

North Beacon Hill Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

7:00 PM, Beacon Hill Library Community Room

Introductions and Department of Neighborhoods Update.

Chair Melissa introduced the Council meeting.

Ted Grimes, Southeast Seattle Crime Prevention Council

Ted Grimes is the north Beacon Hill representative of the South Seattle Crime Prevention Council. The SSCPC meets every first Wednesday of the month. The SPD Southeast precinct captain is new, having been transferred from the West Seattle Precinct. Within Beacon Hill, the SPD officers are going to focus more on “beat cop” work, parking their cars for periods during the day and walking the neighborhoods.

Festival Street.

Miguel Maestos is the contact for the Festival Street use. For \$50, a group can hold an event at Festival Street.

DPD Projects.

Several projects on Beacon Hill are going through design review with DPD, including the McClellan Street Apartments and the Findley Street Church project which has been resurrected.

Quieter Skies Group.

The Quieter Skies task force had a meeting with Port of Seattle and King County Airport regarding effects on other neighborhoods besides Beacon Hill. Another meeting being organized with Port of Seattle to determine what can be done about the plane noise and what tools are available to community.

A separate group has formed to focus on environmental justice issues associated with the airplane noise. Information about this group can be obtained from Ticiang Diangson.

Merchants Association.

A “What’s Happening” calendar in window of office at Library. An online calendar is being worked on. Beacon Boogie is returning in spring and fall, with Saturday night concerts at venues along Beacon Avenue. There is talk of another Jefferson Park Jubilee this year. The Merchants Association is working on a “Façade Improvement Campaign” to engage Beacon Avenue business property owners to improve building storefronts.

Friends of Lewis Park.

The second design meeting is on 1/29 at the Garden House. Friends of Lewis Park received a Department of Neighborhoods Small and Simple Grant for hiring a landscape architect. There is a Parks and Green Space Opportunity Fund open house presentation on 1/23.

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Sunday Folk Club.

First Sunday night concerts at Garden House. The February 3 event is at noon due to the Superbowl happening on the same day.

Beacon Bikes.

Beacon Bikes is applying for an Opportunity Fund for trail work. The Beacon Hill greenway is currently under construction.

El Centro.

El Centro has hired a capital development director. The Seismic safety project on the current building is happening now, including seismic and plumbing upgrades. Several trees have been removed at the property, but will be replaced.

Announcements.

On 1/26 at 10am to 2pm, there is a City Hall open house.
February 4 is the Street Fund Grant deadline.
February 9 is Neighborhood Appreciation Day.
March 4 is the Small and Simple grant application deadline.
The Jose Rizal off-leash area steward stepped down and the park needs a new steward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the issue of Sergei not being reachable and the NBHC needing to finish the filing of IRS documents he had committed to working on. A motion was made to remove Sergei from the NBHC checking account. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made to remove Sergei as board member. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Board discussed renewing the non-profit status of the NBHC. A motion was made to file as a non-profit agency. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Board discussed planning an event to celebrate the recent neighborhood award. The idea was discussed to coordinate an event in conjunction with a Beacon Rocks event. A motion was made to form a subcommittee to work with Betty Jean Williamson of Rockit Space to plan a combined Beacon Rocks/NBHC community event. The motion was seconded and approved. Mellissa and Judith volunteered to meet with Betty Jean to coordinate.

The Executive Committee adjourned.