

LCC Trustees Meeting
Wu Hsing Tao School, Talaris Campus
November 8, 2010

Attending: Kevin Chang, Jeannie Hale, Kay Kelly, Cary Lassen, Seth Lassen, Colleen McAleer, Len Nelson, Stan Sorscher, Don Torrie, Maggie Weissman

Excused: Emily Dexter, Marian Joh, Brian McMullen, Mark Trumbauer (leave of absence), Adrian Whorton (leave of absence), Leslie Wright

Guests: Candy Castellanos, CleanScapes, Waste Diversion Project Manager, Pete Buck, Jeanne Bertino,

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM and was followed by introductions.

Waste Less Win More: Candy Castellanos works with CleanScapes, the contractor for recycling in Seattle. The City's goal is to get from 50% to 60% recycling by 2012. In a pilot program, neighborhoods compete against each other to increase recycling. The prize was a \$50,000 neighborhood improvement project. CleanScapes will help publicize the contest. If the program were extended to NE Seattle, Laurelhurst would be combined with the University District.

One goal would be to change behavior about what products people buy and use. Paper towels are a good example. CleanScapes has a tool for calculating waste and comparing different items. Candy passed out fliers with ideas, stories and other useful materials. Candy talked about some ideas for personal consumption, gifts, food, packaging. She speaks of three categories - reduce, reuse, recycle. In the Spring, CleanScapes will help organize a big swap meet.

Another project is called "what goes where." Candy talked about recycling electronics, yard waste, fluorescent bulbs.

Maggie Weissman and Kay Kelly will volunteer to help popularize this project in the neighborhood.

Neighbors. Peter Buck and Jeanne Bertino handed out a letter explaining their move to Laurelhurst. Jeanne went to UW and has lived in the area for 25 years. Jeanne and Peter want to feel connected to what is going on. They chose to live across from the Laurelon Terrace site so they can experience the development from a neighbor's perspective.

CALLS AND CONCERNS

1. Community Center: LCC has heard from many, many neighbors concerned about the major funding cuts to the Laurelhurst Community Center including: Grace Yuan, Tracey Stone, Kent Mettler, Al Hovland, Kathleen Turner, Ming-Ming Tung-Edelman, Robert King, Jennifer Biely, Catherine Allchin, Michael Adler, Bill Elmer, Anne Galt,

Tom and Margo Wyckoff, RaeAnne Holmes, Bruce Bailey, Lance Dahl, Susan and Bob Maas, Ina Bray, Rick Myers and Jessica Rullman.

2. Owl attack: On 10/10, Andy Hutchison reported that he was attacked by a good-sized owl while jogging in the early morning. He contacted the state Department of Fish and Wildlife and was told that it looked like nesting territoriality, but this is not nesting season. The bird could have been defending its feeding territory. The neighbor was not seriously injured.
3. Accident on NE 45th: A vehicle struck a pedestrian who was crossing 42nd NE on NE 45th at the corner on the morning of 10/21. The vehicle traveling down the NE 45th hill turned left onto 42nd and struck the pedestrian. The pedestrian was not seriously injured and speed was not a factor. There were two witnesses and police were involved.
4. Parking on NE 45th: Jill Strohmeier emailed on 10/25 after receiving anonymous notes on her windshield telling her she cannot park on 45th if she was connected to Children's. She is a resident and not connected to the hospital. LCC explained Children's policy of not allowing employee parking on neighborhood streets and said that whoever left the note made a mistake in assuming she was connected with the hospital.
5. Fencing on 44th: Newman emailed on 10/25 to report that the UW is still working on the possibility of fencing off the NE 44th Street deadend to deter UW daycare workers and students who live in the graduate student housing from parking on the narrow street and cutting over to the housing.
6. Noxious weeds at the waterway: Judith Thornton "cc"ed LCC on her message of 10/27 to the county's noxious weed professional who recently applied herbicide at the waterway. Judith said that it looked as if the treatment to the phragmites and garden loosestrife is working. She said she saw one remaining garden loosestrife and she would dig that out when the water is lower. Judith mentioned that the tall Canada thistles are coming up in the Japanese spirea and the knotweed is coming up under the concrete. She said she would continue to dig those out. LCC has again Judith again to please let LCC know when she and her husband are doing any work at the waterway as LCC must report maintenance activities to DNR under the Right of Entry Agreement between LCC and DNR. To date, Judith has been unwilling to cooperate in reporting.
7. Children's: Greg Wesner contacted LCC on 11/01 to provide informational material on uncompensated care for all hospitals in the state and links to other online resources. Kevin Wrenn emailed on 10/29 with issues regarding Children's. Marilyn Layton called to express concern about Children's noncompliance with the Settlement Agreement.
8. Intruder: On 11/04, A neighbor who lives on the boulevard (43st Ave NE) reported that someone came to her home on that morning in a white mini-van. He said he was there to do tile work and no tile work had been scheduled. After further

investigation, it seems that the issue was a mix-up between addresses on 43st Ave NE versus NE 43st St, which occurs from time to time.

