

LCC Trustees Meeting  
Laurelhurst Community Center  
December 10, 2012

Attending: Kevin Chang, Emily Dexter, Jeannie Hale, Kay Kelly, Linda Luiten, Colleen McAleer, Brian McMullen, Stan Sorscher, Don Torrie, Maggie Weissman, Leslie Wright

Excused:

Guest: Cary Lassen

Jeannie Hale called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

### CALLS AND CONCERNS

1. Talaris: On November 6, Sandra Counts emailed to inquire about future public meetings on the Talaris redevelopment. LCC responded and will keep her and the neighborhood informed.
2. Slippery sidewalks: The Blog emailed on November 26 to ask if there are any rules requiring homeowners to keep sidewalks free of slippery leaves. LCC contacted DPD and provided the Code provisions. The Blog notified its readers and LCC included an article about the hazards of slippery leaves on sidewalks in the December newsletter.
3. Bike and pedestrian improvements over Montlake Bridge: Jean Amick emailed on November 30 about this issue. LCC's letter on the issue is included in the correspondence packet.
4. Traffic light at 40<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and Sand Point Way. Neighbors asked Colleen McAleer about the construction schedule, which is part of the project at Children's Hospital. Colleen will check with Todd at Children's about the planned completion date.

Bicycle routes. Cary Lassen and Katherine Hennings prepared a map of the neighborhood, showing a route for a "bicycle facility." Cary thanked the Board for LCC's letter encouraging additional capacity for pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the Montlake Bridge.

Katherine explained the existing network of bicycle routes around the city. Each neighborhood can comment on local choices for the routes. Katherine and Cary are looking for input from other neighbors. They would also like LCC to endorse their final comments or recommendations.

Cary said a route would enter the neighborhood at Windermere Circle, which will get a traffic light. That route would run north-south past Laurelhurst Park. Two connections to the Burke Gillman Trail are planned – one near the Hartmann Building and one further north.

An east-west route is dangerous and difficult, because of the hill.

Discussion of treatments on the road, choice of residential or arterial streets and a process for designing features for the routes. We expect to hear more details for this process next month from Seattle DOT.

Before construction gets underway, Children's would like community feedback. There will be two open houses:

- Provide feedback on Saturday, December 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gould Hall, University of Washington, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street
- View final concept on Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., Gould Hall, University of Washington, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street

#### ADMINISTRATION

Changes to the Agenda: Add Bridging the Gap application and executive session.

Minutes: In reviewing the minutes, attention was drawn to the bottom of page 1, in the first question about incentives from the City. The recollection of the group was that Brent answered that he had no plans to ask for incentives. George would not rule out incentives. **Motion** by Emily Dexter, seconded by Kay Kelly to accept the November minutes as amended to note the answer to the question about incentives. **Motion passed** without objections. Kevin abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: Emily referred to her monthly status report, summarizing expenses and balances. Discussion of the major items such as the security patrol essential public facilities.

**Motion** Colleen McAleer, seconded by Jeannie Hale to pay \$350 in outstanding expenses from Peter Eglick regarding Talaris. **Motion passed** without objection. Discussion of options for the next month or two.

**Motion** by Colleen McAleer, seconded by Jeannie Hale, pre-approving \$1000 for attorney and consultant fees. **Motion passed** without objection.

Dues statement. Leslie Wright said that last year, we sent out the 2012 dues statement in February. Our experience is that sending the dues and security patrol notices separately gives us a better response than sending them out together.

Emily and Leslie will decide when to send out the statements.

#### REPORTS/ACTION

Crime Prevention: At this month's North Precinct meeting, Linda Luiten delivered our contributions for the sock drive. Our poster for the sock drive was very popular. Linda brought a bag of hand-knitted hats and other cold-weather gear. She recommended a web site where residents can register belongings to help identify them if they are

robbed. Terry Johnston, from Seattle Police Department will meet with individual neighbors to consult about home security.

Brian spoke about reported incidents for the month. One truck was robbed for a second time.

NE Seattle Transportation Needs Assessment Concept: At the December NEDC meeting, the Wedgwood represented floated an idea for a transportation plan that addresses the needs of northeast Seattle neighborhoods. The idea is for community councils to work together on a application through the DON's Large Project Fund to fund a transportation consultant to integrate transportation plans and conduct public outreach to solicit further transportation needs and compile a list of actual projects similar to a list of actual needs/projects (similar to Appendix A of the Children's Livable Streets Initiative) that are scored based on a set of broad transportation values. Wedgwood and NEDC would like comments on this concept.

Jeannie described a concept proposed at the NEDC meeting, where the NEDC would hire a consultant to prepare a transportation plan for the district. The NE District is bounded by I-5, the Ship Canal, north edge of the City and Lake Washington, including 16 neighborhoods and various organizations. Colleen would look for transit, shuttles from Microsoft and Childrens', the new light rail stations.

Kevin would like to see more details about the concept, so we can see what scope and resources we would be dealing with.

SR 520 Update: In a report to the City Council, WashDOT acknowledged that bridge anchors were made in Kenmore instead of Aberdeen. The barges to transport the anchors stirred up polluted materials in the lake bed. Colleen reported on extra funding for the project that could extend construction as a temporary phasing bridge. That configuration would extend capacity to Montlake. Colleen testified to the City about differences between this proposal and the EIS. She will follow up with Jessyn Farrell and David Frockt. Colleen also sent a follow-up letter to the City Council.

Bridging the Gap Application: Kevin described a project that we could propose for funding from Bridging the Gap. Kevin prefers that the drainage situation be resolved before proceeding with repaving or widening. Kevin made recommendations, rewriting the project application.

Executive Session began at 8:45 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher