



Green Lake Community Council

Meeting Notes

Date: November 8, 2006, 7-9 p.m.

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

1. Meeting was opened with welcome and introductions by Chair, Monica Hinckley.
2. **Land Use Updates.** Ref Lindmark gave the following updates:
 - *Albertson's Site.* Glen Scheiber of Trammel Crow Residential was unable to attend the meeting to give the update in person. Trammel Crow anticipates the next design review meeting on this project to be in early January. The design hasn't progressed much beyond the last presentation to the community. The recent focus has been on engineering and structural matters. Hewitt Architects is no longer involved in this project. The architectural firm, Collins Woerman, has been hired. A recent mixed-use project they have completed is 2200 Westlake in South Lake Union.
 - *Vitamilk Site.* Information provided to Ref by Tom Bartholomew of Lorig. Next design review meeting is January 8, 2007. Metropolitan Market will take 60% of the 1st floor. They anticipate one additional design review meeting after January. They have been working on the design of the grocery store and trying to fit everything in this smaller than normal size store. They feel good about how it is going to look. They are also working on an agreement with Metropolitan Market that will limit delivery trucks to no longer than 45', and believe most will be 40'. Currently they plan to apply for 2 permits, one for excavation and the other for building. If all goes well, they may begin excavation as early as May 2007. This project will require a lot of excavation so expect to see lots of trucks. Another interesting development on the project is that they are looking into installing ground source cooling for the refrigeration units rather than roof mounted cooling. This is an environmentally progressive approach that if installed will have much less neighborhood impact from noise and heat.
 - *Gregg's Green Lake Cycle.* No update available.
 - *Seattle City Council.* After the current budget process is complete the council will be working on the neighborhood commercial code and the multi-family residential code. We will put this on the agenda for a future meeting. Councilmember Richard Conlin may be bringing up to council the adverse impacts of mega houses in residential neighborhoods. Another idea for a future meeting agenda.

- *Green Lake Shade Garden Project.* Meeting #2 on this project will be held Nov.16 @ 7 p.m. at the Green Lake Library. Comments by community members were made that the last meeting was quite frustrating. Ref Lindmark gave the history of the project and it's inclusion in our neighborhood 2020 plan and stated that he would attend the meeting on Nov. 16 to give this history.
 - Question was asked whether we as a community are asking for affordable housing from developers. There was a comment that we have enough affordable housing in the community. Comment was also made that unless we have leverage it is difficult to ask for affordable housing from a developer. Leverage could be the request for a zoning change, etc. The board will ask someone from the City attend a future meeting to talk about housing and affordable housing in Seattle.
 - We will see the result of the passing of King Co. Proposition No 2 and City of Seattle Proposition No 1 in our community in the coming years by repainted crosswalks, new street signs, road repainting and upgraded bus services.
3. **Summer Entertainment.** Virginia Swanson, Special Events Manager for the City of Seattle introduced this project. Ms Swanson works for both the Mayor and Parks Superintendent. Her goal was to bring this project to the Green Lake community to get our feedback on the idea. The idea came to the city through the PR firm Edelman. Summer Entertainment has been operating in Australia for 10 years and will be expanding to several US cities in 2007.

Alicia Darvall, a representative of the Australian company, Summer Entertainment, gave us an overview of the project. Summer Entertainment is proposing to screen a range of films outdoors at Green Lake Park in the summer of 2007.

- The location is on the lawn near the children's play area.
- Screenings will begin in August and last 8 weeks, 4-5 screenings per week.
- Area opens @ 5:30 p.m. with screenings beginning at 8-8:30 p.m..
- Capacity is 500-600, expected to average 150-200 per screening
- Fencing around the perimeter will be put up and taken down daily.
- 3 small buildings and portable toilets will remain on site throughout the 8 weeks
- Distributed speaker system used that uses multiple speakers with lower sound levels distributed close to the audience.
- Parks will receive a minimum fee plus a % of box office. It is unknown if the Parks plans to utilize the funds generated for Green Lake Park.
- Ticket prices expected to be \$8-\$10 per person.
- Summer Entertainment will give \$30,000 in tickets to 3 non-profits as fundraisers.

