

Laurelhurst Community Club
Minutes
April 12, 2015
Laurelhurst Community Center

Attending: Robin Chalmers, Emily Dexter, Kay Kelly, Linda Luiten, Colleen McAleer, Brian McMullen, Liz Ogden, Connie Sidles, Don Torrie, Maggie Weissman, Leslie Wright

Excused: Stan Sorscher

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

Calls and Concerns from Neighbors:

1. Children's overflow parking: A neighbor on 42nd Avenue contacted LCC on March 7 to report overflow parking from either Children's employees or Children's construction workers on his street. LCC is following up on this as Children's policies prohibit parking in the neighborhood.
2. Transit issues: On March 11, a neighbor emailed LCC to thank it for its work on transit alternatives for our area. The neighbor is concerned that traffic will either get a lot better or a lot worse in the next two years depending on the decisions to be made by the transit authorities.
3. Children's employees: On March 27, a neighbor emailed for assistance in finding out how many employees are at Children's. LCC followed up and passed the following information along to our neighbor:
Active employees – total: 5,900
 - Hospital employees: 5,174
 - Seattle Children's Research Institute workforce: 1,135
 - Research institute staff: 643
 - Research institute principal investigators: 282
 - External contributors: 210
 - Foundation and Guild Association employees: 56
 - Bargain Boutiques and Gift Shop employees: 27Active medical staff – total: 1,340
 - Hospital-based physicians: 714
 - Hospital-based mid-level health professionals (including advanced registered nurse practitioners and certified physician assistants): 198
 - Other community (UW/Harborview/SCCA): 428
4. Car prowling: A neighbor who lives on 44th Avenue NE contacted LCC on April 5 to say that the night before his car was broken into. He reported that there was nothing worth stealing so they just threw around a bunch of items. He thinks he forgot to lock his car.
5. Private security project: Three neighbors emailed to inquire about the private security project. LCC responded to answer questions.

Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 2015 meeting and made a correction under the third calls and concerns. The phrase “parked on the southwest corner of NE 45th Street and 46th Avenue NE near the stop sign” appears twice. The second time mentioned should be deleted. MOTION by Sidles, seconded by Weissman, to approve the March minutes as corrected. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Treasurer’s Report: The board reviewed the March financial report. Dexter responded to questions from trustees. The board discussed the need for more advertisers for the newsletter. Dexter will check with the Swedish on Blakeley and the new Virginia Mason Clinic at University Village. Other trustees are encouraged to assist in recruiting new advertisers.

Announcements:

1. Azalea Bug Infestation on the NE 41st Street Median: David Zuckerman of the Center for Urban Horticulture contacted LCC today to report a very serious azalea lace bug infestation on all the *Rhododendron cilipense* growing in the 41st Street median plantings. The UWBG horticulture staff is currently dealing with serious outbreaks in the arboretum and some at CUH too. It’s so bad in the median, he recommends removal of most, if not all of them. Control is difficult and requires several spray treatments. The other option is to cut them all back and hope for resprouting. This option would need to be done asap to provide the best timing for new growth. The new growth is still susceptible, but the lace bug population will be knocked back by removing the infested foliage. Treatment will be easier too since there will be less area to treat with new regrowth. Ogden provided extensive information from the web about azalea lace bugs. It was suggested that LCC check with the Arboretum and others about the problem. Dexter will follow up on this and get bids for replacement or cure of the plants.
2. Waterway No. 1 Enhancement Project: The Committee will meet with Parks Department representatives this Thursday afternoon.
3. Spring Clean Started April 1: During this year’s Spring Clean, it would be a great community building project to designate a trustee to work with neighbors to secure volunteers for each of the Laurelhurst traffic circles. Spring Clean runs through May 31. Volunteers receive free litter cleanup bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste disposal permits. Ogden cleaned out the chicanes on 48th. Kelly will take care of her traffic circle.
4. Talaris: Nathan Rimmer from Pistol Creek informed LCC that they will brief the Landmarks Board on May 6 regarding minor changes to the proposed alternatives for the Battelle/Talaris redevelopment per their request. Nathan Rimmer will keep LCC informed.
5. Thanks: Special thanks to Kelly, Torrie and Hale for assisting with this year’s Easter Egg hunt. It was noted that some of the bigger kids were pushing around the littler one and that a few grownups were grabbing eggs for their kids.

