



Green Lake Community Council

## Meeting Notes

Date: January 10, 2007, 7-9 pm

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

1. Meeting was opened with welcome and introductions by Chair, Monica Hinckley.
2. **Seattle Schools Special Election February 6.** Sharon Rodgers, a representative of Schools First!, spoke to us on the upcoming schools levy. Schools First! is a mostly volunteer, citizen-based organization. Their primary mission is to inform voters about upcoming school levies and to direct efforts toward ensuring their passage. There are two Propositions on the upcoming ballot. Prop 1 is a six-year \$490m Capitol Bond. Passage of Prop 1 will renovate, replace or build an addition to three high schools (Ingraham, Nathan Hale, and Sealth), two middle schools (Denny and Hamilton), and a K-8 at South Shore, The Rainier Beach High School Career & Technology Education facility will also be modernized. Prop 2 is a three-year, \$397M Operations Levy. Ms. Rodgers explained that nearly 25% of schools' day-to-day operations budget has to come from this operations levy. Props. 1 & 2 are replacements for expiring levies passed by Seattle voters in 2001 and 2004 and average tax rates would remain the same. The Propositions require a 60% yes vote to pass. For more information view [www.schools-first.com](http://www.schools-first.com).
3. **I-5 Noise Wall Project.** Our scheduled speaker, Elizabeth Faulkner, was not able to attend the meeting due to weather. Ref Lindmark attended a recent public meeting on December 13, and gave the update. The I-5 / 5th Avenue NE to NE 92nd Street Noise Wall Project received \$7.7 million in funding as part of the 2005 Transportation Partnership Account. The project is currently in the planning phase with preliminary design anticipated to begin in early 2007. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2008. Before designing and constructing any noise walls, WSDOT will conduct neighborhood polls to gauge public interest for each wall and help determine whether or not to install the walls. You may recall receiving information in May 2006 about a potential noise wall project in your neighborhood. Since that time, WSDOT has completed additional work, including identifying preliminary noise wall locations throughout the project vicinity and modeling potential noise wall benefits. WSDOT wants to make sure that the noise wall construction on the east side of I-5 is closely coordinated with Sound Transit's proposed North Link light rail extension. This coordination may result in changes to the design and construction schedule for noise walls in this area.

#### 4. Land Use Updates.

- *The Hearthstone @ Woodlawn.* David Hamilton of The Hearthstone along with Dan Purgiel of LRS Architects gave a presentation on the new design and concept for the site. The site is located on Woodlawn between Latona and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. The design of the building has changed in that it is now two separate buildings with the alley between. Mr. Hamilton announced that The Hearthstone will no longer be looking to vacate the alley through the site, although will ask area residents for an underground vacation of the alley to allow a contiguous underground parking area below the two buildings. This new design will allow The Hearthstone the option of phasing the project. Each building will have 27-30 one and two bedroom units, retail on the ground floor with some residential units along 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to the new configuration, memory care will not be housed at this site although The Hearthstone is looking at other options/locations for this service. The Hearthstone will also be asking for a change in zoning to one lot included in this parcel that is currently zoned residential. The lot is currently the site of a parking lot for a karate school.
- *Albertson's Site.* Ref Lindmark and Mike Cornell, who had both attended review meetings on the Albertson's and Vitamilk sites, gave an update on this site as Glen Scheiber of Trammel Crow Residential was unable to attend the meeting. Trammel Crow has changed architects and is now working with Collins Woerman of Seattle. The next design review meeting is scheduled Monday, January 22, 2007, 8pm at University Heights Community Center, 50<sup>th</sup> and University Way. The new site plan includes the change from two buildings to three and the creation of a visual connection from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE through the site to the park.
- *Vitamilk Site.* Tom Bartholomew of Lorig was not able to attend and will attend and present at the March meeting. Ref Lindmark and Mike Cornell gave the update. A public design review meeting was held on January 8, 2007. A design model was presented at the meeting. There are no significant changes from past design review meetings. The Metropolitan Market will be similar in size to the old Albertson's store. There will be entrances to the Market on 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup>. Commercial tenants on the site have been given notice to vacate by May. Demolition on the site could begin in June. There will be another design review meeting in February. A concern was raised that ground source cooling for the refrigeration units could effect the temperature of groundwater and the habitat at Green Lake. Any questions on the project can be directed to Tom Bartholomew at 206.409.4232.
- *Gregg's Green Lake Cycle.* Ref Lindmark gave the update. Construction of the second story began on January 17, with a tight, 26-week schedule.
- *McDonald School, 55<sup>th</sup> & Latona.* Area residents have organized in order to improve the playground at this former grade school. The site is currently in use as an interim school while other school buildings undergo renovation. For more information contact Natasha Sowers: 206.729.2334.
- *Green Lake Shade Garden Project.* Meeting #2 on this project was held on Nov.16, 2006, at the Green Lake Library. Preliminary plans presented at this meeting were

