

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

Tuesday, October 7, 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, Roger Pence, Erik Stanford, Stephan Daspit, Lee Nathan, Ted Grimes, Roseanne Lorenzana, and Mira Latoszek.

Melissa Jonas discussed the recent GDDC meeting.

### **Friends of Lewis Park**

Dee Dunbar discussed the Lewis Park trail construction kick-off event. The trail consists of a path along Golf Drive as well as trails inside. The kick-off event will be on October 11 from 10am to 3pm. Work will be on hold over winter and will kick off with work by contractors in the spring. The plan is to be completed with the project within one year.

### **Beacon Bikes**

A multi-use trail is planned along 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South immediately west of Jefferson Park. The project is on a fast track, with 90% design expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Beacon BIKES/Lewis Park received a \$100,000 Neighborhood Parks and Street Fund grant for Seattle Department of Transportation to construct a crosswalk across Golf Drive between Pacific Tower and Lewis Park. This will improve safety for all users and increase access to the bus stop as well as Lewis Park.

### **Beacon Arts**

On October 8, Beacon Bards will be happening at The Station coffee house. On October 17, Meaningful Movies continues with "Shift Change".

### **16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Development**

Property owner of several lots between 16<sup>th</sup> avenue and Beacon Avenue, north of Lander Street has a conceptual plan submitted with DPD, but is not planning to move forward with the development project right away. He is waiting for the next wave of development.

### **Alley Cat Acres**

Scott McGowan spoke about Alley Cat Acres. Alley Cat Acres is intended to reconnect Seattle residents with farming. They have an urban farming space near the northeast corner of Jefferson Park Golf Course. They are looking for volunteers as well as property owners willing to give a 4-5 year commitment to allow farming on their property.

### **Cheasty Greenspace Project / Beacon Bike Park PAT**

Roger Pence discussed the first meeting of the PAT for the Cheasty trail project. The first PAT meeting had 10 PAT members in attendance. Christopher Williams spoke to kick

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the process off. The project web site has more information and will have a meeting summary posted soon. Two main issues were discussed: Pence noted that Parks has received complaints regarding a perceived lack of balance on the Cheasty PAT; it is not clear if the scope of the PAT includes addressing additional trails beyond the currently planned perimeter trail. The next meeting is on October 23.

**Washington State Senate Candidates Louis Watanabe and Pramila Jayapal.**

Louis Watanabe and Pramila Jayapal are the two candidates for the 37<sup>th</sup> District State Senate. Each candidate was given 5 minutes to discuss their candidacy. The candidates then answered questions from attendees. Questions asked of the candidates addressed issues such as Washington's regressive tax structure, the candidates' strategies for working in a Republican controlled senate, and affordable housing.

**Seattle Comp Plan**

Mira Latoszek discussed the "Seattle 2035" process of updating the Seattle Comprehensive Plan. Updating the Comp Plan is mandated by the Growth Management Plan. The current update is considered a 20-year major update. Booklet titled "Updating Seattle's Comprehensive Plan" is available online, which discusses Seattle's neighborhoods and their changes.

Three different scenarios are being considered; urban village, urban center, and transit focus. A draft EIS for the process is currently being developed. The process is primarily focused on addressing growth, and how and where that growth would occur.

**New Business**

Susan Zeman of FOCMV announced work parties for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in November at Cheasty. The work party on November 1 will include a multi-cultural lantern walk starting at Rainier Vista. On November 8 is the Green Seattle Day, during which 1200 plants will be planted in Cheasty.

Board Member Lee Nathan announced that there are feedback forms to fill out and place in a provided "comment box".

Seattle Public Schools boundaries meeting is on October 8.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The NBHC Board of Directors met following the regular meeting.

Ticiang has sent an email to withdraw from the Board due to her health. The Board discussed allowing her to maintain email contact, which was voted on and approved unanimously.

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The Board discussed the minutes from the August 2014 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes with edits from Mira and Roseanne incorporated. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to send thank you letters to the candidates who presented at the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Yun Pitre from Department of Neighborhoods attended the Board meeting and facilitated a discussion about board functionality. The Board discussed functionality of the organization and ways to improve process. Melissa requested that the board consider applying for a Small Sparks grant to hire a facilitator; after discussion, no vote was taken.

Roger Pence resigned from the Board, citing disagreement with the Chair, regarding her inability to discuss major issues and work with other people.

The Board adjourned.