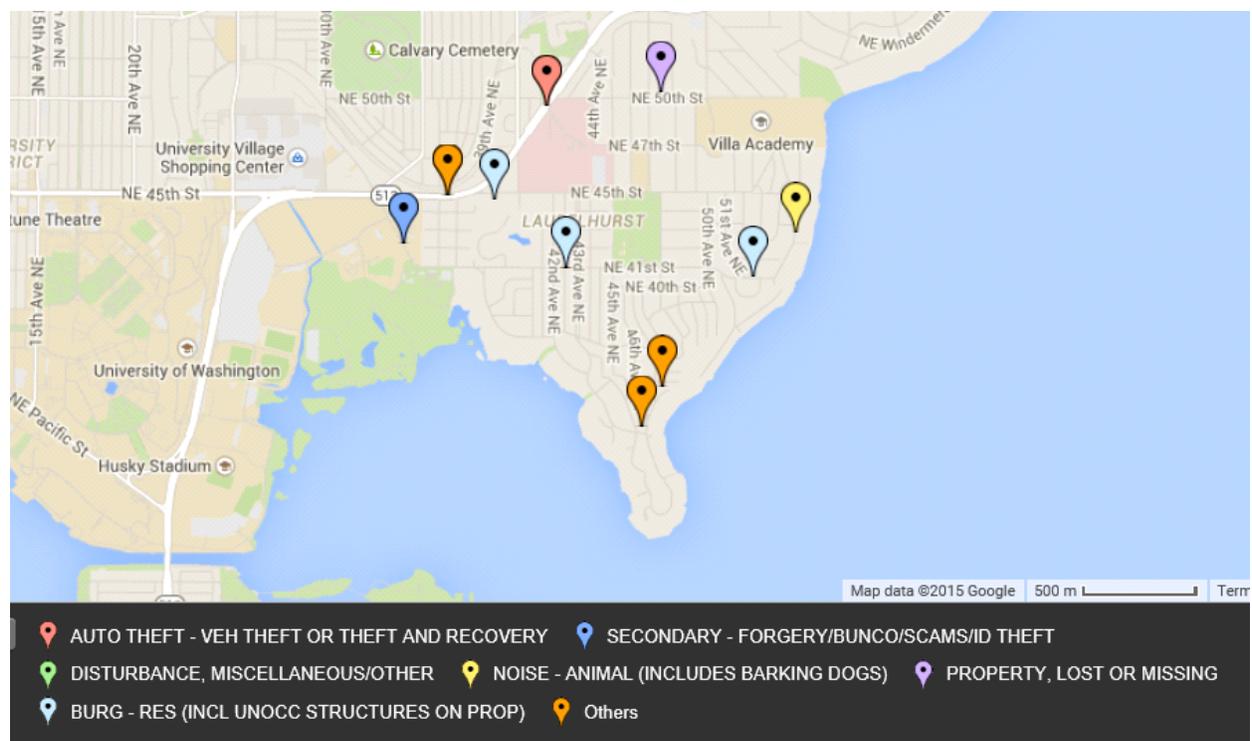
REPORTS/ACTION

Crime Prevention: McMullen reported that the private security project now has eight patrols per week, six nights and two days. He briefed the board on the March crime log below:

March Crime Log (as of April 13)

Date	Description of Patrol Activities
3/7	Removed kids from Park, put out bonfire
3/13	Removed kids from park
3/14	Removed kids from park
3/28	Several large groups of teens in the park with bon fires and fireworks

