



Green Lake Community Council

## Meeting Notes

Date: March 8, 2006, 7-9 pm

Location: The Hearthstone, 6720 East Green Lake Way N.

1. Meeting was opened by Chair, Monica Hinckley.
2. **North Seattle Community College.** Dorothy Dubia and Katherine Reilly representing North Seattle Community College (NSCC) came to reintroduce the college to us and to ask, how can NSCC better help the community? The college has been in operation since 1970 at their 62 acre campus in the Northgate area. The campus includes 11 acres of environmentally sensitive wetlands that includes a trail open to the public. NSCC is an accredited two year public college that provides students with opportunities for university transfer degrees, professional and technical degrees or community, non-credit classes. The median age of enrolled students is 29.9. The college can also provide customized training for businesses, career transition testing and planning and rental meeting space. Visit their website for additional information [www.northseattle.edu](http://www.northseattle.edu).
3. **Hearthstone.** Mary Lou Stuenzi, CEO of Hearthstone, invited the community to the upcoming open house on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm. The open house celebrates Hearthstone's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the completion of a \$4 million renovation. Ms. Stuenzi and architects from LRS Architects also spoke about the recent purchase of the site known as the Yasuko/Plastic Sales Bldg. where they will be developing diverse independent living units in order to increase their programming including memory care. The site is bounded by Latona, Woodlawn and 4<sup>th</sup>. The plan is now in the beginning stages of development. At this time the only changes to zoning that they believe they will request are a change to the alley between Latona and 4<sup>th</sup> asking that it turn to exit on Latona rather than straight through to Woodlawn and, a change in zoning of one residential lot to NC40, same as the rest of the project. Hearthstone has held one meeting with adjacent neighbors and is interested in additional input from area neighbors. Concerns raised were for the building to be more sympathetic to the surrounding residential area; retaining trees and other greenery to soften the scale of the building; and to provide adequate room for pedestrians and outdoor dining if a restaurant is planned in the retail area along Woodlawn.
4. **Woodland Park Zoo.**
  - Frank Hein, Program Director of Zoomazium at the Woodland Park Zoo, gave a presentation on the new exhibit that opens to the public on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This indoor/outdoor play space located near the West Entrance is geared toward

children ages 8 and under and the adults they bring. Their mission is to get kids to care about nature early in their lives so that they remain connected forever. The entire project was designed with the environment in mind earning a LEED silver certificate. The building has a green roof; no air conditioning and bird strike glass which looks opaque from the outside so birds won't strike it. There is no separate fee for this exhibit.

- It was also announced that the Carousel will open in July at the North Meadow. The 1918 restored, vintage carousel has 48 classic, hand-carved wooden carousel horses and is rated one of the 10 best remaining in existence. Birthday rooms adjacent to the carousel will open in 2007. More information on Woodland Park Zoo and their programs can be found on their website [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org).
- A question was raised about the closing of the pony rides at the zoo and whether there would be a closing ceremony or farewell party that children and neighbors could attend. None is currently planned although it was thought to be a good idea that would be brought back to the zoo for consideration. The zoo will be raising \$250K to pay for a study for a new pony trail. The total cost of a completed pony trail is estimated to be \$3M.

5. **Friends of Green Lake.** Karen Schurr gave the committee report.

- A Bird walk is scheduled on Saturday, March 11, with Martin Muller, Audubon Society Master Birder.
- Mr. Muller will also give a presentation on Green Lake's Beautiful Birds at the next meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at the Hearthstone, 7pm. Also scheduled is a brief update on the carp removal project by Bruce Bolding of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- FOGL is sponsoring a student (12<sup>th</sup> grade or under) t-shirt design contest with the winner receiving a \$50 prize.
- FOGL is currently soliciting names for nominees for the offices of chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. They expect a slate of candidates by April with elections in May.
- More information on FOGL and upcoming events can be found at [www.friendsofgreenlake.org](http://www.friendsofgreenlake.org).

6. **Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods.** Beth Pflug of the City of Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods spoke regarding upcoming deadlines for neighborhood matching funds. The next deadline is April 3 for the Small and Simple Projects Fund. Attendance is required at a workshop on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30pm at New Holly Campus Gathering Hall for groups or individuals interested in applying for Small and Simple Matching Funds. There are 4 different types of neighborhood Matching Fund opportunities:

- Large Projects Fund: is for projects that take up to 12 months to complete and need more than \$15,000 – up to \$100,000.
- Small and Simple Projects Fund: is for projects that can be completed in 6 months or less and seeking awards of \$15,000 or less.
- Tree fund: neighborhood groups can apply for 10 to 40 trees for planting along residential planting strips.
- Neighborhood Outreach and Development Fund (including Small sparks); Makes awards for projects that involve new people in neighborhood organizations or activities.

