

MINUTES
FREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: George Heideman, Toby Thaler, Erik Pihl, Shawn Mulanix, Alan Younker, Norma Jones, April Thanos, Julia DeBroux, Dic Selin, Bill Uznay, Jenny Eichwald, Sheridan Hammond, and Kathleen Crosser.

PRESENTATIONS:

Patricia Hopper, Project Manager, Mayor's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs and Tina Hoggatt, Artist - Patricia Hopper introduced Tina Hoggatt, who is the artist for the planned artwork for the Fremont Bridge Approach. Ms. Hoggatt provided an update on the project status, which includes a design change because it was discovered that due to drainage off of the bridge, nothing can be installed under the bridge as previously planned. Ms. Hoggatt plans to replace an existing fence on the opposite side of the canal with a more open and transparent look. The final design proposal is pending approval.

On a related topic, it was noted that the dedication of the artwork "*Water Mover*" by artist Jenny Heishman will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Ernst Park.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of March 24, 2008:

CD at Northstar Bank	\$32,415.21
MM at Northstar Bank	\$40,545.77
Checking at BoA	\$ 1,665.35
Savings at BoA	<u>\$ 23.02</u>
TOTAL	\$74,865.35
Committed (CHHIP):	\$10,000.00
Available:	\$64,865.35

April added that she recently paid some large bills for the newsletter mailing costs. It was also noted that the funds allocated for CHHIP are to be paid when CHHIP's affordable housing project on Albion Place North is completed.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing: Sue Carey from CHHIP was at the meeting. CHHIP solicited ideas for building names for the housing project on Albion Place North and is leaning toward "Fremont Equinox." CHHIP is working with the Fremont Arts Council to raise

funds for public art that will be incorporated into the building. Sue agreed to address the parking and litter problems the construction workers are causing on Albion.

FNC received a letter from Seattle Public Utilities regarding their "Spring Clean 2008" event. It was decided the FNC doesn't have any "Spring Clean 2008" projects this year.

LUDC: Dic attended the most recent LUDC meeting. Pamela Green, Director of Community Outreach for Mayor Nickels' staff, gave a presentation about free home energy kits that are available at Neighborhood Service Centers. Kimberly Archie ADD. Dic reported that warning slips are being issued on cars parked at Gas Works Park in excess of 4 hours.

Land Use: Toby has a meeting scheduled with Sally Clark, Seattle City Councilmember, Planning, Land Use & Neighborhoods Chair, to discuss possible changes under consideration to SEPA thresholds.

The Benaroya Company is challenging the legality of the landmark designation of the former Manning's/Denny's building in Ballard (and ultimately the entire Landmark Preservation Ordinance) and has filed suit in King County Superior Court.

Parks/Open Space: The Hazel Heights P-Patch has obtained sufficient funds for construction of this new p-patch.

Communications: Public notice of the FNC annual general membership meeting will be mailed in accordance with the twenty days notice required in the FNC Bylaws.

Public Safety: Sheridan recently attended the North Precinct meeting and took part in the FAWN walk. Her monthly FAWN area burglary/motel report was e-mailed to Board members. Tim Burgess, Seattle City Councilmember and Chair of the Public Safety, Human Services & Education Committee, will speak at the upcoming annual meeting. He will focus on the safety and crime issues associated with the nearby Aurora motels.

Membership: Memberships continue to come in. Vafa was not present to provide membership numbers.

Transportation: The Stone Way "road diet" re-striping has been completed. Erik will draft a letter to Grace Crunican, SDOT Director, acknowledging the road diet re-striping. No response has been received from SDOT regarding the bus blockage issue on North 35th Street at Fremont Avenue North. The letter to Ms. Crunican will be sent prior to following-up on the bus issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

Voting by E-mail - An amendment to the FNC bylaws is required at the annual general membership meeting in order to adopt the voting by e-mail proposal. Erik will revise the

draft proposal language. The required public notice will be included in the annual meeting notice. April agreed to verify that there aren't any restrictions regarding non-profit organizations voting by e-mail.

Planning for Annual Meeting - Vafa e-mailed all Board members regarding their intention to remain on the board and what office they wish to hold and/or committees on which they wish to participate. Jenny, Alan, and George indicated they will step down from the Board. George would like to continue as vice president emeritus. Jenny offered to take the new zoo committee chair (who is not yet named) to the May 8, 2008 zoo neighborhood meeting and introduce him/her to other zoo meeting participants. Dic volunteered to be vice president. Kathleen will continue as secretary unless there is someone else interested in the position. A candidate for president is still needed.

A rough agenda and time table for the meeting were planned. Committee chairs should prepare up to 5 bullet points highlighting the committee's most significant accomplishment(s) during the past year. Chairs will read their own reports. Norma, Toby and April will solicit donations of refreshments from neighborhood businesses.

North Transfer Station - Toby provided a history of the North Recycling and Disposal Station (North Transfer Station). SPU plans to rebuild the North Transfer Station at its current location. Toby explained that the issue is whether SPU will prepare a SEPA EIS with alternatives (site alternatives, and possibly other ways of handling the waste and recycling stream) or simply issue a DNS, which means no EIS will be done. If FNC would like to get SPU to do an EIS, we must appeal the DNS.

A motion was approved that authorizes Toby to proceed with an appeal if the deadline to file the appeal requires action before the annual meeting or a monthly meeting (so the deadline would not be missed). FNC will encourage other community groups to participate in the appeal.

FNC Adopt a Street Clean-up - The clean-up held on March 22, 2008 was a success.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no New Business agenda items.