



Green Lake Community Council

## Meeting Notes

Date: July 11, 2007, 7-9 pm

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

1. Meeting was opened with welcome and introductions by Chair, Monica Hinckley.
2. **North Aurora Business Revitalization project.** Claudia Arana, Community Development Policy Analyst, Office of the Mayor, spoke on this project. Community groups and councils would like to revitalize the commercial areas of North Aurora. They are now in the information gathering stage. The City is meeting with area stakeholders to determine desires and ideas for the revitalization, and are also looking for volunteers to join a taskforce who will meet consistently over 6 months to come up with a vision and recommendations. The project area is on Aurora from 72<sup>nd</sup> to 90th streets and includes the 2 blocks east and west of Aurora. There is no rezoning of property planned with this project. GAIN (Greenwood Aurora Involved neighbors) will be involved with this project. Additional information on how this group is involved in the project can be obtained by writing [GAINGroup@gmail.com](mailto:GAINGroup@gmail.com). Contact Claudia Arana for additional information on the project 206.615.0958 or [Claudia.arana@seattle.gov](mailto:Claudia.arana@seattle.gov).
3. **Hearthstone Update.** David Hamilton gave an update on the 54 unit senior housing project on Woodlawn. Hearthstone has completed early design work with the City and have made changes to the façade in the form of additional setbacks as a result. The under-the-alley vacation for the below grade garage is now in process although not yet approved. Access to the garage will now be from the alley per City regulation. Entrance for residents will be off 4<sup>th</sup>, and commercial entrances will be on Woodlawn. Hearthstone is 2-3 years away from project completion.
4. **I-5 Noise Wall Project.** Representatives from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) gave us an update on this project. The I-5 / 5th Avenue NE to NE 92nd Street Noise Wall Project received \$7.7 million in funding as part of the 2005 Transportation Partnership Account. A public open house was held in May and was advertised to those who live within 500' of the proposed walls. June 11-25 a polling process was held and the results of the poll showed that 95% of residents were in favor of building the walls. WSDOT is moving forward with final design. Construction is scheduled to begin spring of 2008. Further information can be found on the project website: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/5thAveNEtoNE92ndNoiseWall/) Project contacts are Lauren Chudecke, WSDOT Communications Officer 206.440.4473

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[LuiK@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:LuiK@wsdot.wa.gov).

5. **7200 Aurora Avenue Project.** Neighborhood residents, Kevin Bernadt and Susan Parker, spoke about a proposed project at the site of the current Shell station across E. Green Lake Way N. from the NE corner of Green Lake Park. The project consists of 30 residential units over first floor commercial space. Many neighbors from the Keen Way, Winona, Green Lake Way neighborhood attended the June 4<sup>th</sup> Design Review meeting on this project. They gave comments on the overall design, lack of adequate parking, parking access and landscaping. They encourage other community members to get involved in helping to change the design of this project.
6. **Neighborhood Land Use.** Michael Cornell gave the update.
  - **Albertson's Site.** Project is moving along. New PM for the owner, Trammel Crow Residential. Existing store will soon be demolished.
  - **Vitamilk Site.** The project is on schedule and demolition is currently underway. Metropolitan Market has withdrawn from the project. The property owner is working on another grocery to fill the site. Set to open Spring of 2009.
  - **Spud's.** Spud's Fish & Chips plans to move to the Albertson's site project when it is completed. The site redevelopment will not begin until the restaurant moves to its new location. Spud's has been in its current location since 1967.
7. **Friends of Green Lake.** Gayle Garman, Chair, gave the committee update. The committee supported the open swim on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Milk Carton Derby on July 7. Check FOGL's website for information on what community members can do to keep Green Lake clean: [www.friendsofgreenlake.org](http://www.friendsofgreenlake.org).
8. **Sally Clark, Seattle City Council Member.** Council Member Clark is the Chair of the Economic Development and Neighborhoods committee. Questions she has been asking—how well are the neighborhood plans doing. An audit of the plans will be performed this fall. This fall interviews will be completed with various community groups by the office of the City Auditor. If you would like to be interviewed, contact her office. Ms. Clark was asked about her thoughts on sustainability, which she described as not just environmental but also the ability to find affordable housing and that economic development also includes the development of living wage jobs.
9. **NW District Council.** Blaine McAfferty, our representative on the council, gave an update. The north end of the city will see new sidewalks installed as a result of the Bridging the Gap levy.
10. **Seattle Public Theater.** Keith Dahlgren, Theater Director let us know that the youth programs are underway. All shows are free. Subscriptions for next season are now on sale. For more information call the theater 206.524.1300 or visit their site; [www.seattlepublictheater.org](http://www.seattlepublictheater.org).
11. **Green Lake Branch Library.** Steve DelVecchio, Branch Manager, informed is of the adult summer reading program. Read three books and receive a \$5 Starbucks card and entry into a drawing. The branch currently has 6 different book groups, 2 each for kids, teens and adults in the afternoon and evening. Members of book clubs are given copies of the books to read.

12. **Seattle Police Department North Precinct Council.** Our representative, Bernie Kay is looking for Green Lake volunteers for the Seattle Paint Out Day in our neighborhood on Saturday, August 18. Community volunteers are given supplies to paint over graffiti in their neighborhood. Seattle night out is the first Tuesday of August. Applications to block your street for a block party can be found on the Seattle Police Dept. website.

13. **GLCC Officer Elections.** Current officers have held their posts for two years. Elections were to be held at this meeting although no nominations or interest in the positions have yet been raised. Elections may be held at the Sept meeting if candidates can be found. Secretary, Pam Faber, has resigned effective at the conclusion of the July meeting and all other officers will continue in their current posts until elections can be held. If you are interested in being a part of the council, or would like information on what is needed and the time commitment required of each position, please contact Monica or any current officer.  
[www.greenlakecommunitycouncil.org](http://www.greenlakecommunitycouncil.org).

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