



**Green Lake Community Council  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
Meeting Notes**

Paul Kostek – Call to Order @ 7:05pm

**Colleen Hackett – Green Lake Park Plans for 2015**

Crew chief for parks. One current project is Green Lake drainage. Two drains. One goes into the sewer, and one goes to treatment. In the winter, when the water is high, it impacts our docks and structure. Causes rot and buckling. Need to keep the water level below that level. There is a drain they have to pull that goes into the sewer. This coming week will be the initial week to get the outlet by Meridian street to be the functioning primary outlet. There will be a new, very accessible valve. Should help keep levels higher in the summer.

A fish weir will get repaired. It hasn't functioned in years.

Lost a lot of trees this year. Senior gardener is working with the tree crew on replanting. In April there will be some path work, especially on the inner path. Don't usually do the whole path.

The Metropolitan Parks District doesn't have much impact at her level. One area where there will be improvements is with the comfort stations. It's an area that has been cut back over the years. Green Lake is one of the busiest bathrooms in the city. The department will improve at least one comfort station per year. 65<sup>th</sup> Street at Green Lake will be the first to be revamped.

**Robert Lee , Parks Project Manager – Alum Treatment**

Looking at doing the treatment in 2016. This year there are permitting hurdles. Will not be able to cross those before the algae blooms. Has heard some algae is starting to bloom now. Not an effective treatment when algae is blooming.

The treatment is a liquid that sinks down and covers the lake bed, preventing the algae from blooming. Hope to attack that at the appropriate time in the spring of next year. Permitting is controlled by Department of Ecology and Department of Wildlife. No way to speed up the permitting process.

Is hoping to get approval for two informational stations showing the water quality of the lake and the alum treatment will impact the lake. Also wants to show inflow and outflow of water from the lake as there's a lot of misconceptions.

The bathhouse is getting a new roof this year. Should occur this summer.

To get the permits, you need design documents. To do that, they needed to do a study. The project is funded for this year. The design documents have not yet been commissioned.

Signs for lake closure are the responsibility of the Parks Department. There are mitigation efforts that could be done to minimize the impact of delaying treatment, but that would take away from the budget to do the actual treatment.

### **Shannon Kelleher – Seattle Public Utilities**

Reworking the local drainage basin. There are 10 in the city. Will rework all 10 in the next 12 years. Is reworking this area first. The impetus SDOT is looking at redoing Greenwood Ave and Aurora, and SPU is looking to see what their requirements are.

There is a Densmore plan and other neighborhoods plan. There are other numerous drainage plans. Will look at existing conditions, as well as future conditions. This includes development and climate change. Once a plan is in place, SPU will come back to the community to verify the plan.

Afterwards they will pick out "focus areas". The areas are not always geographical. Aurora Ave could be one, but culverts might be another. They will then address those issues and determine a variety of measures such as new policies and procedures. Again SPU will come back to the community. Hope to be finished by this time next year.

### **Paul Kostek**

#### **Parking in SE Green Lake**

Council has been emailed about this. Person who emailed is not present. Those present from the area have said parking has become worse.

### **Seattle Public Theater**

Info on back table

### **Vitamilk New Development**

Developer said he needs to talk to the owners first, about giving a presentation. Have not heard back.

### **Richard Fleming – Friends of Green Lake**

Data analysis report was done for the Parks Department. A draft was presented in December. Comments were provided from FOGL. The company doing the report worked to collect a lot of older data. Most of the good data has been collected in the last 10 years. Report is now final. It is available online, and information will be posted on the FOGL website.

Last alum treatment was in 2004. It was estimated that the treatment would last 10 years. The Parks Department was required to monitor the lake after the treatment. FOGL has done this for the city. Lakes are monitored by King County. FOGL provides samples to King County.

As early as 2013 it could be seen that another treatment would be needed sooner. FOGL deeply regrets that the Parks Department has not gotten a proposal together to be treated by 2015, but instead put off to 2016.

Next meeting will be at the Heartstone on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

Many more kinds of monitoring activities occurring, including the height of the lake and visually inspecting 31 locations around the lake for existence of algae.

FOGL has played a critical role in the collection of this water quality data. The most critical part is water quality sampling. FOGL is seeking someone to sample the water about every two weeks. Please contact FOGL if you are interested in helping out.

### **Ellen Hewitt – NW District Council Report**

At the next meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month – funding projects. Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Project review process. Will talk about the Parks and Streets fund. Will discuss one between NE 71<sup>st</sup> and I-5. The proposal is to add a sidewalk on the north side of the bridge over the freeway, as well as some traffic bulbs.

### **Maryte Racys – Green Lake Library**

Quite a bit of construction for a sewer line. Can still access most of the library. Construction should be done on Monday. Will be getting a new cherry tree on the left side of the library. A plaque will be made from the old cherry tree.

### **Paul Kostek – North Precinct Report**

Have finished buying all the land up on 130<sup>th</sup> and Aurora. The precinct will move to that location in the future.

Pretty quiet. Auto theft is down. Biggest problems are in Ballard – attributed to clubs and late night drinking. May be some additional speed enforcement on Aurora.

### **Ref Lindmark – Metro**

In-motion. Is a residential based program (as opposed to corporate) to help educate neighborhoods on transportation options. Has occurred in many neighborhoods. It

is now happening in the Green Lake area. Will go door-to-door to talk with the neighborhood.

Potential restructure of Metro service. In 2016 the Sound Transit Link Light Rail will open up in the U District. Metro is looking to see how that will impact service.

There are proposed changes to the 26X, 16 & 48. This should help resolve some issues with access or routes getting way off schedule. The 48 would be split into two routes – the 45 and 67.

Also trying to pull routes off 105<sup>th</sup> as traffic is usually very bad crossing there.

Paul Kostek – Wrap up  
District 6 Candidate Forum – June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Question development session – March 26<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm.

Meeting adjourned – 8:58pm

Recorded by Forrest Corbett