

North Beacon Hill Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

7:00 PM, Beacon Hill Library Community Room

Introductions and Department of Neighborhoods Update.

Chair Melissa introduced the Council meeting.

Fundraising

Melissa announced that we are selling raffle tickets for the next several months to win prizes including neighborhood business. The grand prize is to host your own event on the Roberto Maestas Festival Street. If you do not win this grand prize, you can use this street for \$50. The reason why we are raising money is to pay for the annual permit/insurance for the Festival Street and other great stuff we do in the neighborhood. The raffle tickets cost \$2 each, 3 for \$5

GDDC

This council is one step up than NBHC. Judith Edwards is the representative from NBHC to attend the District Council meetings. A representative from the District Council is selected to attend the City Neighborhood Council (CNC) meetings. The District Council sponsors numerous grants that have improved Jefferson Park and Lewis Park. Our primary goal is the large street fund which is divided up among Sodo, South Park, Beacon Hill and Georgetown. Steve is the representative to that group. At the last meeting, Alexis Gallegos of Lockmore is the new chair. . At the last meeting, the bylaws were updated. In the bylaws, the voting has been changed. In order to be eligible to vote for the large street funds, you need to attend six meetings in a year that are held the fourth Wednesday of each month. Also, you need to live in the neighborhood, business owner of the neighborhood or affiliated with organization.

Cheasty Greenspace

Councilmember Sally Bagshaw chairs the Seattle Parks and Neighborhoods committee and congratulated the great work related to the Cheasty Green Space and Beacon Hill Greenway.

Rick Nishi, Parks and Green Spaces Levy Manager of Seattle Parks, spoke about the levy was passed in 2008 of \$143M by the Seattle voters. The first opportunity fund supported the Lewis Park. Rick discussed the points in the handout that discussed the Cheasty Green Space and Mountain Bike Park proposal.

There are certain places that bikes are allowed and not allowed. The Seattle Parks department was started in 1884 with the first park called Denny Park. This park was 4.63 acres and 10K population in Seattle. In 2013, we have over 6,200 acres and 400 parks. The Seattle Parks employs 1,000 employees and Seattle has population of over 600K.

Mountain bikes started getting popular in late 1980's and early 1990's. In 1995, the Seattle Park department adopted a policy detailing areas where mountain bikes are

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prohibited. The Burke Gilman trail and Greenlake bike lanes are areas where bikes are allowed. At Discovery Park and Seward Park, bikes are not allowed on hiking trails. In July 2003, the Cheasty Green Space vegetation plan was adopted. The bicycle master plan was developed in 2007 by SDOT. The Seattle Parks were involved in this plan.

As part of the levy, an opportunity fund was established. The first round was done in 2010/2011 for \$7M. Lewis Park was awarded at this time. The second round is up to \$8M and received 53 applications. The open house was done in January in the south and north areas of Seattle. A public hearing to comment on the proposals will be held in April.

How do we change the policy? The Seattle Park needs to review the pros and cons of changing the policy including environment, neighborhood, etc..

Friends of Cheasty Green Space

Mary DeJong discussed the work that has been done for the past six years in Cheasty Mountain view which is the southern ten acres. There are currently walking trails, work parties and educational/environment programs.

Beacon Bikes

Presenter: Ryan Harrison, new chair

Neighborhood greenways are transportation corridors that anybody from children to the elderly can safely use to get to their destination within their neighborhood with the use of low volume residential streets. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26th at 5:30 p.m. The Lafayette crossing scheduled to be completed by July. The Hanford crossing has been stalled a bit and signs/reflectors should be installed soon.

El Centro

Presenter: Kate de la Garza, development consultant from the Beacon Hill Development Group

She stated the design review process will start soon. El Centro plans to develop the south parking lot into two buildings with a 11,000 square feet plaza. The two buildings will have 111 units of housing primarily 2 to 3 bedrooms to serve families. This project specifically targets working families and live close to public transportation. The first floor will have 7,000 square feet of retail and rent to local business owners. The childcare center will be expanded to add four more classrooms about 7,000 square feet of space. The multi-culture community center will be around 9,000 square feet including a commercial kitchen (rent to local businesses), meeting rooms and flexible space to have cultural events. The project is \$35M. We raised \$700K to date. We are in the pipeline to receive funds from City, King County and State this summer. The construction will start in 2014 through 2015 and be fully occupied by 2016.

Broadband on Beacon Hill.

Presenter: Barbara Gray and Brian de Place from SDOT (Seattle Department of Transportation)

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The SDOT Director's Rule was put in place in 2003 and updated in 2005 due to citizen's complaints of the size and placement of the cabinets in the neighborhood. The cabinets were installed to upgrade broadband services. The Director's Rule was updated in 2005 and now currently looking at updating again.

The Director's Rule states that you need 60% of neighborhood approval to install a cabinet. This requirement was changed from within 300 feet in 2003 to 100 feet in 2005. Due to the Director's Rule, it has made it difficult for CenturyLink to site and install cabinets.

SDOT is currently reviewing the Director's Rule for further updates.

Presenter: Erin Devoto, Chief Technology Officer for City of Seattle
Since 2007, City of Seattle has worked on variety of initiatives in working on getting better broadband service. Gigabit Squared has selected Seattle to do a demonstration project. Beacon Hill is one of the fourteen neighborhoods) that are interested. City of Seattle is not contributing any money with the agreement with Gigabit Squared. With City Council's approval, City of Seattle can lease excess fiber.

Presenter: Doug Adams from Gigabit Squared
In December 2012, Mayor McGinn announced an agreement with City of Seattle with Gigabit Squared. (refer to handout) Due to demand, the neighborhoods have expanded to twelve to fourteen neighborhoods in Seattle where gigabit fiber will be built. Last May, Gigabit Squared announced they were going to select five communities. Chicago and Seattle have been selected. We bring expertise within our company in building broadband networks. This will provide fiber service for work, home and wireless umbrella for subscribers to get wireless in the parks.

What is Gigabit? We look at internet and broadband as a tool for innovation and better quality life. We are going to give you different levels of service – home-based services. Gigabit Squared is not a typical Comcast or Verizon. This is a group of individuals who have focused in early 2000 in building community networks. We started in Cleveland. We are a private entity and very entrepreneurial focused. We bring affordable and fast internet.

A letter of intent including payment of terms, etc.. has been created between City of Seattle and Gigabit Squared. In April, a signed final agreement between Gigabit Squared and City of Seattle will be completed. The expected "go-live" date will be this Fall 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No executive committee meeting was held.