

North Beacon Hill Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

7:00 PM, Beacon Hill Library Community Room

Introductions and Department of Neighborhoods Update.

Chair Melissa introduced the Council meeting. Board members in attendance included: Melissa Jonas, Chris Bailey, Amy Kaminishi, Erik Stanford, Lee Nathan, Judith Edwards, Miguel Maestas, Roseanne Lorenzana, and Mira Latoszek.

Melissa Jonas discussed the GDDC. The GDDC meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. GDDC is seeking new officer candidates.

Tuesday January 6 is the next NBHC meeting. The agenda planning meeting is on Wednesday December 17.

Jefferson Park Teem Program

Jean Lee at Jefferson Park community center was not able to attend. The teen program at the Jefferson Park Community Center engages teens with neighborhood projects and is currently helping the Garden Club with projects.

Beacon Arts

Beacon Hill Meaningful Movies is screening another movie on December 19, titled "Nothing Like Chocolate", a movie about the Grenada Chocolate Company and sustainable chocolate production.

Beacon Arts is raising funds for events and is accepting donations on their web site. Beacon Arts have been having work parties at the triangle property at the intersection of Beacon Avenue and 15th Avenue.

Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority (PHPDA.org)

Jeff Nader discussed progress for the PHPDA development and their grant process. Grants totaling \$1.5 million have been distributed. Applications for the next round of grants are due soon. They are also developing a nimble fund for small programs up to \$50,000. The PHPDA is planning to add a staff of 3 or 4 employees.

The Pacific Medical Center will be staying in their location and has a lease through 2021. Local State Legislature offices will be relocating to the tower. Seattle Central will have 800 to 1,000 students from the nursing program located at the tower. The anticipated opening of the Fare Start cafeteria will be delayed.

Safe Routes to School

Brian Dougherty from SDOT discussed the Safe Routes to School project. SDOT is working with Mercer Middle School to develop safe walking and biking routes to school. They are designing a biking and walking path on the west side of Jefferson Park to allow

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a path to Mercer that doesn't go through the Park. Design is currently at approximately 60% and construction is planned for Summer to Fall 2015.

Sound Transit Bike Storage

Rebecca Rousch at Sound Transit discussed the plan to construct a bike shelter at the Beacon Hill Station. Sound Transit received a federal grant to construct secure bike storage. The plan is to construct a secure room that has more bike storage than the existing lockers. The existing lockers are assigned and there is a wait list for spaces. The bike shelter will have 48 spaces that will also be assigned to individuals. There will be security cameras and other emergency components within the shelter structure.

Cheasty PAT

Jon Jainga from Parks discussed the Cheasty PAT process. November 20 was the 3rd meeting. The landscape architect for the project presented a 1st draft of the preliminary design. A public outreach meeting will be held on December 3 at the Rainier Boys and Girls Club. The next PAT meeting will be on January 29, 2015. The environmental engineer will be reviewing the data and report back in January. In mid-February, a preliminary build layout will be prepared and an additional outreach meeting will be held in February. A March 5 public meeting is planned. The project is planned to go to the Parks Board in April and City Council in May.

El Centro Project

Kate Gil de la Garza discussed the plan to connect the paving on the El Centro project with the paving in the right of way of the Festival Street. The plan to extend the pavement patterns planned for the El Centro plaza onto the sidewalk will be added to the project design for bidding.

El Centro will be coordinating subcontractors with an emphasis on hiring low-income workers.

NBHC Board openings

There are three recent openings on the NBHC Board of Directors as a result of recent resignations. Nominations were solicited for Board members. Kathy Colombo, Linda Jensen, and Yuni Castorena were nominated. The nominations were seconded, and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The NBHC Board of Directors met following the regular meeting.

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The Board reviewed minutes for the November meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved.

The Board discussed protocol for responding to emails sent to the NBHC address. Lee will review potential methods for sending auto-response messages.

The Board discussed filling the Vice Chair position. Miguel Maestas and Myra Latoszek had been nominated previously for the position. The board discussed election methods and decided to vote for the position by secret ballot. The election was a tie. A motion was made to have 2 co-vice-chairs. The motion was approved, with 3 abstentions.

The Board adjourned.