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Time Again to Give a Gift of Holiday Warmth

LCC and Flooring America are hosting a contactless sock, gloves, hat, and scarf drive for the charities previously supported by our former partner, SPD, including the Pioneer Foot Clinic for the homeless and Mary's Place Shelter. We can all pitch in right now to provide needy folks with new and warm items for men and women in sizes M-XL. Unsheltered neighbors experience many problems with their feet and new, clean socks to put on after Foot Clinic treatment support their healing process.

There are three ways to donate:

- Order online and have your donation delivered to LCC's private mail box (address on back of newsletter). Include a copy of your receipt and we will send you a donation acknowledgement; OR
 - Drop off items on Sunday, Dec. 13, between 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Laurelhurst Community Center parking lot. Drive through and volunteers will be there to take your donations. To volunteer, email lccvolunteers2020@aol.com or call Kay Kelly at 206-409-7001.
 - Drop off items at Flooring America, 3605 NE 45th St., weekdays and Saturday.
- Neighbors have always donated generously. Folks whose names you will never know will be warmer, dryer, and healthier as a result. Thank you! ■

Laurelhurst Letter returns in February 2021. Until then, please check LCC's website for updates.

Warm Wishes for the Holidays!

SCH Non-compliant in Application Process

LCC has requested that the City correct the non-compliant application process for Seattle Children's Hospital Phase 3 development.

At the November 18 Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of Seattle Children's Hospital (SCH), there was confusion about the role and opportunity of SAC members to give meaningful input to the design review process. LCC, and neighbors who attended virtually, realized that something was out of order in the way the process has been conducted to date.

When the original plans to develop the SCH site were approved in 2010 by Seattle City Council (after they were denied by the Hearing Examiner), the City Council placed certain "Conditions" (rules) upon the process as Seattle Children's Hospital would develop its approved phases over the life of their Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP).

One of them is Condition 15, which requires that SCH have a Standing Advisory Committee to examine and recommend its comments BEFORE SCH applies to build any phase through the City's SDCI application process. This sequence is identical to many other Major Institutions, such as Seattle University, to allow the SAC to weigh in with comments for early design guidance for phases developed by the institution.

LCC discovered that SCH did not present its plans to the SAC for this early comment opportunity before filing for permits. Instead, SCH filed with SDCI for a MUP application in early July without a meeting or any real comment opportunity from the SAC or LCC, as required by the LCC/SCH Settlement Agreement. In fact, the first official SAC meeting was on August 31, almost two months after the plans were filed at SDCI. In addition, hundreds of pages of EIS Addendum technical materials about the Phase 3 plans were unavailable to SAC members until just seven hours before they met, which severely limited their opportunity to examine them and provide meaningful comments.

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LCC Logo Created by Designer Sarah Tyson

With this issue of the newsletter, LCC introduces its new logo – a graphic element that visually captures the essence of the natural beauty and community spirit of our neighborhood. The LCC Board of Trustees is appreciative of Sarah's creative talent and generosity.

Sarah's connection to the Laurelhurst neighborhood informed her work:

"I have a deep fondness for Laurelhurst. My siblings and I would race around the playfield, push each other as fast as we could on the merry-go-round and climb to the top of the red-rope structure. Perched in the back of my grandparent's bright blue Volvo we'd cruise up and down the steep "wow" hills to pick blackberries lakeside. I went to college right down 45th at the UW and spent my studies trekking across the PNW and the Andean Mountain range collecting plant specimens for DNA analysis. After graduating I taught preschool at the Sandpoint Child Development Center and developed curricula with an emphasis on outdoor learning and stewardship. I've since become a UI and web freelance designer with a propensity for community engagement, environmental activism, and education through visuals. I'm so grateful for this opportunity to collaborate with the LCC. Thank you!" ■