

Laurelhurst Community Club
Minutes
December 12, 2016
Laurelhurst Community Center

Attending: Robin Chalmers, Emily Dexter, Jeannie Hale, Kay Kelly, Linda Luiten, Colleen McAleer, Brian McMullen, Heather Newman, Liz Ogden, Don Torrie, Maggie Weissman, Leslie Wright

Excused: Stan Sorscher, Connie Sidles

Guests: Susie Plummer, Vice President and General Manager, University Village; Geri Morris, Councilmember Rob Johnson's office; Dan Corson, Berndt Stegger, CY Lee

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and was followed by introductions.

University Village Expansion: Susie Plummer, Vice President and General Manager of University Village, provided background information about herself the acquisition of University Village by Stuart Sloan. She has been with the Village 16 ½ years. Stuart Sloan has owned the Village since 1994. Mrs. Cooks (owned by a Laurelhurst neighbor) has been in the Village for 40 years. The Confectionary has been there since 1959. There are 36 locally owned businesses and 48 regional owners. The Village is currently at 480,000 square feet. There are 128 stores and restaurants.

The proposal is for four buildings in University Village. Structures include approximately 100,000 sq. ft. of commercial space and 915 parking spaces provide within one of the structures. Portion of existing structure to be demolished (Project 3025629). The Director will accept written comments to assist in the preparation of the early design guidance through December 19, 2016.

They are considering speed ramps (similar to the airport) and a couple of electric charging stations, although not legally required.

There were questions regarding traffic and transportation mitigation. Plummer will provide the study done by Transpo. They will work with SDOT on signage issues.

ADMINISTRATION

Calls and Concerns from Neighbors:

1. Coyotes: LCC received several email messages about coyotes seen in the neighborhood—most recently on 43rd Avenue NE and West Laurelhurst and on 48th Avenue NE south of the playfield. Rabbits and deer have also been seen in the neighborhood.
2. Children's expansion: On December 5, a neighbor email with concerns about the next phase of Children's expansion. The neighbor questioned whether Children's had received approval for components of this phase of the expansion. Instead of a pedestrian access at 44th and 47th, a bicycle route is proposed. McMullen and McAleer responded and pointed out the plan to create a new major hospital entrance on the narrow 40th Avenue.
3. Land use concerns by Windermere Circle in Laurelhurst: On November 20, a neighbor emailed concerned about the demolition of a triplex on 44th Ave NE, just north of Children's where he and his wife have lived for ten years. Developers are

buying the triplexes in the area, demolishing them and building townhouses. There are two active construction sites, one at 5048 Sand Point Way NE (which goes through to Sand Point Way NE) and one across the street at 5027 44th Avenue Ne. A third, 4270 NE 50th Street, within three properties from him. Developers are contacting all the owners with offers to buy and convert. Weissman is following up.

4. Leaves: On November 30, a neighbor contacted LCC with concerns about yard workers blowing leaves into the street, a violation of city code. The Blog did a post about this citing the law.
5. Dog bite: On November 23, a neighbor's sister was bitten by an off leash dog at the playfield. The bite broke the skin and was bleeding. The sister has to go to Critical Care to get the wound cleaned and for antibiotics. The dog's owner lives on the boulevard and said the dog's shots were up to date.
6. Burglary at Seattle Community Church: On Thanksgiving morning, someone broke into the Seattle Community Church. They parked an RV in front of Laurelhurst Elementary school and walked right into the church, into the sanctuary and took the drum module and then left within four minutes.
7. Package thefts: On December 8, a neighbor emailed to say he had just witnessed a thief steal a package from his neighbor's front porch at NE 41st and 44th Avenue NE. The thief and others in the car pulled up to the curb and left the car running while a woman walked up the block. There were two others in the car. The neighbor confronted the thieves who raced away and over the curb. On November 21, another neighbor reported a package thefts in progress viewed on their security camera on the 3800 block of 43rd Avenue NE.
8. UW Master Plan: Concerns were expressed about six-story student housing proposed at Five Corners. Sidles reported that she shared LCC's comprehensive comment letter with Seattle Audubon.

Treasurer's Report: The board reviewed the monthly financial report and Dexter responded to questions.

Announcements: The board reviewed the monthly NEDC announcement handout that was included in the agenda packets.

REPORTS/ACTION

CUCAC Update: Kelly will attend tomorrow night's CUCAC meeting and report back. The committee has set up four major categories of review and four subcommittees. Kelley is on the bulk and scale subcommittee and Wright is on the transportation subcommittee.