Community Concerns & Comments:

- Green Lake Park is a unique natural area in the city that should not allow commercial activity.
- Noise is a concern, especially the sound carry over the lake.
- Do not want commercialization of the park.
- There are posted signs in the park that no amplified music is allowed.
- Parking was cited as a concern. It is already problematic. The idea that most attendees will walk to the event from their homes is not realistic.

- There are other more appropriate sites in the city for this type of activity. Ms Darvall indicated that Green Lake Park is the only location they are looking at. It was determined through negotiation with the Parks Department.
- Chairs should be provided for seniors. There is a large local senior population.
- Concern that this proposal includes too many events for the summer. (proposal is up to 40 events). Parks had agreed with community that no events would be scheduled during the summer months at the park, this was acknowledged by Ms. Swanson.
- Comment made that the fundraising proposal is good idea.
- Good idea, just too many days. Once or twice may be OK.

Vote.

Ms. Swanson took a vote by show of hands on community thoughts on the proposal. The majority vote was not in favor of this proposal. Ms. Swanson let us know that this vote would kill the project, as a core requirement was community approval.

4. **Friends of Green Lake.** Gayle Garman, Chair, gave the committee report. The November meeting is Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m. at the Hearthstone. Subject of the meeting is the Vegetation Plan for Green Lake Park specifically as it relates to protecting the shoreline and wildlife. A copy of the Vegetation Plan can be viewed on the Seattle Parks website. Speakers include Don Allen, Crew Chief Seattle Parks Dept., Martin Mueller, Native Plant Society and the Audubon Society. FOGL T-shirts are still available via the website, www.friendsofgreenlake.org.
5. **Hearthstone.** Ron Zuccareli of Hearthstone gave an update on the redevelopment of the parcel known as the Yasuko/Plastic Sales Bldg. The site is bounded by Latona, Woodlawn and 4th. The Hearthstone will have their architects available at the next GLCC meeting in January to discuss their plans for senior wellness apartments on the site. Question was asked if there was any progress on an idea to build a parking lot under the school parking lot behind the Hearthstone site. Mr. Zuccareli stated that this idea is on the back burner and nothing new to report.
6. **NW District Council Report.** Beth Pflug of the Department of Neighborhoods gave the report. Our representative, Blaine MacAfferty, was unavailable. Items discussed at the most recent meeting:
 - City Light presented a plan for a rate decrease for residential customers.
 - Discussion on the Tunnel/viaduct/sea wall.
 - Neighborhoods north of 85th Street want more sidewalks and may be asking us for help.
 Ms. Pflug informed us that Virginia Swanson, who presented earlier, holds meetings to look at many special events in the city and that in general they are very helpful to neighborhoods.

Question was asked if there was any further movement on the installation of a traffic light at 5th and Banner Way. She had no information.
7. **Seattle Police Department North Precinct Council.** Our representative, Bernie Kay, was not available, Monica Hinckley gave his report.
 - The Alcohol Impact Areas were changed effective November 1, 2006. Increased drinking activity has been observed in Ballard, Fremont and 85th &

Aurora. Some merchants have banded together in agreement to not sell high malt liquors. Please show your support and patronize these establishments.

- The Seattle City Council is developing a Proposal for a Public Safety Package. Highlights of possible interest are a) the addition of 20-40 patrol officers over two years, b) add a half-time graffiti prosecutor, and c) many more prevention items. The council cannot fund everything and is looking for community feedback on items we would like to see funded. Review the proposal at www.gainseattle.com click on proposals. After review, write a letter to the council and let them know what you think. GAIN Seattle is Greenwood Aurora Involved Neighbors.

8. **Neighborhood Announcements** by Monica Hinckley.

- *Seattle Public Theater at the Historic Bathhouse.* Keith Dahlgren is the new manager of the theater.
- *FlexCar.* Three flex cars have been added in Fremont and one is located at the Albertson's site in the Green Lake neighborhood.
- *Greater Greenwood Traffic and Bike Safety Coalition.* Next meeting is November 15th @ 6 p.m. to discuss safety issues. DOT is considering taking away left turns from 80th Street.

9. Community Member, Mike Olejar, let us know that he is organizing complaints to stop helicopter noise pollution from traffic helicopters. For more information contact him at mikeolejar@hotmail.com.

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