



Green Lake Community Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 14, 2012

7:01 PM – Paul Kostek – Introductions

Community Council Treasures Report – Karen Schurr

Balance: \$7060.01. Only activity in the last two months has been interest earned – 46¢ YTD. Office supplies, website domain name and PO Box have been main expenses for the past few years.

Evans Pool Assistant Coordinator - Erin Bruce

Has had the position for seven months. Pool has partnership with many schools in the area. 13 “Water X” classes each week – shallow and deep water exercising. Aerobic and strength building with low impact. Offer lifeguard training classes. Over 600 people registered for swimming lessons right now. Staff of about 30 intermittent lifeguards. Many types of swimming programs for all ages.

There’s also a Green Lake open water swim in June of each year.

Q: Are pool fees going up?

A: There is a vote in November which proposes a 50¢ increase. For example, adult lap swim costs \$4.75, would go up to \$5.25. 30 day pass would go up by \$5.

Green Lake Community Center – Joy Williams

Focusing on making the center friendly again. Family Game Night every Friday. Also offer Teen Movie Nights on Friday nights. Many other programs. Make sure to contact the center directly for information as the website is not always accurate.

Starting in December there will be a Suggestion & Idea box for program suggestions. Visit them on Facebook and “like” them.

Q: What programs do you offer for homeless?

A: Only center to work with homeless. They offer free showers, and can rent a towel for 50¢.

Always feel free to call if you have questions.

Mayor's Safe Community Program – Fae Brooks Seattle.gov/safe

Joint initiative lead by SPD and Mayor's Office. Just finished phase 1 – an outreach program to provide focused discussions with many in the community which usually don't connect with the police, outside of general law enforcement.

You can contact your local precinct and ask for a meeting.

Seattle.gov/safecommunities – Click on “north precinct” (for Green Lake) for more info.

Neighborhood Street Fund – SDOT – Art Brochet

\$4.5 million budgeted for projects. Deadline for applications is December 17th. Then referred to the 13 district councils to recommend three for each district. Other steps in the process and will then go to the Bridging the Gap committee in June, 2013. They will then prioritize the list, and submit to the City Council and Mayor. Planning in 2014, construction in 2015.

Project proposals must:

1. Cost at least \$100,000
2. Be on the SDOT right-of-way
3. Be for a “built project” – not studies

Q: Please explain the “green zones” on Ravenna

A: Will try... green zones are marked areas where cars and bikes may merge. There's also “bike boxes” which are right behind the stop bar at traffic lights. Bicyclists are encouraged to occupy the spot behind the stop bar. Assumed that bicyclists can accelerate faster than cars, so they can get across the intersection first.

Seattle.gov/NSF

Traffic Safety Improvements on Green Lake Way N – Brian Dougherty

In 2010 the GLCC & Wallingford CC supported a study to extend the bike lane on Green Lake Wy. These are the results of the study.

Classified as “minor arterial”. Street parking on east side of street. Currently has “sharrows”. Pedestrian signal at Clogston. Previously there were two other marked crosswalks. Only had signs and paint. In 2004, city standards were changed and those crosswalks were removed at the time. Statistically, more pedestrians were hit at these types of crosswalk.

International studies have shown that:

@20MPH, 90% chance of survival

@30MPH 50% chance of survival

@40MPH 10% chance of survival

15 collisions in three years. North and Southbound traffic is roughly equal – just under 1000 vehicles per hour during peak.

Traffic volume has dropped 16% since 1961, when I-5 was built.

Three lane configurations work well for < 15000, sometimes at 15-20,000, over 20,000 “maybe”

Will be taking feedback over the next few months. A decision would be made early next year.

Blanchet High School Lights Status – Lee Bruch

Paul will be meeting with the President of the school to come to talk.

Met with Blanchet last night. Two main groups – one to mitigate and another to deny the permit. Had an extremely productive talk with Blanchet. “First time that they’ve reached out so obviously to the neighborhood.”

Still a lot of concern about their lighting proposal. “A lot is unmitagatable” – Livability, frequency and intensity of use (proposal has been insistent on times) (New proposal being submitted this week), lights – visible from Maple Ridge to Phinney Ridge. Least covered item in the land use code is lighting. Want to introduce a change to this to the city, when this issue is resolved. Parking and traffic are other issues at hand.

For more information, contact ConcernedBlanchetNeighbors@gmail.com

Nine high schools do not have stadiums so this could become a big issue for other neighborhoods as well.

Land Use Committee – Michael Cornell

Sarah Picard, Mary Muller & Michael Cornell are starting a committee to review land use in the area as development is picking up. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact the council or Michael Cornell.

Friends of Green Lake – Garet Munger

New President/Chair of FOGL. Thanks to Gayle Garman for serving so many years in this position.

Update on some recent events on the lake. Recent closure because of toxic algae bloom. Growth of blue-green algae. In the past it has been related to the amount of phosphorus in the water. The algae is always present in the lake. It produces a gas bubble when blooming and creates a scum on the lake. September 28th a sample was taken to that was above the guidelines to be above the level for recreational use. On October 2nd the signs went up. More recent test results have also been high. On

Tuesday, the levels were below the level. Levels must remain low for two consecutive weeks before signs will be removed.

The water is likely more hazardous to dogs than to humans.

Next meeting November 27th, 2012. Visit friendsofgreenlake.org

Hearthstone Report – Stan Gregory

Village Cove – expansion project - one block east of the Hearthstone. Have had some timing issues with the project. Previous property owner was a laundry facility. There was chemical contamination, and they knew of this at the start. However, dealing with the different government agencies took much more effort than anticipated. Currently waiting on final certification from the state Department of Ecology so they may proceed. The last samples were shown to be clean. They have 60 days to respond, but the state is overdue.

Four story apartment building. Extension of the Hearthstone. More of a “condo lifestyle.” Pre-sale phase. Goal is to have 14 pre-sales by the end of Q1 2013. Open house coming up December the 9th, 2-4pm. 11 floors of Christmas decorations. Roving carolers.

Northwest District Council – Ellen Hewitt

Large scale effort going on at North Seattle Community College for developing employment. \$3 million grant for training. Many opportunities. Contact the college if interested.

Cannabis was a discussion item at September meeting. Focused on initiative that has since been passed.

85th Street paving project is almost complete.

SPD NW Precinct Report – Paul Kostek

Looking for a volunteer to report to the council.

No major events. Car thefts remain “steady”.

Seattle Public Theater – Keith Dahlgren www.seattlepublictheater.org

Annual holiday shows – two shows. 12th year of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*
Also playing *Santaland Diaries* by David Sedaris – his adventures as a Macy’s Elf