



Green Lake Community Council

Wednesday September 8, 2010

1. Chair Michael Cornell called the meeting to order at 7: p.m. The members of the GLCC Board were introduced.
2. Schools First Initiative – Sharon Rogers, President of Schools First, presented to the Council on the Schools First levy that will be on the ballot in November. This will be a 3 year levy and it's purpose is to restore some of the state budget cuts. Funds from the levy would be used for textbooks, basic classroom materials for high school science and social studies, middle school language arts and elementary music classes.

Information on the levy is available at [www.SchoolsFirstSeattle.org](http://www.SchoolsFirstSeattle.org) and email for questions: [info@SchoolsFirstSeattle.org](mailto:info@SchoolsFirstSeattle.org).

3. Bethany Lutheran/SHARE Program - Karin von Guenner (President), John Uusitald(Council member – Past President) and Janice Beeson (Chairperson Social Concerns Committee) from the Bethany Council came to speak to the Council about the shelter the church is running. Karen F reported that the program has been running for 2 months and 20 homeless men stay the night. John U provided an overview of the program. Planning began last Fall and the decision to move forward was made in April. This is done in conjunction with SHARE, which is 20 years old and focuses on finding places to stay. In Seattle there are 4800 people homeless on any night. There are 14 other churches that also take in the homeless. SHARE funding was cut by the City and the funding was used for the bus tickets.

SHARE rep (Pat Andrews – coordinator for the Bethany Program) explained how the individuals are selected for the housing. They must meet certain criteria

Although the shelter proposal faced fierce neighborhood opposition when it was announced, the group reported that there have been no negative incidents during the shelter's operation. It has been noted that there are no longer helpless people sleeping in the doorways of the church at night because there are now people in the building who ask those people to leave.

SHARE screens the men who participate in this shelter. Those accepted are given a bus ticket from Downtown Seattle to the church in the evening, and are given a bus ticket to leave the Green Lake neighborhood in the morning and return Downtown.

4. Emergency Preparedness – Paul Kostek let people know that the next meeting of the Green Lake Emergency Preparedness Committee will be on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> in the Board room at the Hearthstone. The committee is coordinating with Bishop Blanchet HS, the Hearthstone, Seattle FD and Daniel Bagley school.
5. FOGL no report. FOGL is looking for new members. For anyone interested in joining check out the FOGL website ( [www.friendsofgreenlake.org](http://www.friendsofgreenlake.org) ) or contact one of the officers.
6. Northwest District Council report. Amy Duncan the GLCC rep reported on the latest activities. One item recently discussed was the new ordinance on trees in Seattle – how to handle the cutting and maintenance of trees. Phinney Neighborhood Council is looking to turn a vacant lot by the library into a pocket park.
7. Update on SPD North Pct from Bernie Kay. Burglaries are down 12% in the North end. This is largely attributed to the arrest of a very prolific burglar. City is now enforcing the non-Styrofoam law, this is leading to a backlog of cases. Bernie encouraged the everyone to vote for Ed McKenny for judge.
8. Green Lake Community Council is funding new plantings at the traffic median at Meridian, 64<sup>th</sup> and E. Green Lake Way. Mary Muller is coordinating the effort to clean-up the median and procure new, sustainable plantings there. Contact Mary if interested in volunteering.
9. Keith Dahlgren of the Seattle Public Theatre talked about the plays scheduled for the upcoming season at The Historic Bathhouse Theater at Green Lake. First up is Mauritius. Learn more at: [www.seattlepublictheatre.org](http://www.seattlepublictheatre.org).

Keith also reported that the City did an inspection of the theatre roof and there may be some movement toward the city funding the badly needed repairs. He thanked the GLCC subcommittee volunteers who helped get this ball rolling.

Next meeting will be on November 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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