Event	Event Clearanc	Hundred Block Location
AUTO THEFT - VEH THEFT OR THEFT AND RECOVERY	3/25/2015 16:55	48XX BLOCK OF SAND POINT WY NE
SECONDARY - FORGERY/BUNCO/SCAMS/ID THEFT	3/12/2015 14:22	42XX BLOCK OF MARY GATES MEMORIAL DR NE
DISTURBANCE, MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER	3/26/2015 13:57	48XX BLOCK OF SAND POINT WY NE
NOISE - ANIMAL (INCLUDES BARKING DOGS)	3/6/2015 20:32	43XX BLOCK OF 55 AV NE
PROPERTY, LOST OR MISSING	3/11/2015 13:40	47XX BLOCK OF NE 50 ST
PROPERTY - DAMAGE	3/12/2015 16:41	36XX BLOCK OF NE 45 ST
TRU - PROPERTY DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE	3/24/2015 15:43	36XX BLOCK OF NE 45 ST
BURG - RES (INCL UNOCC STRUCTURES ON PROP)	3/4/2015 15:19	39XX BLOCK OF NE 45 ST
BURG - RES (INCL UNOCC STRUCTURES ON PROP)	3/20/2015 10:31	51XX BLOCK OF NE 41 ST
BURG - RES (INCL UNOCC STRUCTURES ON PROP)	3/26/2015 1:27	42XX BLOCK OF NE 41 ST
SECONDARY - THEFT (NOT SHOPLIFT OR SERVICES)	3/18/2015 10:53	34XX BLOCK OF E LAURELHURST DR NE
THEFT (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOPLIFT OR SVCS)	3/29/2015 17:32	33XX BLOCK OF E LAURELHURST DR NE



Luiten reported on the North Precinct Advisory Council meeting of April 1. Pete Holmes, Seattle City Attorney, was the featured speaker. His office consists of 100 attorneys that are now all located on three floors of the Columbia Center. Four divisions

include administration, criminal, civil and precinct liaison. Mr. Holmes was a primary sponsor of I-502. Now SPD is getting involved in enforcement. The goal is to create a tightly regulated system for producing, processing and selling marijuana. All of the medical marijuana operations need to get legal or go out of business. I-502 is not in its final state. It will be tweaked to get to this comprehensive system. New goals are to deal with marijuana lounges, increase the number of licenses and ongoing compliance with the application requirements. The City doesn't prosecute drug crimes, like illegally selling, because drug crimes are felonies, and the city prosecutes misdemeanors. King County has jurisdiction for drug crimes. There is a burgeoning problem with heroin and meth downtown.

Captain Dave Emerick has been assigned to the Narcotics Unit, so he will be leaving the North Precinct. Captain Sean O'Donnell will be the new precinct captain. He starts April 15. Lt. Jim Arata will be acting captain until then. Elizabeth Scott, North Precinct Crime Prevention, is leaving this position to work with the Police Guild.

SR 520 Update and Shorebirds: Sidles will forward the message she sent to 46th District legislators and LCC will continue to follow up.

Traffic Safety: Chalmers pointed out SDOT's refusal to address to top of Suicide Hill where NE 41st and 43rd Avenue NE meet. He recommends purchase of a traffic mirror that could be affixed to a pole. Chalmers and McMullen will research this. SDOT has rejected this request in the past.

Shoreline Street End Project: Ogden reported that SDOT's shoreline street end project next to the Beach Club turned out very well. SDOT repurposed old materials for the project. She will contact SPU and the 12 inch metal pipe on the far side of the street end

Seattle Children's Major Institution Master Plan Annual Report: Trustees reviewed and complimented Children's on its annual report

Children's Hospital External Review Committee: The committee met on Tuesday, March 24. McAleer reported that Karen Ko, the DON representative on the committee, did not attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 p.m.