

**Beacon Hill Council Meeting**  
**Jefferson Community Center**  
**Tuesday, December 7, 2016**  
**6:30 pm**

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Announcements:

1. Seattle Micro Policing Plan update by Brooke Bray
  - a. Survey results: 120 respondents from North Beacon Hill, 81 from Middle , 65 from South Beacon Hill. Survey data is very helpful in developing the micro policing plan for Beacon Hill.
2. Urban Landscape Home Ownership and their Benefits by Nick Neverisky, UW grad student
  - a. Would like to talk with interested homeowners to find out how homeowners perceive benefit from homeownership. More info at <http://bit.ly/homeowner2016>
3. Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority (PHPDA) update by Jeff Natter, Executive Director
  - a. PHPDA is the only PDA in Washington chartered as philanthropy, uses revenue to fund programs benefitting underserved populations.
  - b. Grants include an after hours clinic targeted for working poor as emergency room diversion. \$3m saved in emergency room costs, a Dental van for low-income children, a Transgender clinic, and an Asian counseling and referral for mental health care.
  - c. PHPDA is the only PDA in the state with no development authority. It is amending its charter to allow them to have the development role. North parking lot lease is ending. PHPDA plans to buy the lease and develop it as several hundred units of low income housing. Since they are outside the Urban Village, the plan includes one parking per living unit, preserves landmark trees along the perimeter, and is required to develop buildings that in architectural language similar to existing structure. More information at PHPDA.org.
4. Beacon Hill Merchants Association (BHMA) Update by Angela Castañeda, Executive Director
  - a. Wayfinding poles, signal box wraps, and bus station canvases are on the way! Plaza de Roberto Maestas motif patterns used in artwork. 2017 proposed projects include 'Welcome to Beacon Hill' signage and community crosswalks with Beacon Hill Safe Streets, free small business consulting with Office of Economic Development and other partners.
  - b. BHMA contractor GraffitiBusters clean up local graffiti. Planning more cleanups in 2017, and has free paint for residents to clean up graffiti.
  - c. King County Metro's bus layover plans led to meetings with BHMA, KC Metro, SDOT, Safe Streets, and others about placing a full traffic signal at Lander and Beacon.
  - d. Beacon Hill Library is closed for renovation from January 9 through sometime in February. Numerous organizations use the library meeting room. A rent party will raise money for BHMA's rent, December 10, 6:30-9ish at Fioravanti.
5. Urban Village Plans by Maria Batayola
  - a. Follow-up survey at Centilia survey celebration, refining what we're sending to council. Mayor used HALA focus group to shape input. PLUZ committee hosted Design Workshops.
  - b. Race & Social Justice Applied to Development. Rebecca Soldana, Executive Director, Puget Sound Sage:
    - i. PS Sage provides community-based research in affordable housing, labor standards, environmental justice, transportation, and more. It has worked with Seattle neighborhoods to ensure they can thrive in place, and plans can be turned into action.
    - ii. It is working with 5 different South Seattle neighborhoods, together, 'South CORE' to advocate for jobs in the comprehensive plan. Beacon Hill residents should participate in

- affordable housing decisions is a good partnership for PS Sage. Sage is interested in helping with candidates' forums and looking for continued conversation with Beacon Hill.
- iii. Rebecca recommends developing a neighborhood manifesto to drive common message from Beacon Hill. More information at [www.PugetSoundSage.org](http://www.PugetSoundSage.org)
- c. 'Dive in' discussion
- i. Maria recommended that Beacon Hill be a Race and Social Justice Equitable Development 'pilot program to slow and address and slow down displacement of BH residents.
  - ii. Data from the follow-on survey from 30 residents at the Centilia celebration indicated:
    1. support for a required minimum square footage,
    2. concurrency of planning and providing bus service, schools, and roads
    3. interest in Parking structure,
    4. tax relief based on income levels,
    5. revolving loan fund,
    6. more affordable rentals,
    7. implementing town center expansion,
    8. avoid canyon look of Beacon Ave,
    9. increasing local food access, farmers market, increasing grocery stores,
    10. funding for Van Asselt Community Center,
    11. Environmental design for safety (CPTED),
    12. social services, website for community resources,
    13. public health impact of air traffic, and
    14. pocket parks.Citywide schedule. Federal EIS complete in May 2017, and the earliest council consideration is May 2017, but more likely in 2018.
  - iii. Rob Johnson was gracious in reaching out to Beacon Hill, so let's judiciously work with his office.
  - iv. (BHC: Sorry , I don't remember what this means. Maria) Map of expected payment of linkage fees. Low likelihood means homeowners will likely not pay into funds.
- d. Discussion, Community Input, Concerns and Questions:
- i. City has responsibility to better educate citizens about the Urban Village. 3D maps would be better. Don't expand the urban village and wait until we understand the effect of the current urban village.
  - ii. Why don't we have more commercial zoning? South of the Oak zoned for low rise. With MHA plan, this low rise would rezone to neighborhood commercial.
  - iii. Upzone does not seem to have support from majority of community.
  - iv. (Lee: Please check the data and see if this is true. Maria) Low response rate from south and mid residents. Should take comments about expanding urban village into those areas with skepticism.
  - v. Seems urban village expansion plans encroach into more SFH areas in southeast seattle than other areas
  - vi. Seems proposed maps from Design Workshop greatly expanded upon 10 minute walkshed e.g. urban village at NE corner of Park, at Northend and at west side of Jefferson Park
  - vii. How do we have real input into proposed map? How do we distill/interpret/correct communications from city? How do we ensure that we correct the record and state our neighborhood's input? How do we provide input to the city? (The process we are undertaking and written input to Council and frankly lobbying should mean that our voices will be heard.)

