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Aegis Senior Living Project Ready to Go

On December 26, 2019, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections issued a permit for demolition of the old "Baskin Robbins" triangular site at the five-corners intersection. Existing businesses were closed in 2019, and the old billboard was removed January 24.

LCC supports the new facility as it will be close to neighborhood families as their physical and mental needs change over time. The facility will be six stories with 136 rooms and 63 underground parking spaces.

Project construction and transportation circulation will be difficult in such a high-traffic intersection. When completed, the facility is estimated to generate 230 additional daily vehicle trips through this already busy area. The City allowed less setback than normal at the base of the 72-foot structure, which will obscure visibility for cars entering the five-way intersection.

Because of erosion and drainage issues posed by the property's steep slope, the City is requiring on-site structural engineer observations to ensure slope protection and structural integrity.

The owners are required to pay into the MHA (Mandatory Housing Affordability) fund at a rate of \$14.46 a square foot, which will be used to build affordable housing units elsewhere. The Design Review process recommended, and the developers have included, a lounge view of the Burke Gilman Trail for residents and that open space frontage along NE 45th St. be an outdoor plaza for residents and families.

With the recent removal of the billboard and permit in hand, site construction appears imminent. ■

Annual Dues Drive and a Look at LCC's Stewardship on Behalf of Neighbors

LCC's 2020 membership drive brochure and dues statement are in the mail. While all Laurelhurst residents and businesses are members, collection of annual dues is necessary to pay for professional services such as legal fees, expert studies and reports, design, and printing. Dues support LCC's proactive efforts on land-use matters, traffic and transportation issues, neighborhood improvements, crime prevention, newsletter publishing, email updates, and website maintenance. An extra \$20 contribution pays for landscape maintenance on the Mary Gates Way / NE 41st Street planted median. Additional contributions are always welcome to support special neighborhood projects.

Your neighbors on LCC's all-volunteer Board of Trustees contribute hundreds of hours each year on your behalf to maintain the livability and vitality of our community and stretch the membership dues.

Highlights of LCC's recent work on behalf of neighbors like you:

- LCC advocates for a context-sensitive solution for development on the 17+ acre Talaris site. LCC dues pay for legal counsel and expert consultants on historic preservation as well as on hydrology and soils.
- LCC representatives attend the Seattle Landmark Board deliberations and its Architectural Review Committee meetings in reference to Talaris and other local landmark preservation issues.
- LCC works with SPD on public safety and urges increased coverage.
- LCC works closely with the LEAP (Laurelhurst Emergency Action Preparedness) team and supports its efforts.
- LCC works with the UW, Sound Transit, and Metro to improve the neighborhood's transit connections and increase pedestrian safety.
- LCC funds maintenance for public median strips along NE 41st Street / Mary Gates Way, as required by City contract, and maintains the irrigation system.
- LCC successfully advocated for more City budget support to restore Laurelhurst Community Center operating hours and programs.
- LCC works with City Council as it develops a new tree ordinance to provide improved urban habitat and enhance its tree canopy.
- LCC participates in SR520 construction and design meetings to ensure continuous access from the northern approach to the Montlake Inter-

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Quadrant Homes Has Pulled Out of Talaris Plan

An early 2018 article in the Seattle Times stated, "For the first time in decades, a large, new private single-family-home community has been proposed in Seattle, as a local developer hopes to transform one of the city's last big private swaths of untouched land to take advantage of the red-hot luxury-home market. Quadrant Homes has agreed to purchase the 17.8-acre Talaris site...." And has proposed building 63 single-family homes expected to sell in the \$2 million range.

As of January 31, Quadrant's parent company bailed out.

LCC is unaware of other details at this time but will provide them as they become available. ■

LCC's Stewardship *continued from page 1*

change and worked successfully to reduce glare lighting and expansion joint noise.

- LCC researches, produces, and delivers 10, in-your-mailbox editions of the Laurelhurst newsletter, offering neighborhood news and prospective on key issues.
- LCC provides the private security patrol subscription service, which is especially utilized for vacation house checks.
- LCC monitors Seattle Children's Hospital's new building construction process and advocates for low noise and traffic easing.
- An LCC representative attends the semi-annual SCH helicopter landings review committee and offers feedback on issues.
- LCC trustees regularly address or write the Seattle City Council to comment and share views on issues such as priorities for the City budget, election reform, climate change, affordable housing, transportation, and land use issues.
- Trustees also meet regularly with our District 4 councilmember and state legislators.
- LCC hosts City Council members at monthly trustee meetings to offer views on programs and policies.
- An LCC representative is a member of CUCAC, which addresses land use, safety, parking, and issues related to the implementation of the UW Campus Master Plan.
- LCC provided specific design and traffic analyses for proposed new developments in the area, such as the planned Aegis facility on Five Corners, as well as for mixed use residential projects on adjacent parcels.
- LCC continues to address neighbors' concerns regarding transportation issues and gridlock through letters to City Council, Seattle Children's Hospital, University Village, and the University of Washington.
- LCC supports and offers volunteer staffing for Laurelhurst Park's Spring Egg Hunt and Salmon Bake.

LCC appreciates your continued generosity and support. Pay dues on LCC's secure website (preferred – laurelhurstcc.com, Click&Pledge) or by mail (address on back). ■

Volunteers Needed to Plan and Organize LCC's 100th Birthday Celebration!

Since 1920, LCC volunteers have been working to address community concerns and promote solutions that have made Laurelhurst the caring, safe, and livable neighborhood it is today. What ideas do you have to acknowledge and celebrate these 100 years of neighborhood improvements and milestones of change? Please contact **Jeannie Hale** (206-525-5135, jeannie.hale@outlook.com) or **Colleen McAleer** (206-525-0219 or billandlin@aol.com) to join the planning committee. ■

LEAP Disaster Skills Workshop

March 4, 6:30-8 p.m., Laurelhurst Community Center, 4554 NE 41st St.
Instructor: Tey Thach, Seattle Office of Emergency Management

This workshop provides training on key skills needed after a disaster and more in-depth instruction on key preparedness actions. Participants will learn about the following topics: (1) Fire Extinguisher Use, (2) Utility Control, (3) Water Storage and Purification and (4) Emergency Sanitation. Registration is suggested but not required. Registration helps us estimate attendance and ensure adequate space.

Register online: www.seattle.gov/emergency-management/about-us/event-calendar/ ■

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This email address is the central location used to collect and communicate information to LCC's off-duty security patrol officers. While not instantaneous, the quicker you alert via email, the faster LCC can get the word out to the officers on duty. Please send email immediately AFTER you call 911 on all crime-related issues or concerns you would like the patrol to know about: Any crime in progress; solicitors; suspicious circumstances; an alarm going off at a neighbor's house; stolen packages; noise issues or problems in the park; burglaries or thefts after the fact. ■

Start a Block Watch!

Block Watch works by having you and your neighbors use simple techniques to deter, delay, detect, and report crime and to improve the quality of life for the 'hood. Plus, Block Watch is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors. For information on setting up a Block Watch, visit seattle.gov/police/community-policing/block-watch. ■

December's Sock Drive

LCC leads donations for the Seattle Police Department's "Sock, Scarf and Glove Drive," which provides warm and clean items to all ages in need and to the foot clinic for homeless. More than 5,000 items have been collected since the donation drive began. Thank you to chairperson and former LCC trustee **Linda Luiten** and trustee **Kay Kelly** as well as all those who contributed to another successful year to benefit those in need of warmth. Special appreciation goes to Iliana at **Flooring America** for accepting and storing the bounty of donations, including beautiful hand-knit items. ■

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Each month, trustees review Calls and Concerns from neighbors. Please contact any trustee to bring up something you would like LCC to be aware of or consider action on or if you need assistance maneuvering City government offices.

Let your Seattle officials know what's on your mind.

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CALENDAR

Feb. 10 (Mon.) 6:30 to 8 p.m.
March 9 (Mon.) 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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Drop off donations for Elizabeth Gregory House, a U District women's shelter: Huda Giddens at 4338 NE 44th St. (Leave in dark green, covered bin at the front of the house.)

Master Gardener Clinics
Second and fourth Mondays of each month, 4 to 8 p.m. at Center for Urban Horticulture Atrium.

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A bi-partisan group of Senators from Washington, Alaska, Oregon, and Idaho, and eight of our state's ten House Representatives have condemned the proposal. **District 4 Councilman Alex Pedersen**, stated: "I will continue to support the efforts of our congressional delegation to challenge and question the sale due to lack of notification, transparency, and public engagement as well as unanswered questions about the fiscal impact to the federal government."

Make your opinion known:

- Email the Office of Management and Budget's Acting Director Russell T. Vought: Russell.t.vought@omb.eop.gov.
- Email the agency proposing the sale, the Public Buildings Reform Board: fastainfo@pbrb.gov.
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