ADMINISTRATION

Holiday Card Signing: Holiday cards were passed around for everyone to sign and send to public officials, those in the city LCC has worked with, LCC's private security officers and others.

Minutes: The board reviewed the October 10 minutes. Kay did not abstain on the motion on page 2, regarding exempting UW from the increase in parking tax. **Motion** by Kay Kelly, seconded by Colleen McAleer, to approve minutes with that correction. **Motion passed** with Maggie Weissman and Don Torrie abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly treasurer's report is included in the agenda packets. Emily Dexter could not attend tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please see NEDC announcement handout.

1. Town Hall Meeting on Metro Transit: Tuesday, November 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Seattle University, Campion Ballroom, 914 East Jefferson Street. Metro is facing a cumulative deficit of more than a billion dollars over the next five years and expects to cut more than 600,000 hours of bus service in response. Nearly one-fifth of all bus service may be eliminated. To respond to this crisis, the Council and Executive convened a regional task force of transit stakeholders and experts to examine the current system and recommend major changes. After seven months of work, the task force is ready to present its findings. This town hall meeting will be your chance to hear directly from task force members on what they are recommending. After the briefing, you will have a chance to provide public testimony on what you think should be done.
2. Livable Streets Workshop: November 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gould Hall, University of Washington. The Workshop will feature various stations and areas where people can give input by drawing on maps, learn about pedestrian and bike facilities such as bike boulevards, watch videos and look at photos posted by community members and many other interactive ways to identify opportunities, and barriers for making the streets around Seattle Children's more livable. The event will be family friendly. Seattle Children's, Cascade Bicycle and the many community cosponsors will have programming for kids including pedestrian safety packets for walks to school, low-cost helmets and fitting, and a bike skills and thrills workshop. Cary Lassen would like to see better prioritization so that major issues are addressed, and the money is not consumed piecemeal. Pedestrian accidents are clustered at 25th Ave NE and Blakeley and a couple other intersections.
3. Laurelhurst Holiday Art Fair and Winter Festival: Friday, December 3, 1-8:30 p.m., Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission. Artwork by local artists, live music and entertainment, kids' holiday crafts, refreshments, silent auction to support pottery classes for youth with disabilities. Please bring a canned good for the food drive. For more information, call the community center.

4. Thank you: Thank you to Don Torrie for coordinating distribution of the agenda packets and to Len Nelson for assisting.
5. Evening of Miracles: Friday, December 17th and Saturday, December 18th at Wu Hsing Tao School. Enjoy stories of wonder through music, dance, poetry, and storytelling! Explore miracles of science, art, religion, and medicine - all in one night! Doors open/refreshments at 7:15 p.m. and the performance starts at 8.
6. Northeast Senior Transition: This community organization, dedicated to keeping people in their homes, held a fundraiser in Wedgwood.
7. Maggie would like to thank SDOT for the landscaping on Sand Point Way.

REPORTS/ACTION:

Crime Prevention: Seth Lassen showed the incident cards which the patrols will leave with neighbors to tell them about closing garage doors, open windows, and other security items. Police made several burglary arrests in Ballard. No burglaries were reported in Viewridge or Laurelhurst this month and last month. The Prosecutor's office will be downsizing. Budget cuts may reduce the number of police officers.

The Sock Drive ends on December 1. Cary has a bulk price for socks of \$1 per pair.

The new LED street lights will be paid for with Federal stimulus money.

Daffodils on the Median: Dexter reported that she and Jean Colley coordinated in getting 200 daffodils and having them planted along the NE 41st street median. Colley ordered the bulbs from Tuliptown up in the Skagit Valley and Dexter picked them up on her way back from the San Juans. There are two varieties, one solid yellow and the other is white w/a yellow inside cup. A young gardener was hired to plant the bulbs.

SR 520 Update: Colleen reported on actions taken at a coalition meeting. WashDOT put out a RFP's for parts of the project on the east side, plus replacing the bridge part way across the lake - to the top of the west highrise. This portion of the work would be complete by 2014 or 2015, and would consume the available funding. The Seattle City Council opposes this, but the partial project does not require approval from Seattle.

