



Green Lake Community Council Meeting September 10, 2014

7:05pm – Call to order – Paul Kostek

Announcements

Bev from Bethany Lutheran has new electric vehicle charger – available to the public. In the parking lot behind the lake. Donations for the electricity are appreciated. Access is of of Woodlawn, just a block up from the lake.

Utility lines under construction seems to have lead to flooding last week which damaged to several homes. The storm system was overflowed, blowing off two manhole covers. A neighbor is trying to get Sound Transit or other responsible organizations to respond in concern to the incident. Paul recommended contacting him.

414 Ravenna Development – Jeff Tretheway

(Brain, an architect on the project is also in attendance.) Has passed Design Review Board and is moving forward with the project. New drawings are available.

62 unit apartment building with two retail units at street level. 10 stalls only of parking. Going to buy 5-10 electric smart cars and using that for a zip car type way for tenants only. Will market it to people without cars. There will be a financial incentive for tenants who do not bring vehicles in to the neighborhood. Will be working with Metro for incentives, as well as have a transit coordinator.

These are small efficiency apartments – 350-500 square feet. There will be a live-in manager. Hoping to have it completed near end of next year. Will definitely have bicycle storage in garage – at least one per unit. Apartments will rent for roughly \$1300/mo.

Bethany Community Church – Jim McClurg Executive Director

About 12 years ago the church started experiencing a growth spurt. A new sanctuary was built with twice the capacity. Growth continued. Has been challenged on how to respond. One option would be to buy more property, build more building and parking lots. Church leadership didn't think that was good stewardship.

Wanted to help people support their own neighborhoods. People are traveling in from Shoreline, Lake City, West Seattle ... so rather than try to expand, they started opening new locations.

The strategic plan is called "2020 Vision". <http://churchbbc.org/2020vision>

The population in Green Lake is gradually going down. Are asked if they're not building, why are they building? Have a building that does not meet current seismic standards and is aging. Want to replace it.

Have setup a number of shuttles to help reduce parking issues. Built the parking lot for the school across the street. Most of the week the school can use it to keep cars off of the street, and on Sundays it's used for church parking.

Understand that parking issues can cause problems for the neighborhoods. Offered to paint curbs since the city will not do that. Although the homeowners do not own the spots in front of their homes, says they have a legitimate sense of ownership.

Ruth Harper – need to park 20' from mark or unmarked crosswalk.

The church has people who tag cars which are not parked properly to help educate their attendees about parking in the neighborhood.

Has considered retrofitting building vs building new, but the cost is about the same. Is not looking to develop and sell the building. Does not believe the new building will impact parking issues.

Parking and RPZ Rules - Ruth Harper – SDOT

RPZ – Restricted Parking Zone. 31 RPZs in the City. Started in the early 80's around the UW. Generally have been in a response to hospitals and institutions taking up parking. In some cities the issue has gone to the Supreme Court, and RPZs have survived legal challenges.

Recently people have wanted RPZs because of lots of residents in the neighborhood. A review was done in 2009. Now there needs to be at least 10 contiguous blocks which are over 75% full, with a generator that is not just residents. At least 35% of those spaces used by non-resident vehicles.

Have counted cars at one time, then come back at 4am. Presumes those people are residents and their guests. The program is, by law, not allowed to make money. Just covers the costs. The cost is \$65/per two years. Every unit – "every kitchen" – is entitled up to 4 permits for 4 vehicles registered to that address, plus one guest permit. There are single day party permits. Zones are during the day. Everyone is allowed to park for up to two hours without a permit.

Businesses were not allowed to get permits at all, except around light rail stations in South Seattle. One other exception is for the Montlake Elementary school teachers.

[Shows map to the group]. Wednesday, August 20th @ 1:30pm. To continue, the community needs to pick two more times check. There would also be a public hearing.

Community concern about parking impact from Park parking during the summer. Does not believe the city will do anything to inhibit the ability to visit the park.

Is not sure if residents at Green Lake Village would be eligible for permits, but it is likely.

If you don't have a vehicle, but want a guest permit, the guest permit is \$65.

The area studied was the east of Green Lake, 6th Ave NE to the lake. North boundary was 75th.

The city council has it in law that 1-2 spaces should be available at any paid time. Evening paid parking will go to 8pm. Several areas already have this. The core of Ballard, Green Lake, Fremont, Cherry Hill and 12th Ave between Madison & Jefferson, will all be having paid parking after 6pm until 8pm.

Green Laker Blog – Mike & Sarah Lemmon

Cofounders of seattlegreenlaker.com. Mike serves as Creative Director. Sarah is the Editor. Started about four months ago. Moved to Green Lake about a year ago. Saw that the blog, MyGreenLake, was gone. Sarah is a former reporter.

Has sought out volunteers to contribute to the site, writing about food and culture areas around the park. Is part of the Seattle Times News Partnership. Can share great stories from here with the Seattle Times. Considers "Green Lakeers" as anyone who spends time here or lives here.

If you have any ideas, they ask to let them know.

Q: Do you have a central calendar of events?

A: Has considered that for the roadmap of the site. There is a lot of complexity and challenges related to that. Do try to do a weekly round- up of events so feel free to submit them.

Both work full time in other jobs.

Friends of Green Lake – Next Meeting – September 23rd

Growth of the blue-green algae. Signs up alerting people to the presence of the toxic algae. Avoid contact with the visible scum. The testing seems to show that the toxicity is concentrated in areas where scum is visible. Low levels in other areas.

The projected timeline for another alum treatment is Spring 2016.

The eurasian milfoil is especially bad this summer.

Fences up on the north end of the lake. Work is being done to repair erosion around the Densmore drain. Untreated storm water does get dumped into the lake.

Blanchet High School Public Hearing

September 22nd, 6pm, Phinney Ridge Community Center. Will likely enter mediation.

Department of Neighborhoods - Karen Ko

Next Tuesday night at the Northgate Community Center, third & final workshop for Small & Simple Grants. \$25k towards neighborhood improvement. Must go to a workshop to apply.

Next Meeting November 12th, 2014

Meeting adjourned @ 8:35pm