



Green Lake Community Council Meeting
Notes from meeting on July 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by **Vice-Chair Mary Muller**. **Chair Michael Cornell** was unable to attend. Mary handed the microphone around so those attending so they could introduce themselves.

First item of business was a new agenda item: a representative from the **Cascade Bicycle Club** explained the club's 3-year project of education. She gave the group a few Bike Kit Packets, each of which contains a Seattle Bike Map and information on special bike events.

Gayle Garman, Chair of the Friends of Green Lake, reminded the group that the current lake level is much lower [28 feet?] than the original level. This means that the water quality in the lake needs to be carefully monitored and managed. It is possible that a Pro Parks Levy will be on the ballot this fall; if so, FOGL will ask for renovation of the Bathhouse Theater to be included in the budget. Next meeting of FOGL on Tuesday, July 22, 6-8 pm, is a Potluck Picnic near the Bathhouse Theater. Guests are asked to bring their own plates and utensils plus a casserole and/or salad to share. Considerable discussion followed the announcement that a water skiing event was held at the south end of Green Lake in May of this year and in preceding years as well. Many speedboats were operating at high speeds in order to power a water-skiing competition. Gayle explained how the wake from these boats could damage the fragile shoreline and endanger wildlife and plants. **It was moved, seconded, and passed to authorize the officers of the GLCC to draft a letter to Superintendent Gallagher of the Parks Department, urging him to re-examine the policy of allowing speedboats to operate on the lake for this event.** Existing policy is that no motor boats are allowed to use Green Lake, but this was somehow "grandfathered."

Greg Stewart showed his lap counters for use by citizens on the lake path, and explained how they worked. There are three readers for this device located around the lake; he is available periodically near the concession stand to hand out lap counters. He directed anyone interested in more information to his web site: www.seattleorbiter.com

Land Use and Development reports:

Doug Bambrick reported that there is interest in having a traffic circle installed at Greenlake Drive at 80th & Corliss in order to help slow automobile traffic on those streets. There is a meeting 2 weeks from today (July 23) with the place TBA.

Ref Lindmark announced that The Hearthstone has secured final approval for its project on Woodlawn. Rather than one large building with underground garage and an alley running through at mid-block, there will be two separate buildings.

Mary Muller reported that Tom Bartholomew is still seeking an anchor tenant for the Dairy property. It is understood that Bruce Lorig, representing the property owners, is very hopeful about signing a grocery tenant soon so that construction can begin.

A Residential Parking Zone designation is desired by residents in the north Green Lake area. Other residential areas near the lake are equally concerned about on-street parking.

Ref distributed a copy of Mayor Nickel's summary of recommendations for multi-family housing. This report was generated in response to many citizen complaints about the "tacky" quality of many town home and "affordable" housing projects. A suggestion has been made to include these smaller housing projects into the design review process in order to have some control over the appearance of the buildings.

Aurora Avenue Action Plan - update

Ref remarked that the goal of this committee is to make the Aurora neighborhood much more pedestrian-friendly. Much has been accomplished so far, and the group is continuing its efforts.

Seattle PD North Precinct Liaison – report

Bernie Kay discussed the search for a new jail site; one of the proposed sites is the Puetz Golf location on Aurora. A hearing is set for Sat., July 12, 9 to noon at North Seattle Community College. Residents are urged to attend and make comments. The Department is sponsoring the annual Night Out on Tues., August 5. Free street-closure permits are available for block parties so neighbors can get together socially; a fire department representative will drop by with important resident information

Ellen Hewitt explained how to send comments and requests to the GLCC through the website.

SDOT is looking for sites to plant groups of trees as a continuing part of its City Tree program. Neighborhoods with space for several trees within a block or other contiguous area are urged to apply.

The meeting ended at 9 pm. Next meeting will be Sept. 10 at 7 pm at The Hearthstone.

Notes recorded by Laila Adams, acting secretary.