

LCC Trustees Meeting  
Laurelhurst Community Center  
October 14, 2013

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

Excused: Liz Ogden, Maggie Weissman

Guests: Peter Eglick, Robin Chalmers

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### CALLS AND CONCERNS

1. Montlake Bridge: On October 6, Jean Amick emailed regarding the inaccurate signage concerning Montlake Bridge closures. She pointed out that the digital sign said "Montlake Bridge up. Expect delays." But, the bridge was totally closed except for bikes at times. There was a huge traffic backup. Amick asked that LCC work with SDOT and Children's to ensure correct information in the future.
2. Basketball Court Resurfacing Project: LCC heard from Judith Thornton regarding the status of the basketball court project. An update was provided and the project co-chair had earlier updated donors. Since last month's trustee meeting, LCC learned that a shoreline exemption permit is required and possibly a drainage permit. The shoreline exemption permit paperwork was completed and filed the first week of October. The co-chairs and the contractor are now working to comply with other city requirements. The project is due to begin very soon. Thornton was interested in implementation of the planting plan, but was told that would happen after completion of the basketball court project. In the meantime, Dexter is auditing receipt of contributions for the project.
3. Vehicle and pedestrian safety: On October 11, SDOT responded to Robin Chalmers' request for installation of stop signs on NE 41<sup>st</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE in the east/west direction. SDOT engineers are undertaking an evaluation of the location and will be in touch this week.
4. Talaris: On October 11, Kate Hokanson emailed upset about the cyclone fence installed on the Battelle property. She asked about possible agreements with the owners over the years and whether something is included in the settlement agreement. It was her understanding as a long term neighbor that public access was always a hugely critical key to all negotiations with potential owners. She pointed out that there are now security cameras installed at the entrances. The basic feeling of neighbors is that Bruce McCaw installed the ugly fence out of spite because he couldn't get his way before the city council allowing him to build apartment houses on the site. Another nearby neighbor emailed on September 26 supporting legal action on the matter.

In addition to the 31 letters and email comment letters sent to the Landmarks Board supporting the nomination of the Battelle/Talaris site for historic status that are in the correspondence packet, Bart Johnson copied LCC on his comment letter of October 13 to the Board. He is in full support of the designation of the site as historic. Sorscher mentioned that his new neighbor has concerns about Talaris development.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the February 11 and September 9, 2013 meetings. Motion by Dexter, seconded by McMillan to approve the February minutes as presented. *Motion passed unanimously.* Motion by Wright, seconded by Kelly to approve the September minutes as presented. *Motion passed with Dexter, McMillan and Sorscher abstaining.*

Treasurer's Report: The board reviewed the monthly treasurer's report through September 30.

#### Announcements:

1. Eat, Drink and Build Elder-Friendly Neighborhoods: Dine out on Thursday, October 24 from 5 p.m. to close in northeast Seattle. Up to 10 percent of the proceeds will be donated to NEST. Participating restaurants include 50 North, Piatte Restaurante, Vios Café at Third Place Books and Wedgwood Broiler.
2. North Precinct Police Station Open House: Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m.-noon, Bitter Lake Community Center gym, 13035 Linden Avenue N. The city will provide information on the site selection process, how the site meets SPD's operational needs, the development schedule and future opportunities for public comment. The city has identified property, located at the southeast corner of Aurora Avenue North and North 130th Street, as the recommended site for a new police station to serve the north precinct. After the open house, Council review and approval of legislation authorizing the property acquisition, including a public hearing, is expected in December 2013. The new station is expected to be approximately 60,000+ square feet with a useful life of 30 to 50 years and able to accommodate up to 370 officers and civilian staff, with on-site multistory parking for patrol cars, visitors and staff. It will also offer community meeting space and include public art.
3. Public Hearing on extending interim development regulations to prohibit over-sized back and side yard houses in single family zones: On September 9, 2013, the Seattle City Council passed an ordinance that extended interim development regulations that prohibit incompatible single family development on undersized lots in single family zones (Ordinance No. 124269.) LCC submitted comments supporting this proposal. The interim regulations (Ordinance 123978) took effect on September 16, 2013 and expire on March 20, 2014. This new proposed extension has come about because DPD's recommendations do not address the many concerns of Seattle's neighborhoods. The Council will take public testimony on Wednesday, October 30 at 3 p.m. regarding further extension of the interim regulations.

## REPORTS/ACTION

Crime Prevention: Luiten reported that crime is in general down. There has been an increase in car prowls in the U District and Northgate. SPD is getting six more bicycle officers. There are 115 parks in the North Precinct that this will be their priority.

There are now 5,000 homeless people, down from the previous 10,000 count. Many of the homeless do not want help. Many are living in cars. If the cars are moved every 72 hours the police can't do anything. The homeless issue is still a huge problem. There is a great need for mental health facilities.

October is domestic violence awareness month.

So far, she has collected 40 pairs of socks for the sock drive.

Brian reported that the overall reported crimes are down. There are four patrols per week in the neighborhood. The program will be beefed up when the renewal notices are sent out.

SR 520 Update: McAleer reported that a crane was not anchored properly and problems arose. A west connection bridge is needed. Otherwise, the bridge from the eastside stops in the air. The best option is not included in the EIS. The 520 group that Stan participates in never saw the drawings. A special session on transportation issues is scheduled in November. One problem is that when you get off the bus at Montlake, you have to walk 600 feet—adding 20 minutes to a commute. There is no coordination with Sound Transit. McAleer will prepare comments for LCC.

## Executive Session:

Begin Executive Session at 8:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.