- 1) Along the grove (allee) of london plane trees
  - Removal of the two degraded paths in the center of the london plane trees and replacing with one path.
  - Adding a feature (a small circle with benches or landscaping) near the pool end of the path.
  - Upgrading the irrigation to serve the shade garden planted in the location of the trolley stop bathroom that was demolished.
  - Adding some benches along paths
- 2) The raised plaza on the lake side of the Community Center
  - Improve the plaza so that it opens out to the Lake
  - Add a few benches near the plaza along the path
  - Add electrical service for vending
- 3) The Hearthstone area
  - Add a small grouping of benches with a path connecting to the main path south of the ball fields.

Parks believe they have the funding to complete all three projects. The next public meeting will be held on February 6, 2007, at the Green Lake Public Library.

5. **NW District Council Report.** Our representative to the council, Blaine MacAfferty, was unavailable. He had nothing to report.
6. **Friends of Green Lake.** Gayle Garman, Chair, gave the committee report. There was no meeting in December. The next meeting will be at 7 PM, February 20, 2007 at the Hearthstone. Minutes of monthly meetings are now available on their website, [www.friendsofgreenlake.org](http://www.friendsofgreenlake.org). Martin Mueller will soon be providing photos of birds at Green Lake for posting on the site.
7. **Seattle Police Department North Precinct Council.** Our representative, Bernie Kay, reported that there hadn't been any violent crime in the neighborhood, though there has been some drug and prostitution activity. There have been several reports of illegal activity at the Lower Woodlawn comfort stations. SPD is adding patrols to monitor this area. Several questions were asked about suspected crime activity. Bernie volunteered to follow up with police to gain information on any specific incident. Information needed for follow up are the date, time, location and any other pertinent information. He also mentioned that the SPD provides a crime prevention program to groups as a public service.
8. **Seattle Public Theater.** Keith Dahlgren introduced himself as the new Director of the theater. He has been in this position since October. Mr. Dahlgren has been in theater since 1978. SPT had a very successful holiday run with their two annual shows. *Travesties* by Tom Stoppard opened January 19 and plays through Feb 11. Praise was given by several community members on the theater programs and in particular the youth program. [www.seattlepublictheater.org](http://www.seattlepublictheater.org).
9. **Neighborhood Announcements** by Monica Hinckley.
  - *Greening It Up.* This new TV show is seeking households with kids willing to compete to see which household can be the greenest.
10. **Green Lake Community Council Bylaws.** Monica Hinckley and Ref Lindmark introduced the new bylaws. Our bylaws are to be reviewed and updated as

necessary every two years. The major changes to the bylaws include the addition of a non-discrimination policy, update of membership eligibility to be more inclusive and update of committees to reflect the current practice of the GLCC. A question was raised on the inconsistency of the term corporation in the document. The corrected document was uploaded to the website for community review. A vote on the bylaws will be taken at the March meeting. The Bylaws can be viewed at [www.greenlakecommunitycouncil.org](http://www.greenlakecommunitycouncil.org).

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