

Laurelhurst Community Club
Minutes
September 11, 2017
Laurelhurst Community Center

Attending: Robin Chalmers, Jeannie Hale, Kay Kelly, Linda Luiten, Liz Ogden, Connie Sidles, John Temple, Don Torrie

Excused: Emily Dexter, Colleen McAleer, Brian McMullen, Stan Sorscher, Leslie Wright

Guests: Ann Scott Tyson, Jim Grant

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. and was followed by introductions.

ADMINISTRATION

Calls and Concerns from Neighbors:

1. Graffiti: LCC heard from neighbors about the nasty graffiti on the old Baskin/Robbin site. It looks as if owners have tried to clean it up.
2. Blocking fencing: Immediate neighbors in the vicinity of Webster Point have complained about the proliferation of "tall and crummy" fences around Webster Point, sadly blocking traditional shared open spaces by three new, and different homeowners.
3. Talaris: LCC has heard from many neighbors about removal of the "for sale" signs on the Talaris site. No word yet on who has purchased or leased the site.
4. Another boarding house in the neighborhood: A neighbor reported that this is the third of the boarding houses in the Town of Yesler that just came up for sale. It is listed as having five bedrooms, 10 baths and is 4800 square feet. It is suspected that it is another boarding house. The address is 4312 36th Avenue NE and is listed for sale at \$2,399,000.
5. Trash near Children's: Neighbors have observed lots of beer cans near the Children's bus stop on NE 45th.

Treasurer's Report: The board reviewed the past two months treasurer's reports included in the agenda packets. McAleer suggested that LCC allocate \$5,000 into the attorney's fee account. The fact that the for-sale sign has been removed from the Talaris property, could mean something is in play (or not). If those funds are not spent, no harm is done and they sit there until needed or get redirected by LCC. MOTION by Hale, seconded by Kelly to approve the transfer of \$5,000 to LCC legal account. *Motion passed unanimously.*

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

1. Celebration of Sand Point Aviation History: October 15, Hangar 30, Magnuson Park. The event is free and includes indoor flying and model aircraft building demonstrations, paper aircraft construction contest, living history presentation and story-telling, model exhibit of aircraft of Sand Point; history of Sand Point slide show and Veterans honor ceremony

2. Salmon Bake Wrap-Up: Torrie and Hale volunteered at this highly successful event.
3. Emergency Preparedness: There will be a free emergency skills class from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The next LEAP meeting is October 19 at 7:00 p.m. The group must pay \$50 for community center staff time.

REPORTS/ACTION

Emergency Preparedness: John Temple, the LCC trustee leading the Laurelhurst Earthquake Action Preparedness (LEAP) team, set up maps that were displayed at the recent Salmon Bake. One of the maps showed all of Laurelhurst broken up into clusters of households. The focus was to find your cluster. He reported a good success with bringing awareness to the Laurelhurst residents and to those living outside of our community. Seventeen neighbors filled out cards and signed up at the Salmon Bake. He stressed that preparedness is not just within the house. In a catastrophe, it will be important that everyone knows what to do to get help or give help. There won't be any help available outside of our community. Those that don't know what to do within our community will not only add risk to themselves, but to our community. In hurricanes the warning is days ahead. With earthquakes the warning is simply we are overdue. It will happen, we just don't know when. We cannot predict, we can only prepare.

Temple handed out 3x5 cards for all the LCC members to fill out. This is so cluster captains can get to know their cluster members, and so members can get to know their LEAP cluster captains. The cards are also handed out at various LEAP events. For those blocks that are organized for block watch, there can be some good overlap. Likewise, Temple is looking to find cluster captains for the clusters that are without them. Included on the cards is a place to check if you can help find a cluster captain, whether you want to be informed by emails and what skills you might have to help after a catastrophe. Temple noted that St. Stephens will be our hub. There is a room around back for a pod.

The LEAP funding of \$1,000 request for startup supplies is out there from a request from John Temple in August. It was suggested that the group apply for grant money that is available for that purpose. MOTION by Temple, seconded by Kelly, to allocate \$1,000 to LEAP. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Crime Prevention: There was no report from the last North Precinct Advisory Council meeting. The board reviewed McMullen's listing of crimes in July and part of August. Property crimes are on the rise.

Road Safety: Chalmers reported problems with skinny roadways where there is only one lane in each direction. Buses stop and back up traffic. His friend has an accident on NE 35th and 75th when a bus pulled out in front of her without signaling. A truck then rear-ended her. He reported concrete distortion by the tennis court on NE 41st. He mentioned that a UW student is working on a sidewalk project.

SR 520 Update: In her absence, McAleer provided a written report. The City of Seattle **did** grant the noise variance request from WSDOT with specific conditions. The

conditions fall short of protecting the health of nearby residents, but some of the "wins" for the adjacent communities are:

1. Shortens the timeline from seven years to five years;
2. Allows 10 decibels over the federal standard (which still allows 10 decibels more noise than the Seattle City code);
3. Requires review every 12 months (LCC asked for every three to six months);
4. Requires an on-site supervisor who has the authority and ability to shut down the construction if a noise violation occurs;
5. Requires a dedicated complaint line; and
6. There is a usual promise of "outreach to the community."

The newest vehicular lanes on the north side of the new bridge are operational now to the Montlake exit ramp. The Regional Shared Use Path (bikes) will be opened within 60 days. LCC continues to monitor operations for excess noise.

The light shields promised to re-direct the Floating Bridge existing glare lights have been ordered by WSDOT. The goal is to have them installed within 30 days of arrival, and not to have any bridge lane closures to make that happen.

Talaris: Recently, the Laurelhurst Community Club, the City of Seattle, and 4000 Properties LLC, (the current owner of the Talaris site, the former Battelle Institute site), signed off on an agreement closing out a lawsuit about the property that had lingered without decision in King County Superior Court for almost four years. The dismissal agreement does not resolve any of the parties' various claims and defenses. Instead it leaves them for future resolution, if necessary. There is an excellent article on the dismissal in the September newsletter. The stipulation and court order are included in the agenda packets.

CUCAC: Kelly updated the board on CUCAC's recommendations and comments on the UW proposed master plan. Under the plan, Montlake Boulevard is not protected. The 65-foot limits didn't pass. The UW will not vacate Boat Street. A copy of CUCAC's final report and recommendations was passed around.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 p.m.