



Green Lake Community Council

Wednesday September 9, 2009

1. Chair Michael Cornell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The members of the GLCC Board were introduced.
2. Paul Kostek reported on the Candidate Forum being sponsored by the GLCC and several other Community Councils and Chambers of Commerce. This is a free event and will be held on Tuesday October 13th at the Lincoln HS in Wallingford. The Forum will run from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and will include the candidates for city attorney, city council and mayor. All of the candidates have committed to attend the Forum.
3. Gayle Garman reported on the Friends of Green Lake activities and future meetings. The FOGL held a picnic in July. There was no meeting in August.

Next meeting will be September 29th at the Hearthstone – Rick Keil, a professor at the UW – and a leader of the Sound Citizens, program will speak. The Sounds Citizens group collects storm water, Puget Sound water, and looks for markers. For example they see an increase in spices in the water samples right after Thanksgiving. Besides his talk he will be reporting on an analysis of water samples from Green Lake provided by Gayle.

Lake monitoring is on-going. Water temp is 70 deg when last measured in August. Transparency was 13 ft.(3.9 meters). Results are posted on FOGL website – www.friendsofgreenlake.org

In October there will be elections and new volunteers are needed. Focus is on the lake and knowledge of science is not a requirement. So please consider volunteering.

4. Pete Holmes, candidate for City Attorney, addressed the attendees. Mr. Holmes had to cancel out on a previous meeting and wanted the opportunity to speak to the group. He introduced himself and provided background on his experience and interest. He has been an attorney for 25 years and served as a member police oversight board.

He had 3 points he is running on:

1. The city attorney represents the voters of the city;
2. He is committed to transparency and the public's right to know;
3. He feels there must be a more done to determine if we need to build a new jail at a time we are closing schools.

The City has 92 lawyers and handles both civil and criminal (misdemeanor). The office provides legal advice to all city departments.

He expressed concern about cutbacks in Dept of Corrections and the need for increased budget for police officers. Encouraged people to contact the City Council and request funding and support for a new precinct building for north end.

5. Blaine McAferty was not present to provide an update on the NW District Council
6. Leif from Sustainable GL reported on their current activities and planned events:

Sept 12 Seattle Tithe Fair at the Good Shepard Center – Wallingford

Bulk buying plan continues – next purchase will be tomatoes

Sept 15 – Dave Kozen from Solar Washington will speak on the use of solar in NW at the Bethany Community Church

Oct 3 – Solar Washington home tour – SGL will be doing a bike ride

Street mural – They have permission from the City to create a mural on Stone Way by Bethany Community Church. There will be a meeting on October 11th to discuss designs for the mural.

Information on all of these activities can be found at: www.sustainablegreenlake.com.

7. Bernie Kay provided an update from the SPD North Precinct
City is seeking volunteers to speak at “John” school about the impact of prostitution on communities. Contact Bernie if interested.

At the last meeting with the SPD Bernie asked about crime at Green Lake Park, according to the SPD there has been no increase in crime at the park. This report was prior to new incidents that occurred the day before the GLCC meeting:

An armed robbery occurred at 1:00 am Tuesday Sept 8th by Evans Pool. The same two individuals are thought to have committed another armed robbery on the street around the 5900 block of Latona Av N. There have been several robberies in the North End believed to have been the work of the same suspects. They are described as being in their late teens/early 20's, height medium to tall, black males. These robberies have happened at night.

8. Keith Dahlgren talked about this summer's programs and the schedule of upcoming events by Seattle Public Theatre at Bathhouse Theater.

The downside this summer was several incidents of vandalism problems at the theater - graffiti, paint ball attacks, burglary, and HVAC system damaged on the roof. The positive side was they just completed successful summer season, with increased participation in student camps and attendance at productions.

He reviewed this year's program calendar which is available at – www.seattlepublictheater.org

9. Neighborhood announcements

Discussion on parking under I-5 and cars have moved on, due to the new parking prohibition from 2-5 am restrictions. Discussed the need for improvement of the lighting below I-5 and that any resolution will require both the state and city to be involved.

Mary invited input from the attendees for the November meeting.

Next meeting will be on November 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by

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