

MINUTES
FREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
November 24, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dic Selin, George Heideman, Sheridan Hammond, April Thanos, Erik Pihl, Julia DeBroux, Toby Thaler, Adam Morley, Shawn Mulanix, Norma Jones and Kathleen Crosser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Ruby, Wallingford Community Council - WCC has a neighborhood matching fund grant to explore building a neighborhood community center for this area and would like someone from Fremont to be a member of their outreach committee (or at least participate in the outreach process).

Follow-Up Item - Is there a board member or Fremont resident interested in being involved with WCC's efforts?

PRESENTATIONS:

Tim Gallagher, Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation - Mr. Gallagher gave a brief overview of his career in the parks and recreation field and some of the current challenges his department is facing, which includes sufficient project funding. The department recently adopted a new strategic action plan. Mr. Gallagher's vision of the Parks Department is creating community through people, parks and programs and asked how that relates to Fremont. He can be reached by e-mail at Timothy.Gallagher@Seattle.gov.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of ^{Sept} ~~November~~ 24, 2008 - NEED NEW FIGURES

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 29, 2008 meeting will be available at the January 2009 meeting for review. The meeting minutes of September 24, 2008 were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use: Toby reported that WCC will not join in the North Transfer Station appeal, which will be filed within approximately a week. There is no exposure for attorney fees. Toby attended a DPD meeting regarding “backyard cottages,” (detached accessory dwelling units), which are allowed in southeast Seattle and are thought to be an affordable housing option. There is currently not a specific proposal regarding these units, though one is expected in the future. More information can be found at http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Alternative_Housing_Choices/DetachedADUs/default.asp.

Transportation: Erik drafted a letter to SDOT providing FNC’s revisions to the Community Parking Program in Fremont. A motion was made and approved to send the letter. Erik will draft a letter to City Light and the Parks department regarding sidewalk lighting in front of B.F. Day School on 39th. Erik has been attending SDOT meetings regarding traffic safety issues along the Aurora corridor and their impact on Fremont. WSDOT would like to provide an update on the Aurora Bridge barrier project at the January 2009 FNC meeting. Alex Wiggins, SDOT chief of staff, will give the FNC a presentation on the Mercer Corridor project in early 2009.

Bicycle: Adam explained the “sharrow” concept that is in place on Stone Way and the probability of adding sharrows on Fremont Ave.

Zoo: Sheridan and Adam were both unable to attend the recent meeting of the Zoo Neighborhood Liaison Committee. From meeting minutes, Adam reported that the food service contract has been awarded to a new national company. The winning bidder has not yet been revealed, though they will try to use more local food and better food choices. This is an improvement over the current provider.

LUDC: Dic attended the November 2008 meeting. There was a presentation by the Lake Union Opportunity Alliance, a new group dedicated to building a neighborhood for neighbors in South Lake Union.

Membership: Shawn will contact Vafa regarding membership status.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Board Members and Committee Chairs - Dic sent out an appeal for new board members and for current board members to take on more responsibility. Chairs are needed for the Public Safety and Parks committees. Shawn agreed to act as Treasurer until the Annual General Meeting. A motion was made and approved that Shawn will replace April as Treasurer for the rest of the fiscal year. Shawn, Dic and Norma will be signatories on the accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Patricia Hopper, Project Manager, Public Art Program - Ms. Hopper provided an update on the Fremont Bridge approach project. Artist Tina Hogget's bridge project is not going forward as planned. A new call for artists for an artist-in-residence in one of the bridge towers has been posted. The artwork will not be permanent as there is currently no budget for this. Kathleen will represent FNC on the artist selection panel.