

Laurelhurst Community Club
Minutes
Oct 12, 2020
Zoom virtual meeting

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

Excused: Stan Sorscher

Guests: Peter Eglick

CALL TO ORDER: Colleen called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Calls and Concern from neighbors: No issues to discuss.

Minutes: McAleer presented the minutes for September. Dexter moved that the minutes be amended to include the name of the offers; Kelly seconded the motion. Motion approved by all with an abstention from Sidles, who was absent from the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dexter noted that there was a \$1k expenditure for landscaping but other than that nothing significant to report or discuss in regard to LCC financials.

Announcements: McAleer discussed work on the 520 bridge in regards to the pile driver that will be operating for the next 4 months with 600 pile drives per day which will support the temporary work bridge near Foster Island. Discussion about the loss of wildlife habitat due to the project. The large blue structures are called Gantry cranes which hold up the existing structure while removing the old bridge, a more environmentally safer technique instead of grinding it on site, spewing debris into the air.

New Hires: Wright presented the hiring committee's choice of Newsletter and Communications Director and Website consultant. February 1st issue will mark the first issue with the new Director in place. The Director will also assist with Constant Contact communications, pursuing new advertising and maintaining website content. The Website Consultant team will begin working on a new website that will allow for easier updates of content and a more streamlined modern look. Wright asked the Board about allocating \$250 for the losing consultant team to design a new logo for the LCC. Rupp moves to allow the allocation, McAleer 2nds, the motion passed unanimously.

Crime Prevention: Kelly and McMullen discussed the recent uptick in crime. Car theft, car prowls and burglaries are trending upward and it appears neighborhood is

systematically getting hit. The new North Precinct captain, Brian Stampfl, is producing a summary letter(s) instead of monthly meeting. Seattle PD is repurposing and restructuring and as a result there are less folks to do community stuff. Crime increases at night underline the need to report streetlights that are out. All are encouraged to report these outages. Some garage thefts that are happening with scanners that open garage doors. Upcoming newsletter will include crime prevention tips. Also, the Crime Patrol mailing will happen before Thanksgiving – McMullen explained that the rate will remain the same. Kelly mentioned because of Covid-19, there may not be a sock drive this year.

Community Outreach: Discussion about our many new neighbors and how to introduce them to the community. Ideas included drafting a LCC Welcome letter that would include helpful numbers, events (Salmon dinner, Easter Egg hunt, sock drive, Turkey Trot, Christmas ships etc. Burk offered to draft a first version of the letter. Rupp discussed his research as part of the Centennial, in a draft form about unwritten Beach Club religious discrimination practices 64 years ago, which was struck down by its board when it came to light. Trustees and meeting participants shared thoughts about how to recognize this past in some manner. Rupp found that the Beach Club then affirmed a policy of non-discrimination for all neighbors, and was formalized in its bylaws and in practice.

Parks: Don Torrie discussed the changes that are proposed for the .44 loop at the park. These include ADA certification, SE stair replacement (including hand railings on other stairs) and a few additional changes near the tennis courts. He noted that the park lights are on auto mode.

Children's: Expansion plan for Phase 3 of the Major Institution Master Plan continues – the comment period for the garage at the NE corner and new surgery has been extended until Oct 26th. Neighbors encouraged to comment. as this Phase 3 differs from what was planned when the Major Institution Master Plan was approved in 2010.

Talaris: McMullen reported the permit is in progress and that the owner is still pursuing plans for sf housing to be developed on the landscape, and new uses for the existing structures. Board discussed the benefit of daylighting Yesler Creek, which would link the site with the Union Bay Natural Area and Union Bay itself. Best time to make comments is now during the scoping time frame, although the formal comment period ended September 17, 2020.

General MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:03 pm

Executive Session:

Discussion regarding Children's Hospital expansion. Neighbor raising monies to pay for filling free. McMullen motioned and Torrie seconded motion that LCC pick up attorney's fee. Passed unanimously.