

Laurelhurst Community Club

Minutes

April 8, 2019

Attendees: Jim Rupp, Jeannie Hale, Colleen McAleer, Stan Sorscher, Kay Kelly, Liz, Hemer, Emily Dexter, Jan Sutter, Leslie Wright

Excused: Connie Sidles, Brian McMullen , Don Torrie

Guests: Roberta Cation and Alex Pedersen

Call to Order at 6:35 pm at the Laurelhurst Community Center

Change to the agenda motion made by McAleer-approved by general agreement. A report on the external medical review for Children's Hospital was added

Seattle Children's Hospital Helicopter Landing Review report: McAleer noted that the helicopter transport data from July 1-December 31, 2018, was reviewed on March 27, 2019. This was the semi-annual required review with the multi-member standing committee.

Data review included helicopter transport (rotary wing, not fixed wing) landings, and a review of the reasons normally associated with these transports.

In the 6 months for the latter half of 2018, there were 81 transports, and 13 were at the University of Washington Intramural Field (Graves Field), and 68 on the roof of SCH buildings. The final admit for the 68 landings were 31 children total. Of note: there is a trend for a lot more rooftop landings than on the IMA fields than in the past years, which was formerly 50/50 split in locations.

Another air transport carrier, Liflight, will be authorized in addition to Airlift NW in the future, and may have patients who are not as seriously ill as those traditionally helicoptered in by Airlift NW. Both SCH and LCC to monitor for changes in Helistop landings in the near future. LCC's subcommittee with SCH may be convened to discuss changes in landing criteria to match original intent.

New SCH buildings report: The new Forest B building will house infusion rooms and surgery suites. After it is built, the helicopter pad will go onto that building.

Annual Neighbors Meeting planning: The meeting will be on June 10 from 6:15 to 8 p.m. The board discussed proposals for the program.

Kelly described research done by the University of Washington regarding outcomes from the LEAD program, helping homeless people connect with services they need and get Social Security and Disability. A speaker could address this approach at the meeting.

LCC might invite the Police Chief and the researchers to talk about LEAD. Other options include crime reporting by Officer Scott Okawa from the private security patrol, if available. LCC typically invites the Mayor and will again this year, but response is usually last minute.

Spencer Howard is a local historian and preservation consultant and will be speaker on the Talaris update on the potential development and its status in the SDCI processes.

Wright verified 6:15 early start.

Stan, Liz and Colleen (gluten free option) will provide cookies. Hale will bring bottled water.

Spring Clean is a City-sponsored program that helps build community. For projects to work on, McAleer recalls LCC is expected to help maintain Waterway #1. We can ask for volunteers for traffic circles around the neighborhood and the median on NE 41st St. Dexter agreed to be resource for City supplies to the local clean up groups.

Crime Prevention: Kelly passed along information from the North Precinct Advisory Council meeting about the shooting on Lake City Way and the car hijacking. Ruup suggested that LCC direct support to a Go Fund Me account which is collecting money for the teacher at Laurelhurst School who was hurt.

The sock drive went well this winter, and recently, Linda Luiten received another gift of socks which she delivered to the North Precinct. Thank you, Linda!

SR 520: WSDOT has a partnership with the University of Washington to find solutions which reduce noise from the expansion joints in 520. Money is in the House budget to implement the fix, if approved.

WSDOT is looking at potential toxic pollutants which may drop into in Union and Portage Bays during the Montlake Interchange, and Portage Bay Bridge Replacement tear down and building phases. The new bridge captures runoff, but old contamination may still be present when the old sections are removed, including copper, arsenic, PCB's and dioxins that may be embedded. They would need to be removed as toxic waste and prevent any spillage into the waterways.

Treasurer's Report: Dexter reported that LCC has a positive cash balance in treasury due to influx of dues, security patrol, and special projects. Note that the newsletter is operating in a deficit but will be subsidized as per feedback from survey from readers. Note that there may be ways to reduce cost of Annual Dues mailing, perhaps re-visit combining with Private Security Patrol, or eliminate or simplify full color enclosure.

McAleer moved that land use expense fund have an additional \$5,000 toward both consultants and legal counsel allocated which may be required as the Talaris site moves through the Seattle Dept of Construction & Inspection, and the Seattle Landmark Preservation Board processes. Second to the motions was made by Hale. *Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.*

Talaris: Sutter gave an update of information from Spencer Howard from NW Vernacular and Quadrant at a meeting of the Architectural committee of the Preservation Board. Spencer was skeptical that Quadrant's proposed design met national standards for preservation. Quadrant's new architect is from California. His new design leans toward the style of the existing building elements. Sutter is concerned that while the initial lots might be acceptable for compatibility, subsequent lots might follow a more aggressive style.

The use for the existing apartments (buildings A, B and C) may include administrative conditional uses such as medical or dental offices.
This matter will go to the full Historic Preservation Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Alex Pedersen spoke to the group as an individual, after the LCC business concluded, about his candidacy for City Council and wants to represent the voice of neighborhoods in District 4. Issues would include reducing homelessness, property crime, such as stealing packages from porches and car prowls and home invasions. Seattle should stick to best practices, like Houston and Salt Lake City. Diversion from the homelessness system would be used to address their immediate problems. Performance-based contracts with tracking and accountability. Pedersen stated that should have City Council members with both public and private experience.