Additional information can be found on the website [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods).

7. **The Bathhouse Theatre at Green Lake.** Wendy Woolery, board member of Seattle Public Theater announced that SPT is holding their first annual benefit auction on Sunday, May 21 from 5:30-8:30pm at the Bathhouse Theater at Green Lake. The celebration will feature silent auction packages, gourmet food from Green Lake's BluWater Bistro, tasty spirits, sophisticated jazz from Seattle's own The European Vagabonds, the announcement of SPT's 2006-2007 season and the guest of honor, Rolin Jones, playwright of the season finale, *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow*. GLCC's own Michael Cornell is an honorary Chair of the event and is also sponsoring this fundraiser for the Bathhouse Theater. Donations of auction items are needed. Please contact Seattle Public Theater to donate auction items or cash. Tickets to the evenings festivities are \$30 per person. For more information: [www.seattlepublictheater.org](http://www.seattlepublictheater.org).

8. **Neighborhood Landuse.** Update given by Ref Lindmark.

- A design review meeting on the Vitamilk property was held on March 6. The presentation boards presented at the meeting were same or very similar to those presented at the January GLCC meeting. Expect next design review meeting next month. Construction could begin as early as this fall. Project has not yet secured a grocery store for the project. Since Albertson's is now gone, the new grocery at this project may be more middle-of-the-road than the upscale boutique grocery that the developers originally envisioned.
- The Albertson's parcel was purchased by Trammel Crow Residential. No substantial design work has yet been done on this site to date although preliminary work indicates it will not include a grocery. The site is zoned NC3-40. One story of commercial with 3 stories of residential.
- The dentist office next to the KeyBank site has been purchased by the same owner/developer as the KeyBank site. It is expected that the final design will look like an extension of the KeyBank site. The KeyBank site will now be condos rather than apartments.
- Gregg's Green Lake Cycle has decided to forego previous plans to add additional floors of apartments above the bike shop. The new plan will expand the bike shop to one floor above the existing skate rental building for inventory storage and other bike shop business.
- The GL skateboard park has been moved back to the "chips" site although it is now sited a little further from the trees.
- 60 artists responded to the RFP for the 65<sup>th</sup> Street Art Corridor project. 6-10 projects will be short-listed and, of those 3 will be selected to install a small representative project. One artist will be awarded the full commission.

9. **Neighborhood Announcements** by Monica Hinckley

- The Iron Girl 5K & 10K will be held at Green Lake on Sunday, September 10.
- Bethany Church expansion, MUP comment period closed, currently no change in status. Tentatively scheduled to begin construction September 10.
- Bagley Elementary School, SEPA comment period closed. Parking lot construction tentatively scheduled to begin September 10.
- Green Lake Masonic Temple will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this year. More information at next meeting.
- Spud's Fish and Chips has applied for a liquor license.
- The Seattle Court Diversion Project is soliciting community service projects such as trash pick-up, putting together hygiene kits, etc. for sentencing of criminals. The courts will be using the community service projects in lieu of jail time for non-violent offenders such as shoplifting, failure-to-appear, etc. If you have a

project that would be appropriate please contact Michael Cornell 206.729.8684 and he will forward the information to the appropriate party(ies).

10. **Graffiti Update** (from the Seattle Public Utilities website)

- Report graffiti by using the Graffiti Online Report Form ([www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Garbage/Reduce Garbage & Litter/Graffiti Prevention & Removal/COS 002178.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Garbage/Reduce_Garbage_&_Litter/Graffiti_Prevention_&_Removal/COS_002178.asp)) or call the Graffiti Report Line at (206) 684-7587 to report graffiti for removal on public property, or graffiti that has not been removed from private property. Property with graffiti that has not been removed in a reasonable amount of time may be subject to fines under the Graffiti Nuisance Ordinance.
- Call the Seattle Police Department at (206) 625-5011 to file a police report when graffiti appears on your property.
- Call 911 to report graffiti in progress.
- Get up to \$1000 for information leading to the arrest of or filing of charges against a graffiti vandal. If you have witnessed graffiti vandalism or suspect you know someone engaged in the criminal behavior, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-CRIME-13. You do not have to give your name and telephone number.

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