

North Beacon Hill Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 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, Amy Kaminishi, Erik Stanford, Judith Edwards, Warren Yee.

Announcement that Board elections will be in June meeting.

Happenings on the Hill

- Betty Jean Williamson described transition of Rockit Space to Beacon Arts on June 1. Beacon Arts has a new public art volunteer, Marina, who is coordinating the pocket park project at 15th and Beacon in the SDOT right of way. Seattle is partnering with Forterra for a “Re-leaf” project to increase tree cover in Seattle.
- Beacon Bards will be at the Station monthly on Wednesdays.
- Beacon Hill Festival is on Saturday June 7 from 11-4.
- June 28 will be first Beacon Rocks, with sustainability as the theme.
- On May 11 from 3:30 to 5, meeting regarding a potential mural project in the Pocket Park at 15th and Beacon.

Cheasty Greenspace/Beacon Bike Park

Mark Mead from Parks was scheduled to discuss the Beacon Bike Park project in Cheasty Greenspace but did not show up.

State Senator Bob Hasegawa

Senator Hasegawa discussed Bill 5173 that requires State to allow 2 unpaid holidays for reasons of faith or conscience. The bill passed the Senate 48-0. There will be a celebration at Rainier Community Center on June 8.

Senator Hasegawa also summarized other State budget issues. Budgets are tight, particularly due to need to completely fund McCleary-decision school requirements and other legally required expenditures.

Beacon Hill Meaningful Movies

Christina Olson described the Beacon Hill Meaningful Movies events. They were awarded a small sparks grant. They will be holding movies on 3rd Fridays at the Garden House at 7pm and they will be free. They need more volunteers for the steering committee. They are also trying to pair movies with advocates for the issues addressed by the movies.

Jefferson Park Advisory Council

There will be five outdoor movies at the Park over the summer.

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El Centro Development

Kate De la Garza presented an update on the El Centro development. A summary of the project is on the web site. Kate described some details of the project; 112 housing units, target median annual income of \$25k-\$55k, 25,000 square feet community space, \$30 million in public funds plus \$40 million generated from low-income housing fund. Limited parking will be constructed in buildings, but shared parking will be provided in the proposed lot on the north half of the property. There will be a delay between the projects, so the residential units will have no parking for several months. Design review is continuing.

Friends of Lewis Park

Dee Dunbar presented an update on the Lewis Park project. Over the next year, the trail within the park will be constructed. It will be partly constructed by contractors due to the complexity of the project. Work parties are still held on the first 3 Sundays.

Jefferson Park Skateable Art

Mira Latoszek described the skate feature being installed at Jefferson Park by Red Bull. Installation is planned for June 21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The NBHC Board of Directors met following the regular meeting. The Board discussed banking issues. El Centro made a donation to cover the NBHC insurance. Beacon Bikes can't cash our check because they don't have a bank account. We need to write another check directly to Dylan Ahearn.

Chris Bailey distributed meeting minutes for review. Board members will review the minutes and provide Chris with edits.

The Board discussed the Beacon Hill Festival on June 7. Chris Bailey made a motion to pay the table fee for the festival and staff the table. Judith Edwards seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. The Board discussed staffing the table.

The Executive Committee adjourned.