- viii. Concern that ADU/DDU is often more affordable and sustainable and allows property owner to not be displaced..
- ix. Concern that MHA fees apply even if existing home is split into multiple units without expanding square footage. \$12 per square foot, RSL zone.
- x. Need to know current list of projects online in area and where planned.
- xi. How do we plan for and demand concurrency in infrastructure and services as density increases? Electrical, transportation, commercial real estate, restaurants. Urban Village expansion is not necessary for this concurrency increase. EDI can do this regardless of Urban Village. Difference in commercial zoning options - straight commercial vs neighborhood commercial.
- xii. Need for better visuals from City? We don't see their engagement efforts.

6. Beacon Arts update from Lorelei Amato

- a. In support of Beacon Hill's diverse population with 44.4% born outside the US and fearful environment for immigrants and refugees, Beacon Arts is partnering with Jefferson Community Center youth to work on a Safe Space logo/ brand. They are looking for artists to help create the campaign.

7. Further Actions

- a. Get speaker on King County Metro layover for future BHC meeting.
- b. Pursue grant funding for community health study from air and noise pollution due to air traffic.
- c. Research current outlook of development projects online in area. Provide detail on website about projects and quantity of housing units.
- d. Draft/send a statement summarizing Beacon Hill neighborhood's positions to Council, to counter vague language from city that may be interpreted as neighborhood's desires.

**Beacon Hill Council Board Meeting**  
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1. Attendees
  - a. Maria Batayola
  - b. Amy Kaminishi
  - c. Mira Latoszek
  - d. Susan Lee Woo
  - e. Roseanne Lorenzana
  - f. Miguel Maestas
  - g. Lee Nathan
  - h. Kathryn Rathke
  - i. Erik Stanford
2. Urban Village
  - a. **Mira, Carey** agreed to help **Maria** write a letter to City Council conveying neighborhood's concerns and preferences about the city's Urban Village plans.
3. Communication protocols
  - a. **Lee** agreed to work to formalize communication protocols
4. Name change details
  - a. Kathryn suggested using SquareSpace to host the website. Maria and Mira to work on website content.
  - b. A new email distribution list internally for communicating was suggested. **Lee** offered to get the Google Groups login info.
5. Retreat
  - a. A suggestion was made to meet to talk in 2017 in a retreat format. No decision was made but people self identified projects they want to work on: Amy - transition to credit union to avoid fees, Lee and Erik - streamline administrative and communication processes, Mira - when workload not so much, work on restoring our 501 c 3 non-profit status.
6. Outreach
  - a. Open questions were asked. How do we build our email list? Can we get 1200 members? What about contacting NextDoor about engaging with broader BH area?
  - b. The group showed general agreement to build the email list and better define how the council distributes information effectively.
7. Meeting Room
  - a. Need larger meeting room. Using the library meeting room for meetings or meeting at a restaurant was discussed. Maria prefers to meet at the Community Center. She'll ask if a larger room is available.
8. Treasurer's Report by Amy
  - a. Account balance is \$450.
  - b. **Miguel, Maria** offered to help with fundraising in 2017.
9. Miguel moved to adjourn, Kathryn seconded. The meeting adjourned.