



Green Lake Community Council

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March 12, 2008

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

- A grant application has been submitted for a new sign near Aqua Theater in Green Lake Park. The sign will give a history of the theater.
- Stop light at 64th and Green Lake Avenue:

There is concern in the neighborhood regarding the plans of Seattle Department of Traffic to install a full signal stop light at the intersection of E Green Lake Way N and N 64th Street. Many neighborhood residents are asking where was the announcement and community outreach before seeing painted markings show up on their streets; to which *Chris Eaves* of SDOT responded that a construction crew “jumped the gun.”

Mr. Eaves was quick to point out to the audience present at the Green Lake Community Council that the arterial change was due to volume increases reported during extensive studies done by SDOT during the month of January 2008. These studies showed that the amount of traffic over a period of 14 hours each day to be sufficient to validate and require a traffic light.

The project calls for new crosswalk placements and a formal bike lane to follow E Green Lake Way. Also, a median will be installed to restrict southbound traffic on E Green Lake Way N. SDOT representatives explained that this will enhance pedestrian crossing, reduce conflicts and increase safety.

The traffic signal will be set to keep E Green Lake Way N as the main route with the light only activating when a car approaches on 64th Ave or by a

pedestrian. Through a process called “platooning,” a maximum of 4 cars per minute will travel on 64th Ave. This should cause faster entrance or exit onto E Green Lake but, as Chris Eaves points out, “people don’t always act as computer models do; our plan is to install the light and then continue monitoring the flow of traffic to determine appropriate timing.”

➤ Old VFW building sale and new plans for the site:

The old Veterans of Foreign Wars building was purchased by Alison Stage and is being renovated into a children’s book store for ages 0 – 9. The building is located at the intersection of Mapleleaf, Woodlawn and 73rd Avenue. Ms. Stage is planning to offer the building for community activities and will work with the Billings Middle School who currently leases the top 2 floors to have the doors open to the public on the Memorial Day weekend.

➤ Update on the old Vitamilk project at Green Lake Village:

Lorig Development has halted construction on the middle block building until an anchor tenant can be located. A fitness center is one possibility being looked into and the company hopes to continue by summer 2008. They are also looking to secure a grocery store in what Lorig is calling the “South Block.”

➤ Update on the old Albertson’s project:

Michael Garrell of TCR addressed the GLCC to give an update on the mixed use development; a project started in October of 2007. Mr. Garrell reported that the construction is ahead of schedule as of March 2008 and TCR is expecting to complete the project in the summer of 2009. The building will have 16,000 sq. feet of ground floor retail space below 205 apartment units along with 2 levels of underground parking. Possible retail tenants include a restaurant and a bank.

➤ Update on the 72nd & Aurora Avenue Shell Station project:

Talk of plans to develop the station into a mixed use building containing 30 residential condos and 1 floor of retail space are moving forward. Sewerage is picked up and first directed towards Lake Union until the flooding becomes too great.

On a separate issue, a speaker from the King County Small Lakes Dept. will present data from 3 years of studies on blue-green algae at the next FOGL meeting on Tuesday, March 18, and the community members present will determine if we should institute a monitoring system as occasional blooms have been showing up in Green Lake.

A public election will be held at the March 18th meeting for the next President and Secretary of the Friends of Green Lake board of directors. Also, we will review the bylaws which need to be changed to conform to IRS rules on tax deductible donations, and have a vote on approval by FOGL members.

➤ Report on Aurora Avenue Action Agenda meetings by Ref Lindmark:

The Action Agenda is a large group of residents, local business owners and community leaders who came together to create action items related to issues affecting the Aurora Avenue corridor between 72nd and 90th Avenues. The proposal will present solutions to the community for validation and then brought to the Seattle City Mayor's office.

A mailing list is available and the task force invites you to learn more about the Aurora Avenue Action Agenda at their community event on Tuesday March 25, 2008, from 6 – 8pm at the Bethany Community Church (8023 Green Lake Drive North) and on their website:
<http://groups.google.com/group/aaactionagenda>

➤ Green Lake Community Events Calendar:

The Green Lake Community Council has created an online calendar as a place for local residents, businesses and other community centers to announce all events in the Green Lake neighborhood. The calendar can be found on both the Green Lake Community Council and Friends of Green Lake websites and will be updated continually as we receive notice of community events. Please feel free to send an email to greenlakecommunitycalendar@gmail.com to add your event!

➤ Public election to fill GLCC Vice-Chair Position:

A public election by Green Lake neighbors, present at the March 12, 2008 Green Lake Community Council meeting was held to fulfill the vacant

Board of Directors position of Vice-Chair. A unanimous decision to elect Mary Muller was passed.

➤ Update from our liaison to the Seattle PD North District:

The Seattle Police Dept. would like to remind Green Lake neighbors to be alert and careful when using ATMs at banks and stores. Remember to protect yourself, your card and inspect the machines for irregularities before use.

The SPD would also like to warn residents that leaving laptop computers or other valuables unattended by windows in your home or in your vehicle can be easy targets for thieves.

Another topic for Green Lake residents to be aware of is graffiti. The graffiti on a wall near Evans pool will be painted over by a neighbor and the SPD would like residents to know that free paint will be provided by the city of Seattle to cover any graffiti on their property.

➤ New GLCC sidewalk signs:

The GLCC board would like to invite neighbors from Green Lake who would like to participate in housing the signs to contact us via email at xxxx. We are requesting everyone who currently has a sidewalk sign please send an email to the GLCC board as well.

➤ Postcard reminders for GLCC meetings coming back with opt-out option:

The GLCC board will be mailing out postcards again to neighbors on the most recent mailing list to announce the next GLCC meeting at the Hearthstone building. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every other month; the next meeting will be 05/14/08. The board will also maintain an email list for those who prefer a paperless announcement. Be on the look-out for the new postcard, there will be a way to inform the GLCC board of your preferred method of communication. If you do not receive a postcard to your home or business but would like to, please email the GLCC board and we will add you to the list.

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