

## **North Beacon Hill Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 3, 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, Miguel Maestas, Warren Yee, Amy Kaminishi, Devor Barton, and Judith Edwards.

Yun Pitre announced that the deadline for Small Sparks grants up to \$1,000 is June 23. The Large Fund open house is Thursday June 25.

### **Happenings on the Hill**

- Mayor Murray will be at the next SSCPC meeting.
- Beacon Hill Festival is June 5.
- The Beacon Hill Library will be holding a 10 year celebration on Saturday July 12.

### **Beacon Hill Library**

There will be a 10-year celebration for the Beacon Hill Library on Saturday July 12. They will have a slide show of events and programs. Also, open mic for poetry. Massive Monkey will be there.

### **Friends of Lewis Park**

Dee Dunbar presented a proposal for a \$50k grant from the King County Conservation District to cover costs for soil and soil amendments for planting native plants. A motion was made to support the grant proposal. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **Jefferson Park Skateable Art**

Mira Latoszek described the skate feature being installed at Jefferson Park by Red Bull. The sculpture is being constructed in Bend Oregon. Groundbreaking to start soon to prepare foundation. There will be an opening ceremony on June 21.

### **Beacon Arts**

Betty Jean Williamson discussed the activities of Beacon Arts (formerly Rockit). Beacon Arts is coordinating an Art Walk on June 28. Walk will be before the Beacon Rocks. The walk will include a visit to the proposed pocket park at the SDOT property at Beacon and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jefferson Advisory Council is sponsoring outdoor movies at Jefferson Park during the summer.

The Meaningful Movies will be held at Garden House on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month.

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**El Centro Development**

Miguel Maestas presented the upcoming calendar for meetings associated with the El Centro project. On June 5, El Centro will present building renderings at 6pm. On June 12, the Department of Neighborhoods is holding an open house for grant proposals, including the El Centro project. On June 19, El Centro will be hosting a meeting regarding parking and traffic.

**NBHC Board of Directors Nominations and Elections**

Devor Barton, Curtis Lapierre, and Jonathon McKinley are stepping down from the Board.

Board Members Judith Edwards, Chris Bailey, and Melissa Jonas are up for re-election. Newly nominated Board members include Roger Pence, Mira Latoszek, Roseanna Lorenzana, Lee Nathan, Stephen Daspit, and Ted Grimes. Each potential Board member provided their background. A motion was made to adopt the proposed new Board members. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority**

Jeff Natter, the Executive Director of the PHPDA presented the current status of the PDA project. The State Department of Commerce is leasing most of the building and Seattle Central Community College as well as smaller health-based organizations will sub-lease. Goal of the PDA is to increase access to health care. They got far more applications for grants than expected and will be funding 12 projects that were listed.

The tower will have approximately 200 full-time workers and roughly 800 to 1000 occupants.

**Cheasty Greenspace**

Doug Critchfield and Mark Mead discussed the Cheasty Greenspace/Beacon Bike Park project. Mark Mead indicated that restoration is ongoing and Parks is waiting for an updated plan for the trails from the Friends of Cheasty at Mountain View. When that plan is received, Parks will go through the geotechnical and environmental review. Parks is looking for input on additional trails other than the mountain bike trails. The project is not a Parks plan, but is coming from the community and Parks will evaluate the plan.

Mark Mead provided further background on the history of the plan, discussing the original opportunity fund process, the mountain bikes in parks policy change, “pilot” project process, review process during pilot period, parking issues. He indicated this is not intended as a destination park.

Questions were asked of Mark Mead regarding notification process and he indicated that notification was provided by organizers and Parks. Further discussion focused on the process of planning and designing the project. Mark Mead indicated that Parks will be responsible for restoration if pilot project requires removal. Doug Critchfield indicated

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that the pilot project will be reviewed periodically and could be shut down earlier than the 3-year period if impacts warrant it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The NBHC Board of Directors met following the regular meeting. Miguel Maestas made a motion to confirm the advisory vote regarding the Friends of Lewis Park Grant proposal to the King County Conservation District. Judith Edwards seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The Board discussed volunteers for the Beacon Hill Festival, and developed a staffing plan.

The Board discussed the position of officers. Chris Bailey nominated Melissa Jonas for Chair. Roger Pence made motion to accept Melissa as Chair. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Roger nominated Mira as Vice Chair. Concern was raised regarding whether Ticiang Diangson wanted to continue as Vice Chair. The issue of the Vice Chair was tabled until Ticiang Diangson can be reached to determine if she is interested.

Chris Bailey was nominated as Secretary. Motion to accept Chris as Secretary was made and seconded. Motion was approved. Amy Kamanishi was nominated for Treasurer. A motion was made to accept Amy as Treasurer and seconded. The motion was approved.

The Board discussed the upcoming Comp Plan process and how to be involved.

The Board discussed developing a process to bring organizations on Beacon Hill together to coordinate and make the community aware of who does what.

The Executive Committee adjourned.