Community Center: Several neighbors went to City Hall to speak in support of our Community Center. Other neighborhoods also brought large groups. Councilmember Rasmussen attended a rally. Converting rooms to office space is now off the table. We are still at 15 hours of operation per month, although some other community centers are at 30 hours per month.

Waterway No. 1: On October 5, the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) commented on the nomination of Waterway No. 1 for state historic status. That letter is included in the agenda packet. The state's advisory committee that reviews these matters had been scheduled to hear the nomination in mid-October.

In responding to the nomination, in its lengthy letter, DNR said that it found the nomination deficient and that it did not support placing portions of the waterway on the Washington Heritage Register. DNR said several key elements in the nomination application were missing or insufficient to demonstrate eligibility and to address integrity issues. DNR said that the nomination failed to meet the completeness and correctness requirements and the eligibility thresholds. DNR also said there was no demonstration of significance.

On October 11, Thornton responded to DNR's letter in an email to the state archeologist. She accused DNR of being corrupt in stating, "While DNR may succeed in blocking the listing of Waterway 1 to the Heritage Register, they cannot succeed in concealing actions that are considered improper and corrupt in the eyes of the public."

On October 12, Judith's group issued a press release entitled, "Public interest groups cry foul over action by State DNR to block protection for Lake Washington public open space and waterfront access, Waterway 1." In the release, neighbor Noel Lloyd was quoted as saying, "It is outrageous that DNR would block this nomination," and "It is disheartening to see this from an agency that is charged with protecting and preserving public lands." As far as LCC could determine, the release was not picked up by the media, the Parks and Open Space Advocates list or the Laurelhurst Blog.

LCC took no position on the nomination. In May, 2010, LCC did write to the state archeologist to ask that additional documentation be provided to establish Waterway No. 1 as either an historic site or cultural landscape as proposed. LCC also asked that facts cited in the application be checked and the adjacent property owners on each side of the waterway provided an opportunity to comment on the application. The Laurelhurst historian supported LCC's requests for more documentation and fact-checking.

LCC's committee working on waterway issues will provide a further update to the board in the coming months.

CUCAC/UW: Earlier this year, the UW's Board of Regents appointed 17 diverse individuals to begin the process of conducting a nationwide search for the next UW President. No neighborhood representatives were appointed to serve on that committee. The Presidential Search Advisory Committee was tasked with submitting a list of candidates who meet the Board's minimum qualifications for president by January 31, 2011. They have also been tasked with providing unranked recommendations for final interviews for three to five individuals by that date. There is no requirement that candidates for the position have a commitment to working with the surrounding communities.

Representatives from the University Park Community Club recently attended a public meeting to express concerns that the new president demonstrates a commitment to working with its neighbors. University Park also raised issues about the lack of attention paid to the decisions and recommendations of CUCAC. It seems that major institutions and the City only pay attention to major institution advisory committees when the

representatives to those committees are designated by the city, rather than by individual community councils. These issues will be addressed at the upcoming CUCAC meeting.

SUN Park Contribution: SUN Park leaders have asked LCC for a \$2,000 contribution. The funds would be used for maintenance—this spring’s compost delivery, summer irrigation and improvements to the gravel path. **Motion**, by Stan Sorscher, seconded by Maggie, that LCC make a one-time contribution of \$2000 toward the Sun Park. **Motion passed** without objection.

Yesler Swamp: The Yesler Swamp project will be on the agenda for next month.

Seattle Children’s Update:

1. Helistop: In response from concerns from LCC and the SAC, Children’s has modified its plans regarding the helistop. Air Side, the consultant that looked at various sites for the helipad, found little difference between roof-top and ground level landing sites. The plan now is to temporarily place the helistop on the ground north of the new bed tower. When Phase 2 begins, the helistop would be moved temporarily (at least two years) atop the bed south tower. When Phase 2 is complete, the helistop would move to the top of the center building.

Another study will analyze noise, lighting and other issues.

Noise treatments are being considered for the loading dock. These might include a berm, sound-absorbing materials in the loading area, restrictions on hours of operation and materials in the structure.

2. Neighborhood walk and talk: On Saturday, November 6, Feet First sponsored a neighborhood walk and talk to explore proposed new pedestrian signals designed to make it easier to access the Burke-Gilman Trail. The group took a look at necessary signage necessary for walkability, curb ramp improvements and a new configuration to reduce the number of crashes at 25th and Blakeley Street. The group took photos and discussed traffic ideas. These walking audits will be included in upcoming Livable Streets Workshop at Gould Hall. Feet First is part of a national organization. Children's would fund two improvement programs over the full duration of Childrens' MIMP. Kevin sees the walking routes as options that can be considered for these improvements.

Regular meeting adjourned at 9 PM.
Executive session for 10 minutes.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher