

Laurelhurst Community Club
Minutes
February 10, 2020
Laurelhurst Community Center

Trustees, Staff, Committee Member Attendees: Brian McMullen, Katherine Burk, Jim Rupp, Leslie Wright Newsletter and Webmaster), Don Torrie, Connie Sidles, Colleen McAleer, Jan Sutter, Jeannie Hale, Emily Dexter, Liz Hemer, Kay Kelly

Excused: Stan Sorscher, Louise Luthy (LEAP)

Guests: Peter Eglick, Jennifer Dolan Waldman, Rob Waldman, Cara Brown (Community Center Coordinator), Justin Cutler (Seattle Parks and Recreation Director)

CALL TO ORDER: McAleer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes: Hale moved to approve the Dec 2019 meetings notes. Kelly seconded. All approved. Dexter moved to approve the Jan 2020 meeting notes. Sidles seconded. All approved with abstentions from Jim Rupp and Liz Hemer who were not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: will be discussed with printouts at the March meeting

Newsletter: The new printer published the Nov and Dec newsletters as well as the Security Patrol mailings. Costs were substantially lower and glitches seem to have been worked out. Will keep using new printer.

Softball sponsorship: Don Torrie reported that \$600 is need to with LCC fully sponsor a softball team (board previously approved \$500). Don made a motion for an additional \$100 to make up the difference to sponsor a team. Liz seconded. All approved. Don will make an application for sponsorship.

Fire pit removal: Cara Brown explained the reasoning behind the removal of the fire pit. She has heard from many neighbors with concerns about non-compliance to rules: fires left unattended, impacts to neighbors, etc. The areas will be covered with soil and sod. (not dissembled). Justin explained that the Park District proposal meetings are open to the public and a great opportunity to share ideas and thoughts about how to improve community centers.

Calls and Concern from neighbors: Hale received call from dentist whose office is next to Talaris site. He was approached again for offers to purchase his property.

Metro Planning Changes for Bus Routes: Metro has published a proposal, the North Link Connections Mobility Project, that describes changes to Metro bus routes which includes the 78 bus that serves Laurelhurst. Burk reviewed the website and the public survey that accompanies the proposal. While the website is clear and easy to understand the survey does not specifically mention the complete removal of the 78 route. Interested parties can give their input through the on-line survey until the end of March.

Crime Prevention: Kay attended N Precinct meeting where Chief Best was speaker. 300 offers have left to work in other agencies. Message derived from exit interviews was that officers do not feel supported in Seattle. Best is working on strategies and programs to retain including yoga and mindfulness and suicide prevention (which is a big problem in police force). There has been a 1% reduction in crime. N. Seattle has 268,000 residents and needs another station. U District is the hottest spot for crime. Mental health experts are needed to support officers. Final sock drive numbers show roaring success: 2,911 men's, 808 ladies' and 234 children's plus blankets, scarves etc. add up to more than 5,000 items.

Helicopter Landings Update: The meeting will be in March. Collen and Rob will attend and send a letter in advance with the concerns about the new vendor and safety issues.

Talaris Update: LCC will be meeting for an hour with the city on March 13th to discuss the newly submitted land use application. Application has Quadrant Homes listed on the paperwork but need clarification if they are still the Developer.

Tree Ordinance: Goal of ordinance, sponsored by Dan Straus, is to have an entity that acts as an umbrella to oversee all trees citywide. The City Council will be discussing at their meeting Wednesday at 9:30pm, Colleen will attend (she will display the signs that she made in support)

Centennial Celebration: The LCC is turning 100! Working on a date(s) sometime in 2020 to mark the anniversary. Volunteers are needed as well as ideas of how to celebrate. Ideas include have 100 flowers planted, timeline at the annual meeting, having different events for different populations: seniors, kids, artists/writers, etc. Bring ideas to next meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:55 pm