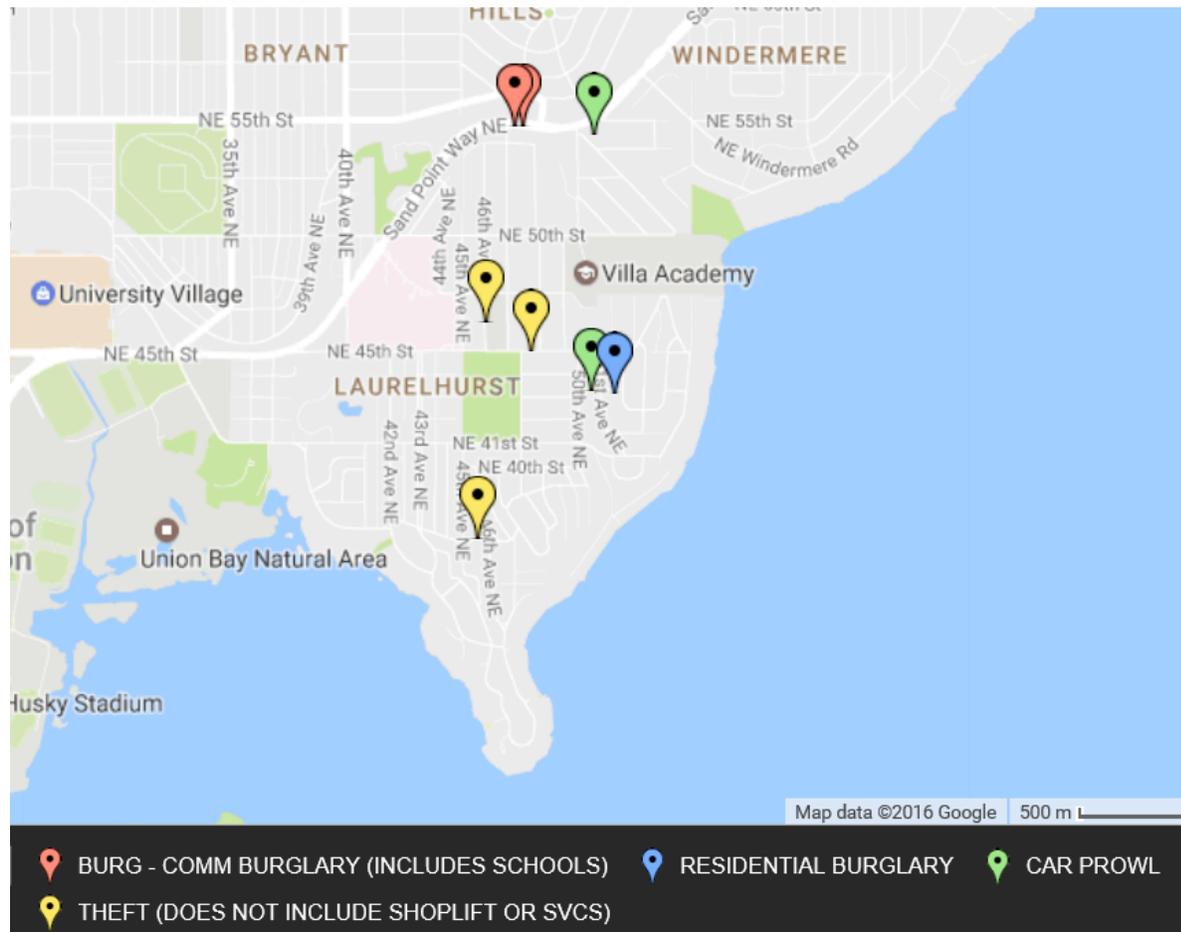
Crime Prevention: Luiten reported on the monthly NPAC meeting. Captain Sean O'Donnell stated that SPD is working hard to manage resources. It takes one year to get a recruit hired, trained and on the street. Splitting up of the North Precinct is on hold. It doesn't have available people for a new command team. There eventually will be a new Precinct, but for now the plan is to do maintenance on the old building and increase space near old building.

The Community Service Officers Program is being reinstated to assist with lower level issues such as lost children and picking up stolen bikes. This is something LCC has lobbied on for many years after the program was just about eliminated. They plan to hire 26 officers in mid-2018. They will also hire 40 new 911 officers.

SPD is conducting sky watch at Northgate Mall. This is a surveillance tool. Thirty foot tall booths where officers can sit and watch for car prowls.

Sock Drive Update: Last day to donate is December 16 at Flooring America. She has already donated 300 items to the SPD Precinct of socks, gloves, scarves and hats. Sgt. Newsom said that someone donated \$1,000. She has donations currently of 2408 pairs of socks, 44 hats, 4 scarves and 18 gloves. These numbers do not include Laurelhurst donations.

