

North Beacon Hill Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 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, Amy Kaminishi, Erik Stanford, Lee Nathan, Judith Edwards, Miguel Maestas, Roseanne Lorenzana, and Mira Latoszek.

Melissa Jonas discussed the recent GDDC meeting. GDDC is seeking new officer candidates.

Tuesday December 2 is the next NBHC meeting. The agenda planning meeting is on Wednesday November 19.

The meeting is being video recorded by Myra Latoszek and Mark Holland as a project to provide availability of meetings to more people. The recordings will be posted online at a web site that they set up; www.seseattletv.blogspot.com.

Lee Family Association

Susan Lee Woo, Vice President of the Lee Family Association discussed the organization and their role in the neighborhood. They are located at 3217 Beacon Avenue South, next to Victrola Coffee. The Lee Family Association has approximately 150 members and are focused on the history of the Chinese Lee Family associated with a particular Chinese symbol. They have a Facebook page and more history can be seen at the Wing Luke Museum.

SDOT RPZ Discussion

Ruth Harper from SDOT discussed the Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) process. Seattle had the first RPZ in 1979. There are 31 zones with most allowing 2-hour parking for non-permitted cars. In light-rail RPZs, like Beacon Hill, businesses can get RPZ permits. Fees vary, but most are \$65 for a two-year permit. Up to 4 permits, plus one guest permit, can be obtained for each residence, including both single-family homes and apartments. New RPZs can be requested, but no new ones have been established since 2009. Individual blocks can petition to get in or out of an established RPZ, with 60 percent of the residences approving the change.

A question was asked about the new restrictions on RPZ permits for micro-housing units and the applicability for other apartments. Ruth explained that the 1-permit per unit restriction only applies to micro-housing. RPZ permit limitations, or zone changes can only be based on commuter parking impacts and not impacts from residential parking. Impacts from lack of parking in developments taking advantage of no parking requirements within the Beacon Hill light rail overlay cannot be addressed under the current RPZ regulations.

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

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Mario Pedrosa from the PSCAA discussed the process of addressing odor complaints. The PSCAA covers 4 counties and addresses issues like asbestos and odor complaints. North Star Cast Steel has been the source of odor complaints in Beacon Hill. They are a foundry in SODO. The primary issue is their proximity to residential areas. They have emissions controls in place, but they rely on proper operation of the facility. Operating with large doors open allows the release of untreated emissions, resulting in irritants in emissions to reach the neighborhood.

Mario described the process for addressing odors in the neighborhood and what qualifies for enforcement. The process requires a complaint from a resident, not a temporary occupant like a business customer. A PSCAA inspector then needs to make it to the residence while the odor is still present and collect a statement from the resident. The inspector then visits the cause of the odor and writes a ticket.

Seattle Public Schools Boundary Changes

Heather Hart provided a summary of the boundary changes meeting that was scheduled during the NBHC meeting. Beacon Hill International School and Kimball elementary are strongly affected by but proposed changes. In 2017, Kimball graduates will go to Washington Middle School, rather than Mercer Middle School as they do currently. Heather indicated that it seems like the district is listening to parents' concerns. The middle school issue seems like it is not a done deal and the issue will not be resolved until next fall.

Olmsted Boulevard Reconnection

Talis Abolins of Friends of the Mount Baker Town Center discussed a plan to reconnect Cheasty Boulevard with Mount Baker Boulevard with a pedestrian path that connects Beacon Hill with Mount Baker. Currently the area is not safe for pedestrians and the area does not meet city standards for green space. The Seattle Parks Foundation is serving as fiscal sponsor for fund raising to generate funds for additional planning. The city is still planning to perform a traffic study of the area and will be seeking input from the neighborhood. Contact information and more for the plan can be found on the Rainier Greenways web site: <http://www.gorvgreenways.com/ideas/143797/the-olmsted-boulevards-reconnect-at-mt-baker-town-center>

Beacon Arts

On November 21, Beacon Hill Meaningful Movies continues with the movie "Princess Angeline"

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The NBHC Board of Directors met following the regular meeting.

Treasurer Amy Kaminishi stated that the NBHC has \$409.02 in its account.

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The Board discussed the festival street permit, and potentially suspending the permit for 2015 to account for the construction interruptions from the El Centro development. The current permit extends through July 30. A motion was made to have Miguel investigate the possibility of suspending the permit for one year without actually losing the permit. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Board discussed Board vacancies as well as the vacancy of the Vice Chair position. A motion was made to seek nominations for Vice Chair now and vote during the December meeting. The motion was seconded and approved with Erik and Judith abstaining. Board members nominated for Vice Chair include Mira Latoszek and Miguel Maestas. Roseanne and Lee were also nominated, but declined.

Lee Nathan discussed helping with web site administration. Lee, Erik, Mira, and Amy will communicate independantly to work out issues witht he web site.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Board adjourned.