

Fremont Neighborhood Council
Minutes for May 24, 2010 Monthly Meeting

In attendance: Elfriede Noble, Dic Selin, George Heideman, Shawn Mulanix, Toby Thaler, Julia DeBroux, Stephanie Pure, Norma Jones

Announcements

Todd Lown design chosen for 46th St. Mural Project
Fremont Criterium scheduled for Sunday, May 30th at 1pm
City Council Land Use Meeting announced: A briefing on the proposed low-rise zoning update. At City Hall, 5pm (date not indicated)

Guest Speakers

Gregg Phipps, WASHDOT - Aurora Bridge Suicide Barrier Update
Flyer sent to residents within 500 feet of the bridge.
Work to begin in early to mid June. Night time construction noise: Drilling 5000+ anchor bolt holes, expected to last 3-4 months.
Work Hours: Sun - Thurs. nights 9pm - 5am, closing 2 lanes + sidewalk.
Bridge deck work to begin mid-June; some work may begin earlier.
Total project to be completed by the end of the year.
Brief discussion of the efficacy of suicide barriers. Board posed the question of environmental impacts and mitigation. Phipps described the platforms and drill housings to be used to mitigate noise.
Staging to occur in Troll Park west; an unpopular decision with the board and the neighborhood.

Keystone Campus/Community Psychiatric Clinics/Woodland Park Ave N. Facility
CPC is exploring a transfer of ownership of the facility from the Seattle Housing Authority. CPC has been involved since 1978. In 1982, improvements were made to the property in conjunction with SHA. In 1997, Coach House was developed. In 2005, CPC partnered with SHA for the facility on Albion Pl. Intent now is to transfer all ownership to CPC in order to meet conditions required by the Asset Management Plan between CPC and SHA, because CPC has access to sources of funding that are unavailable to SHA. CPC is before the board to share information and to be a good neighbor.

Old Business

Motion to adopt FNC minutes from March 2010 & April 2010 (as amended), and to post the agendas of those meetings for which minutes cannot be found.

Committee Reports

Land Use: Toby reported on the City's new low-rise zoning update. Process has not been good with regard to both outreach, and relating changes to neighborhood planning and citywide planning. In the past, the LDT zones were used to protect historic structures, but in the proposed low-rise zoning update, LDT zones are eliminated with grave consequences for some of Fremont's most valuable historic homes. A meeting on the matter is schedule for June 1st, 3:30pm, in the Seattle Municipal Tower.

LUDC

Attendance is picking up. Tom Rasmussen came to defend his position on the cities unpopular panhandling ordinance proposal.

New Business

Stephanie expressed concern about Metro's Trolley Replacement Project, and transit in Fremont generally, and will work with Tim Durkan to get a Metro representative before the FNC board.

Nickerson Road Diet Issue Summary: Nickerson, from the Fremont Bridge to the Ballard Bridge would be "road dieted" to 3 lanes. Industry is opposed claiming that pending road construction in downtown Seattle will increase the need for maximum capacity on Nickerson.

Executive Session

Toby moved that the FNC finances be consolidated at BECU in a fiduciary account, to give the board better flexibility and access to it's financial resources. Dic seconded. Motion passed. Treasurer is to make the changes as soon as is practical.

Dic is looking into getting the FNC established as a 501(c)3 non-profit.

The question of whether it is appropriate to link to the Fremont Abbey from the FNC site was discussed. Consensus is that it is not.