



Green Lake Community Council

Green Lake Community Council Meeting Notes May 14, 2008

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

➤ Friends of Green Lake Update: Gayle Garman, FOGL Chair

Friends of Green Lake (FOGL) needs volunteers for community events relating to Green Lake such as the cross-lake swim on June 29, 2008, stories and pictures are needed for FOGL website articles and help is needed selling t-shirts, counting money and promoting FOGL during the milk carton race on July 5, 2008.

FOGL has applied for a \$1500 grant to study and manage phytoplankton and blue-green algae growth in Green Lake.

FOGL has sent a letter to new Seattle Parks Department Superintendent Tim Gallagher addressing the need to establish an office or person responsible for Green Lake's management of grounds including vegetation, use of pesticides, etc... The letter is available for viewing on the Friends of Green Lake website.

The Fish & Wildlife Service has stocked Green Lake with 20,000 trout.

FOGL meetings will be held at the Hearthstone on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The next two meetings will be on May 27, 2008 and June 22, 2008.

There is currently an initiative to have another pro-parks levy on the November city ballot. Seattle City Council has conducted a survey reporting that 67% of Seattle residents surveyed would support the levy. The most recent levy allotted funds to Green Lake to create a "Shade Garden" and if the new levy is passed, more capital projects can be expected.

Seattle City Council has created a Citizen's Advisory Committee to which a letter has been submitted for the retrofitting of the Green Lake Bathhouse. There have been no electrical updating to the building since its initial construction and this poses a fire hazard. Also, neighbors of Green Lake have expressed desire to have the restroom facilities of the bathhouse

be open and available year round. The Bathhouse is a building that serves many purposes and needs to be brought up to Seattle City code standards!

➤ Update on Marshall School changes/closure/etc: School Board Member Sherry Carr

Seattle Public Schools have a new superintendant who has commissioned independent audits of curriculum and special education programs. A strategic plan was rolled out on May 14, 2008 for which they are looking for the city to rally around which addresses the student assignment process with designs to keep students close to home while promoting diversity in the schools. More information is available on the Seattle Public Schools website.

There has been significant growth in the North end of the Seattle school district and slight decreases in enrollment in other areas. The growth in enrollment in the North end has put pressure on existing facilities and their capacity levels, especially at the high school level. For example, there is significant over-enrollment in the Bryant neighborhood. Currently, there are no issues of new school closures but, solutions are being looked at.

The Marshall School in Green Lake will close in June 2008 and the School Board will follow their established processes in regards to inventory, etc... There will be a possible sale of University Heights and Phinney Center schools as there is an abundance of excess facilities and most schools are operating with plenty of capacity. A complete renovation of the Hamilton Middle School is planned and students will be housed at Lincoln.

Any questions should be forwarded via email to sherry.carr@seattleschools.org.

➤ Seafair Hot Air Balloon and Milk Carton Derby: Kyle Brown

The primary sponsor of Seafair is bringing a hot air balloon to the lower soccer field near Woodlawn Park on July 5, 2008. Tethered rides will be available free of charge to the general public until 10AM.

➤ 72nd & Aurora Ave Condo Project: Susan Parker

The shell station located on the corner of 72nd Ave and Aurora Ave is slated to become a 28-unit mixed-use condo complex. Currently, the site is zoned to allow a building up to 40 feet high to be constructed. The project is looking to become an aesthetic prototype for other development along the Aurora Avenue corridor.

➤ Stop Light at 64th & Meridian Ave: Ref Lindmark

Median construction began on May 14, 2008 with two recent changes added due to neighborhood input. Engineers are designing the median to have the ability to be planted in the near future and installing a bike only turn lane from E. Green Lake Ave. N. up Meridian Ave. For more information please email Mr. Jim Curtin of the Seattle Dept. of Transportation at jim.curtin@seattle.gov.

- Update on the old Albertson's site/TCR development: Michael Cornell

The TCR development is ahead of schedule for a mixed use condo complex at the site of the old Albertsons. The project should be completed by the summer of 2009 with leases on the retail space being established currently.

- Aurora Avenue Action Agenda Update: Ref Lindmark

In response to a recent draft of the Aurora Avenue Action Agenda, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickel has called for immediate area improvements including:

Installation of an overhead blinking crosswalk signs where Aurora Avenue crosses N 80th Avenue, as well as, the Stone Way intersection.

Installation of a "red light" camera at Aurora Avenue and N 85th Avenue.

Addition of a left turn signal on Aurora Avenue turning onto N 90th Avenue.

Installation of countdown signal at many Aurora Avenue crosswalks.

Repair to sidewalks, bicycle and street signage.

Increase effort to hire more Seattle City police officers for the area.

Recently, Mayor Nickels took a walk through the Aurora Avenue corridor to witness firsthand the condition of this area and has declared it time to take back the streets.

- Update from our liaison to the Seattle Police Dept. North Precinct: Bernie Kay

Upcoming events for the Seattle PD North Precinct include a family friendly picnic sponsored by the department on June 28, 2008 and the neighborhood "Night Out" block watch will be held on August 05th 2008. More information and to register for the Night Out, please visit www.seattle.gov/police

- Announcements:

To post public notice of Green Lake community events, please visit www.greenlakecommunitycouncil.com or send an email with the appropriate information to greenlakecommunitycalendar@gmail.com

The City of Seattle is developing a Customer Bill of Rights and they want to hear from you! Please take a brief survey at <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/BillOfRights> before June 30th.

A grand reopening party will be held for the Seattle Public Library Magnolia branch on July 12, 2008. Currently, guides to the landscaping at the Green Lake branch are available. Please visit your neighborhood branch for more information.

New signs for announcing upcoming Green Lake Community Council meetings have been purchased and neighborhood involvement with the sign placements is needed. For more information please email Michael Cornell at mike@michaelcornell.com.

- The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.