



Green Lake Community Council

Meeting Notes

Date: May 10, 2006, 7-9 pm

Location: The Hearthstone, 6720 East Green Lake Way N.

1. Meeting was opened by Chair, Monica Hinckley.
2. **Friends of Green Lake.** Karen Schurr gave the committee report.
 - Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16 @ 7pm at the Hearthstone. Speaker is Harry Gibbons of Tetra Tech Consultants reporting on the *Updated Phosphorus Model for Green Lake*, a study that was funded by Seattle Public Utilities.
 - Election of officers will be held.
 - The student winner of the FOGL t-shirt design contest will be named.
 - FOGL is soliciting volunteers to assist at the Green Lake Open Swim on Sunday, June 25th from 8-11am and also for the Milk Carton Derby on Saturday, July 1.
 - More information on FOGL and upcoming events can be found at www.friendsofgreenlake.org.
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3. **Hearthstone.** David Hamilton of Hearthstone gave an update on the redevelopment of the parcel known as the Yasuko/Plastic Sales Bldg. The site is bounded by Latona, Woodlawn and 4th. The Hearthstone is continuing with the preliminary design process and expect community meetings on the alley vacation between Latona and 4th the next step.
4. **Vitamilk Property.**
 - Tom Bartholomew of Lorig Associates gave an overview update on the development of the property. The current focus is on the overall design. They do not yet have a grocery tenant.
 - A representative of Hewitt Architects gave a presentation on the design of the “edges” of the property on 71st and 72nd. He spoke on their view toward the pedestrian experience especially at the mid-block crossings on both 71st and 72nd streets. They may be proposing a change to the street parking on the north side of 72nd street to angle parking only.
 - The truck loading will be along 5th Avenue, within the building footprint. There were concerns raised by community members about trucks exiting the site and having to drive around the block and through the retail area in order to return to the freeway, rather than exiting back to 5th Avenue for a more direct route to the freeway. It was explained that another route may not be possible without blocking traffic and entire intersections.

- Parking on the site will be 400 stalls on 2 underground levels. Parking will be shared between grocery, retail and residential.
 - Groundbreaking is expected next summer, 18 months of construction and opening of the site in late 2008 or early 2009.
5. **65th Street Art Corridor Project.** Barbara Luecke of 4Culture gave an update on this project. Work will start on the site the week of May 15. Three artists have been short-listed and each will spend two weeks experimenting on the site. The artists selected are Sheila Klein of Bow, WA, Adam Kuby of Portland, OR and the team of Bruce Myers of Orcas Island, WA, Linda Sindell & Buster Simpson of Seattle, WA. The final artist selection for a permanent installation will occur this summer. The purpose of the project is to create a better pedestrian experience and to connect the Green lake and Roosevelt communities. In 2001 citizens from these two communities formed the Roosevelt/Green Lake Art Corridor Committee (RGLACC).
 6. **Neighborhood Landuse.** Update given by Ref Lindmark.
 - **Albertson's.** Ref Lindmark and Michael Cornell recently met with Brian Fritz of Trammel Crow Residential the new owner of The Albertson's property. Trammel Crow does not have a definite plan for the property at present. The site is zoned NC3-40. One story of commercial with 3 stories of residential.
 - **Gregg's Green Lake Cycle** is continuing to work with the city on the design to expand the bike shop to one floor above the existing skate rental building for inventory storage and other bike shop business.
 - **Zoo Garage.** After a substantial number of community meetings and input the zoo garage is moving forward. The landscaping is integrated into the design to soften the building to the neighborhood.
 - **The Phinney Market** will be moving into the Briggs Pharmacy site at N 56th St.
 7. **Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods.** Beth Pflug of the City of Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods informed us that the City is investigating installing a stop light at the intersection of 5th NE and Banner Way. There was discussion on the impacts both positive and negative of installing this stop light. Ms. Pflug will find out the mitigations requested by the Maple Leaf neighborhood and relay that information back to us.
 8. **Seattle Public Schools Consolidation Plan.** The Seattle School District Community Advisory Committee, formed in January 2006, will present their list of school closures/consolidations the week of May 15. The district divided the city into four quadrants and assigned 3 committee members to each quadrant. The committee members visited each school as a part of the process. Four Green Lake area elementary and alternative schools are under consideration in this process; Green Lake Elementary, Daniel Bagley Elementary, Greenwood Elementary and John Marshall Alternative School. The next local community meeting will be at Hamilton Middle School on N 41st Street May 24th, 6:30-8:30pm. (Post Meeting Information: John Marshall Alternative School on Ravenna was announced as the only school in our area effected by the plan. It is advised to close this site. Community input on the plan can be given at cac@seattleschools.org or via the hotline 206.252.0600.
 9. **Seattle Public Theater.** Steve Wright, Managing Director of SPT announced that SPT is holding their first annual benefit celebration on Sunday, May 21 from 5:30-