McMullen reported that there is good news. In November, the burglaries seem to have subsided to a more normal level. We had 1 residential burglary on 11/3 with lots of police response and no other burglaries since, we also had 2 commercial burglaries at the 5400 block of Sandpoint Way near the business district. There were 27 patrols during the 30 days of the month.



Crime Data:

Initial Type Description	Hundred Block Location	Date
BURG - COMM BURGLARY	54XX BLOCK OF SAND POINT WY NE	11/24/2016 5:00

BURG - COMM BURGLARY	54XX BLOCK OF SAND POINT WY NE	11/11/2016 4:43
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	43XX BLOCK OF 52 AV NE	11/3/2016 19:37
CAR PROWL	50XX BLOCK OF NE 44 ST	11/14/2016 11:59
CAR PROWL	54XX BLOCK OF IVANHOE PL NE	11/4/2016 17:25
THEFT (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOPLIFT OR SVCS)	45XX BLOCK OF 46 AV NE	11/29/2016 20:07
THEFT (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOPLIFT OR SVCS)	45XX BLOCK OF NE 38 ST	11/17/2016 11:54
THEFT (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOPLIFT OR SVCS)	48XX BLOCK OF NE 45 ST	11/12/2016 13:28

Patrol Incidents

Date	Event
11-3	Responded with SPD to residential burglary and patrolled the area looking for the suspect
11-6	Cleared 4 juveniles from the park late at night

Road Safety: Chalmers reported that he helped a small child cross NE 41st on Suicide Hill and that they almost got hit by a speeder. His seventh “slow down” sign has been stolen.

SR 520 Update: McAleer updated the board on issues regarding the new and future SR520—lighting and the new design for the Montlake phase.

Throughout November LCC and a group of its neighbors have been in contact with WSDOT about finding a remedy to the SR520 bridge lights on the Shared Use Path on the north side. WSDOT hosted a meeting on November 29 at the Center for Urban Horticulture from 6:30-8:30pm. In attendance was the 520 bridge team: Julie Meredith, Larry Kyle, and Dave Becher, and State Senator David Frockt, State Representative Jessyn Farrell, and State Representative Gerry Pollet as well as 28 concerned stakeholders, and McAleer.

The surprise and welcome attendee of the meeting was State Secretary of Transportation, Roger Millar, who led the meeting. He moved the meeting along in a constructive way, seeking solutions. The forum was a quick overview of the type of lighting and the current type on the bridge with references to how it meets requirements for safe lighting on the shared use path. WSDOT acknowledged that perhaps the lighting could be dimmer, and presented a list of possible solutions.

Neighbors then had a chance to comment, and emphasized that the lights are unacceptable as they are, and want them changed out. WSDOT at one point said the lighting matched the EIS and agency requirements, but McAleer showed all parties two poster sized photographs that showed the lights to be many times brighter than allowed by the permitting agencies. WSDOT took a set of these posters at the end of the meeting. The group expressed more comments, and zeroed in on at least potential solutions including:

- Install an "off the shelf" hood on the existing lights to direct the light downward instead of out onto the lake
- Replace the existing light fixtures with ones that can house a lower wattage bulb

- Move the lights to the railing side and shine it southward onto the road surface as will be done on the WABN section to illuminate the path.

There were members of the Cascade Bicycle Club who expressed that they want to be sure that the path is well lit, and all parties in the room agreed that this is the goal for safety, but also to ameliorate the negative effects of the spill light onto Lake Washington from the north.

WSDOT agreed to the cost and to do a feasibility study on several solutions, and report back to the state legislators before the 2017 legislative session begins, hopefully in mid-January, 2107.

The second SR520 issue is the potential pollutants that can be released into Union Bay, Portage Bay and Lake Washington as noted in a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This is important as WSDOT is proposing much in-water disturbance as it builds its Montlake Interchange/Portage Bay Bridge Replacement. Many shoreline neighborhoods asked the Army Corps, and the City of Seattle to require prior testing of potential contaminants before WSDOT is granted its shoreline revision permits.

LCC wrote a letter to add prior bridge parts testing and monitor the process as part of the RFP for the contractor who will do the project, and works with other shoreline communities to prevent environmental damage to the recreational shoreline.

Children's Proposed Expansion: The board discussed potential traffic impacts of the next phase of implementation of Children's master plan. Children's transportation data is ten years old. It was suggested that LCC hire a transportation consultant that could range from \$3,000 to \$10,000. McMullen will explore this further for the board. Ogden suggested that LCC to outreach to the neighborhood encouraging comments on the 40th Avenue traffic issues. McAleer moved that LCC solicit two proposals at no cost regarding Children's proposed new entrance and get neighbors more involved. No action was taken on the motion.

Other announcements:

- After a long term on the board Weissman resigned to spend more time with grandchildren and family.
- Congratulations on the recent marriage of Kelly.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00 p.m.