

Laurelhurst Community Club  
Minutes  
Sept 14, 2020  
Zoom virtual meeting

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

Excused: Jeannie Hale, Connie Sidles

Guests: David Logsdon (Seattle City Light), Victor Couto (SCL), Jenny Levesque (SCL)

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

### **ADMINISTRATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special Guest presentation: Seattle City Light representatives gave a presentation on Seattle's Transportation Electrification Strategic Plan. The Plan is a result of the Washington state legislature's 2019 passage of House Bill 1512, which enables electric utilities to incorporate transportation electrification into utility modernization. In their efforts they have made a huge effort to assure that underserved communities and neighborhoods' needs are considered. Questions from the Board included what the effects of less gas usage and therefore less gas tax revenues would have on our budgets. Questions can be directed to [SCL\\_CommOutreach@Seattle.gov](mailto:SCL_CommOutreach@Seattle.gov). The published plan can be found at:

<https://powerlines.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/SCL-Transportation-Electrification-Strategic-Investment-Plan-2021-2024-w-attachments.pdf>

Appendix A has the presentation that was shown to the LCC.

Calls and Concern from neighbors: 47<sup>th</sup> Street continues to experience lots of extra traffic impacts as the construction at Children's hospital continues. Discussion about speed monitoring has occurred recently as speeders are frequent. Question about how the median strips near Talaris are maintained. Currently only two medians are maintained and irrigated by Heath Landscaping. Emily will follow up to see what the cost would be for the other two, and Jim Rupp will be the point person to form a plan to maintain the other medians within a budget. Other calls to trustees concerned SCH and the Talaris site.

Minutes: McAleer presented the minutes for July. Dexter moved that the minutes be approved, and Kelly seconded. They were approved by all with an abstention from McMullen, who was absent from that meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dexter noted that there was nothing significant to report or discuss in regard to LCC financials.

Announcements: Received a few resumes for the Communication Specialist, job posting closes on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Crime Prevention: There is a new North Precinct captain – Brian Stampfl. Seattle's new Interim Police Chief is Adrian Diaz.

Election of Officers: Board discussed returning to having a President and Vice-President format. Board approved this change (with one abstention). The slate, Colleen McAleer as President and Brian McMullen as Vice-President, passed unanimously.

Talaris: McMullen reported that the LCC subcommittee met on September 8th with the owner's representatives. According to Nathan Rimmer and Dean Johnson, the owner is pursuing approval of the 67 sf housing unit option, with 7 separate land tracts, which requires removal of 2 landmarked buildings. Goal is to get through permitting and then sell the property to another entity or builder. City Council also approved an omnibus bill that added landmarked sites language to the land use code.

Children's: Expansion plan for Phase 3 of the Major Institution Master Plan continues, and McAleer noted that the SCH traffic studies regarding transportation impacts were conducted during Covid-19 which were far below normal traffic levels. Also of interest is that the square footage of any new underground parking, and below grade buildings does not count against the allowable development in the MIMP expansion agreement. The LCC subcommittee met with the executives of SCH and their architect to explore their Phase 3 plans, and offered direct feedback from the neighborhood's point of view.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:30 pm