8:30pm at the theater. The celebration will feature silent auction packages, gourmet food from Green Lake's Blu Water Bistro, tasty spirits, sophisticated jazz, the announcement of SPT's 2006-2007 season and the guest of honor, Rolin Jones, playwright of the season finale, *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow*. For more information: www.seattlepublictheater.org.

10. **NW District Council.** Our representative, Blaine MacAfferty, reported that the transportation department has begun improvements to Aurora Avenue beginning near Evergreen Washelli. Work on this project will continue for several years. Our newest City Council Member, Sally Clark, spoke at the recent meeting. She is the chair of the Economic Development and Neighborhoods Committee.

11. **Neighborhood Announcements** by Monica Hinckley

- **I-5 Noise Wall.** Preliminary work has begun on the I-5 Noise Wall Project from 5th Ave. NE to NE 92nd Street. Survey work is now underway with geotechnical explorations to follow. Construction of the wall is expected to begin in 2008.
- **Book Sale.** Daniel Bagley Elementary School is holding a book sale on May 21 from 11am-3pm. Books selected have been specially chosen to reflect classic children's literature and contemporary favorites.
- **FlexCar.** The company is expecting to add a FlexCar vehicle at the Albertson's site parking lot within the month. The company has implemented a weekend special program where you can pick up a car downtown at 5pm on Friday and return it by 8am on Monday and only pay a flat rate of \$100 for the entire weekend (includes gas, insurance and unlimited miles). See "special offers" on the www.flexcar.com website for specific details. They also have a current promotion if you join at www.driveflexcar.com and use the promo code, "streetflex", we will refund the \$75 initial investment in usage credit if you take a trip within 60 days of signing up.
- **Mini Skatespot.** The Roosevelt Neighborhood Alliance has announced that a mini skate spot is proposed to be built partially under I-5 near the Park & Ride Lot at Ravenna Ave. and 8th Avenue NE. for more information contact Jennifer at 206.826.2176.
- **Seattle Skateparks.** On June 14, 15 and 17, Seattle Parks will host a series of public meetings to help determine the best locations for a complimentary network of skateparks, skatespots and integrated skateable terrain throughout the city. Another series of meetings will occur in early fall to finalize the citywide plan. For more information visit www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/skatepark.htm.
- **Green Lake Community Center.** The center's summer programs can be viewed on their web site at www.seattle.gov/parks. Beginning May 30 you can now register on line for classes. You can also still register in person or by phone. A special summer family program series called "Show Time at the Lake" will be offered weekly from June 24 through early August. These one hour free programs will showcase various artists like Reptile Man, jugglers and unicyclists, magicians, face painters, balloon artists, poi balls and parachutes. Some of the activities are very interactive. Check their website for schedule information.
- **Highway 99 Viaduct.** Three viaduct project open houses will take place in May. The open houses will provide another opportunity to get the facts on the tunnel, the elevated structure, current funding levels and potential options for the construction. Meeting schedule: Downtown, May 22 @ Plymouth Congregational Church 5-7pm; West Seattle May 23 @ Cooper Elementary School 5-7pm; Ballard May 24 @ Ballard Community Center 5-7pm.

- **Pro Parks Levy – Green Lake Park.** Seattle Parks has begun working on this project. It has been assigned to David Goldberg, a park planner who will write the overall design program. In the coming months Mr. Goldberg will determine the schedule of community meetings. The project budget is \$360,850 to create passive recreational areas, gathering areas a shade garden and seating around the Community Center.

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