. Question about missing crosswalk flags at north end of Jefferson Park
5. Eng House Rehabilitation by Plymouth Housing Communities
 - a. Presented by Hilary Evans and Nancy Smith
 - b. Plymouth is planning to rehabilitate an existing single-family home to create eight new units of affordable housing in North Beacon Hill, seven of which will provide permanent supportive housing for residents under 30% AMI. 8 properties are associated with the program currently, in Ballard, West Seattle, and the Central district. Under the program, Harborview Hospital provides case management, and Plymouth provides companionship and property. Plymouth is purchasing from a long-time homeowner and plans to renovate the property while keeping exterior appearance. Plymouth announced the project to 200 nearby neighbors and held a community forum. The project is funded through donations, the Seattle Office of Housing, and Federal Home Loan Bank grants, among others.
 - c. Current properties (House of Healing and the Hofmann House) provide stable housing for people transitioning out of mental health treatment and homelessness after 3-6 months. The group came to the council 17 years ago for approval! Survey showed 82% reduction in re-hospitalization.
 - d. Community engagement includes seeking local neighbor volunteers.

6. Affordable housing and displacement issues relating to 1807 13th Ave S
 - a. 44-unit micro development across from Beacon Hill International School to replace a 4-unit apartment building. Units are described as 'small efficiency units.'
 - b. An example of broader housing justice issues for people displaced by development and gentrification
 - c. Presenters have no confidence that affordable housing will be considered, due to lack of engagement with public agencies. 150 sq ft for \$1000 per month, so not family-friendly.
 - d. Presenters' requests include:
 - i. No displacement of current residents
 - ii. At least 25% affordable units for family
 - iii. Family-friendly building design
 - iv. Neighborhood community review of project
 - v. Right to return to neighborhood
 - e. The property was purchased March 2016 but no change resulted from a permit application. A new application was submitted recently. The presenters feel that a window of comment period for DCI is imminent, and only 14 days long.
 - f. Eventually, the presenters would like to have a moratorium on development until more community input can be gathered
 - g. Presented by Kristyn Joy and board-member Esther Little Dove "Dove" John
 - h. Decisions for council
 - i. Will the council send a letter raising concerns about the project to help trigger a review with DCI?
 1. Attendees showed interest in a letter
 2. A motion was made to write a letter in support of a community meeting to hear views about this project.
 3. The motion was seconded
 4. The vote was called. 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. The motion was approved.
 - ii. Will the council agree to share a petition for community letter-writing to the email list and on the website?
 1. Motion was made and seconded
 2. The vote was called. 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. The motion was approved.
 3. Post BHCS letter and the group's petition
 - i. Community feedback.
 - i. Single room occupancy is not a model that works for housing
 - ii. Why not petition the developer? There is a potential to miss the comment window with city.
 - iii. Arrangement of units is thought to be with full bathrooms.
 - iv. What is average tenancy for these units? Layout is not conducive to long-term tenants.
 - v. What is the goal of having a meeting? Media and broader government awareness of the issue is a goal.
7. Affordable housing issues relating to Beacon Crossing development
 - a. 99-unit apartment complex proposed for 2505 Beacon Ave S. (former Inay's restaurant site) with only 3 affordable housing units.
 - b. Mostly studio and 1-bedroom units. No parking spaces. Cacima will be meeting with the developer, Scott McDonald, this Friday, hoping to convince developer to come to a future BHCS meeting. In this discussion, Cacima represents herself

and not the Board.

- c. Community feedback for Cacima to mention at the meeting includes:
 - i. More affordable units
 - ii. More parking
 - iii. Livable development, more family-friendly units
 - iv. More local businesses. More Filipino restaurants.
 - v. More commercial diversity, less beauty parlors and hair salons
 - vi. Quality signage, preferably 'blade' signs
 - vii. Art element, preferably by a local artist
 - viii. Right of return, especially for people of color who have historically been displaced
 - ix. Affordable community and performance space
 - d. Presented by board-member Cacima Lee
8. New Business
- a. Tree walk about tree biodiversity on Sunday, September 17. Meet at 10am outside Victrola coffee, RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DVFCS7>.
 - b. Neighborhood meeting about 15th and Oregon intersection project planned for Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm at Jefferson Community Center.
9. Feedback, Thank you & Goodnight.

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1. Attendees
 - a. Amy Kaminishi
 - b. Mira Latoszek
 - c. Cacima Lee
 - d. Roseanne (proxy for Dove)
 - e. Miguel Maestas
 - f. Lee Nathan
2. Administrative/Minutes (Lee)
 - a. August minutes to be voted on via email
 - b. Lee plans on consolidating secretary notes and sharing with group.
 - c. Mira agreed to investigate method for listing BHCS community group on NextDoor
3. Financial Report (Amy)
 - a. Balance is \$804.48
 - b. Administrative \$2 charge in the last month. Amy agreed to investigate this.
4. Action from the Community Meeting (All)
 - a. 1807 13th Ave S Project
 - i. Lee moved for the council to write a letter to Carly Guillory and Nathan Torgelson at Seattle DCI in favor of a public meeting about the project. Motion was seconded.
 1. 7 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.
 - ii. Lee moved to share petition and encourage input from neighbors via the BHCS website and email list. The motion was seconded.
 1. 7 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion passed.
 - b. Inay's project
 - i. Cacima will go to meeting with developer as a community member who is on the BHCS board with goal of bringing the developer to a future BHCS meeting. Her comments to the Developer do not represent the Board's position, if any.
5. Election of new Secretary
 - a. No responses about interest in the secretary position have been received from the Board. The idea of rotating secretary duties was discussed. Mira agreed to ask the broader group about interest via email. Cacima indicated interest, but will think about it.
6. Mini-retreat on Interests/Goals
 - a. Mira proposed moving the retreat to December and replacing it with the general meeting for that month. Attendees generally agreed with the December idea.
7. Others
 - a. Elections
 - i. A suggestion was made to not allow officer elections to be delayed in the future, and to adhere to our bylaws.
 - b. Website
 - i. Our current website registration ends in December. Mira agreed that a discussion regarding future website decisions should take

place during the October meeting.

c. Topics for next meeting

i. Website discussion

ii. PacMed project discussion

iii. Privatization of park facilities

iv. Introduction of the new police liaison officer, April Ryan.

8. Adjourn

a. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting adjourned.