



## **Green Lake Community Council Meeting Wednesday May 14, 2014**

Call to order, 7pm

### **Parks Report – Sally Bagshaw – Seattle City Council**

Parks help with climate change, density and equity. 465 parks, 26 community centers, as well as pools and dog parks. \$267 million in major maintenance backlog. Asked communities what they want – “fix it first” by and large the request – not new parks. In 2008 there was no “O&M – operations and maintenance” money.

14 properties were purchased strategically around Seattle. Those will be developed after maintenance is done, if the upcoming parks measure passes on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

(36<sup>th</sup> & 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Seattle Park District Funding Initiatives - handouts)

Property tax measure. Cost to \$400,000 property will be \$133/yr.

Q: There are a lot of fitness businesses that use the park for business operations. Is there any plan to ask those businesses for support?

A: “I think your point is well taken”. Has not heard of any plans to do this

Q: With the city council taking over the role of managing the parks, how do you envision that working?

A: From the outside I don’t think anyone will notice a different. This time there will be a citizen advisory board with members appointed from the community. In this plan, there will be two new auditors – one internally on the parks staff, one paid for through the budget office. Every three years an outside auditor will have a look.

Q: How are the new district council reps for each area going to be chosen?

A: That is one of the many questions being asked right now. We will look for specific experiences – someone with horticulture experience, business, finance...

Q: Can you explain what the difference is between doing this as a normal park levy, and creating the park district.

A: The levies have gone on for 20 years, they have been 6 or 7 year levies. Using the park district, this will not come back to a vote. Voters could potentially dissolve this at a later date.

Q: Really what's on my mind is the park district. I think you should have lead of with this. People have voted for levies for years. Votes for levies. Concerned about huge issues not being dealt with that are different than what the levies have been in the past.

A: I think your points are well taken. I want to take you back two years. Parks were hit worse than any other department. Parks came after police, libraries, human services and fire. Parks lost 17% of its budget and 10% of its employees were laid off. The Metropolitan Parks District will be State recognized and out from the general fund to ensure that parks won't take a hit like this again.

The levies get limited because the state has not stepped up and done what it needed to. We are trying to do the best we can to make sure the parks are well taken care of and well maintained.

Q: Always very concerned that if a levy doesn't go through, what's going to happen to the park. Will this protect that from happening?

A: Yes. The money will not be supplanted or taken elsewhere. People can count on the fact that their programs are going to be there that they want.

#### **414 Ravenna Project (Crosby Green Lake) – Jeff Tretheway & Brian**

Planning a 62 unit apartment building. Has feedback from this meeting and design review board. Trying to go beyond what the city requires in terms of parking and setbacks. Trying to create a building that will enhance the Green Lake community. Trying to do something a little more radical. We are trying to make our building transit orientated in order to have little or no impact on parking.

Paying a lot of attention to the neighboring architecture. Want to harmonize with what's there. Want to connect with existing architecture and the lake. There is no setback required for this piece of property. Set back between 8' and 5' on all of the borders. Looking at pulling back a little bit more to help with shadows cast off of property.

Plaza faces Ravenna, around retail level. Not going to have a brick base. Want a transparent retail level. Flow the plaza space into the retail space. There have been security concerns. Hiring a security consulting firm. They will be providing expertise so that they can have the courtyard, yet be a deterrent to the homeless or people sleeping there.

There were 16 parking spot with an underground garage. That dropped down to 14 because of taking into account van accessible parking spot. The cost of the garage

was about twice over budget. There were several factors that contributed to cost overruns. Can reduce it down to 10 parking stalls and be back within budget. Now that means they have to figure out what to do for the community to make parking better.

They want to be cutting edge – transit oriented – for residents that don't have cars. Working with Gregg's Cycle, Vespa Seattle... so that residents can get discounts. Working with King County on subsidized bus passes. Have someone in the building to help with transit options. Secure bike racks – 30 for now, up to 60 or more. Investigating Seattle Bike Share program. Unfortunately, the program does not include Green Lake, and no future plans.

Looking at providing 5-10 electric smart cars and using a model like Zip Car or Car 2 Go. Can lease or buy electric smart cars available only for tenants. Also looking at incentive for tenants coming in if they agree they don't own a car or bring it into the neighborhood. If they have a car, they would take the funds and donate it to the community.

Not trying to make it easy for tenants to have cars. Potentially saving some parking for retail.

300-400sf efficiency apartments. Subject to change, but roughly \$1100-1300/mo. Fully self contained (kitchen, bath, washer, dryer...)

### **Green Lake Chamber of Commerce – Brad Cooper**

New website coming online in a few days. Plans to have a blog feature. The chamber as looked towards the Fremont chamber as an example to model after. Wants to target visitors to the lake. Looking to setup a chamber signature event. Has been helping out at other events, but it looking to own an event.

Next meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Milk Carton Derby - Sherry Fadely from Seafair**

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by PCC. Boat building demonstrations at both Green Lake stores. Standup paddle boarding races are also taking place. Chip Hanaur will be here for some announcing.

### **Nominations Committee – Paul Kostek**

Calling for volunteers to serve on the nominations committee. Need two or three people to go out and solicit volunteers. Or, if you're interested in running, once the committee is setup people can contact them if they are interested in a board committee.

**NW District Council – Ellen Hewitt**

Park levy and pedestrian zone projects were discussed. There was an application for funding for a pedestrian overpass. Would connect the college with the transit station. Elections are coming up for officers.

**SPD North Precinct Report – Paul Kostek**

SNAP programs are coming up – contact Paul for more info – [pkostek@aol.com](mailto:pkostek@aol.com)

Car theft is the new big issue in the area, though violent crime is going down.

Need meeting July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Adjourned 8:37pm.