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FREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
September 22, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dic Selin, George Heideman, Sheridan Hammond, April Thanos, Erik Pihl, Julia DeBroux, Toby Thaler, Adam Morley, Stephanie Pure, Bill Uznay, and Kathleen Crosser.

PRESENTATIONS:

David Schaefer, Public Affairs Director, Woodland Park Zoo and Monica Lake, Capital Projects Manager, Woodland Park Zoo West Entry Project - Ms. Lake and Mr. Schaefer provided an overview of the zoo's West Entry Project and explained how it will enhance visitors' zoo experiences. The project is being funded through private donations and a grant.

Jessica Vets, Executive Director, Fremont Chamber of Commerce - Ms. Vets explained the Chamber's concern regarding proposed changes to parking in Fremont and their opposition to SDOT's plan to install pay stations in the neighborhood. Their preference is to delay installation of the pay stations and think pay stations will hurt small businesses. They feel the RPZ is a residential issue. The Chamber would like to be "on the same page" with FNC regarding parking issues. A motion was made and approved whereby a few FNC board members will attend a meeting the next morning at the Chambers' offices where there will be SDOT representatives in attendance to discuss parking issues. FNC members attending will express our concerns about present and anticipated impacts to residents and report back at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of September 22, 2008

CD at Northstar Bank	\$34,038.68
MM at Northstar Bank	\$30,688.80
Checking at BoA	\$ 1,474.81
Savings at BoA	<u>\$ 239.38</u>
TOTAL	\$66,441.67

MINUTES: The meeting minutes of August 25, 2008 were approved as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing: The CHHIP open house was held. CHHIP gave FNC a glass gift that coordinates with artwork on the front of the Fremont Solstice Apartments building.

Land Use: A hearing regarding the North Transfer Station will be held October 1 and 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. on the 40th floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower. Toby is applying to be appointed to the "Neighborhood Plan Advisory Committee" and will be designated by LUDC as their representative. The task of the NPAC is to "set up process and criteria for redoing all of the city's neighborhood plans." For more information, please visit http://www.seattle.gov/council/clark/neigh_plan_adv_com.htm.

Transportation: A motion was made and approved to send Erik's letter to Grace Crunican thanking her for the positive changes to Stone Way. Erik will attend the balance of the Aurora Bridge Advisory Committee meetings. The Queen Anne Community Council contacted Erik and expressed their opposition to the Mercer Corridor Improvement Project.

Bicycle: Adam has been trying to contact Krista Bunch of SDOT's Bridging the Gap program regarding bike improvements and pedestrian safety along 39th.

Zoo: Sheridan and Adam attended a meeting of the Zoo Neighborhood Liaison Committee. The food service contract people will be at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Speakers: Possible speakers for October - SDOT Mercer Corridor Project staff and Grace Crunican. Possible speakers for November - Tim Gallagher, Parks Department Superintendent and the SDOT Community Parking Program staff for our neighborhood.

Alan Younker, Fremont Resident - Alan expressed his concern about the lack of advance notice to neighbors before cell phone towers are erected. Alan will draft a letter to the City for the board to approve and send.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report of Emergency Board Meeting: The motion for a one time contribution of \$5,000 toward North Transfer Station appeal legal costs was approved.

Fremont Fair Neighborhood Feedback: The list Shawn compiled from the Fair was distributed. The goal is to post the list on the FNC website. Adam volunteered to draft answers to the bike related questions. Toby will address the land use comments.