

MINUTES
FREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 28, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vafa Ghazi, George Heideman, Toby Thaler, Shawn Mulanix, Alan Younker, Norma Jones, April Thanos, Julia DeBroux, Dic Selin, Jenny Eichwald, Sheridan Hammond, and Kathleen Crosser. Stephanie Pure attended the last half of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Fremont Historical Society will present a display of buildings in Fremont at the Public Library during the month of May. The dedication of *Water Mover* by Jenny Heishman will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Ernst Park.

PRESENTATIONS:

Tim Burgess, Seattle City Councilmember and Public Safety, Human Services & Education Committee Chair - Councilmember Burgess provided an overview of his committee assignments and the projects he is working on. Topics Councilmember Burgess discussed included the Seattle police officers' contract, police compensation, retention and accountability. He also talked about public safety and steps the City is taking to address theft, drugs and prostitution in the city and in our neighborhood, a pending motel ordinance, transients/homeless encampment issues, upzoning legislation expected this summer, viaduct alternatives, and housing affordability in Seattle. Councilmember Burgess then fielded questions from those attending the meeting. Deputy City Attorney Ed McKenna was present in the audience and helped answer questions. Mr. McKenna is the Precinct Liaison Attorney assigned to the North Precinct.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of April 26, 2008:

CD at Northstar Bank	\$32,415.21
MM at Northstar Bank	\$40,576.33
Checking at BoA	\$ 2,800.98
Savings at BoA	<u>\$ 239.08</u>
TOTAL	\$76,031.60

Committed (CHHIP): \$10,000.00

Available: \$66,031.60

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 24, 2008 meeting were approved as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing: CHHIP is working to select a name for their housing project between Woodlawn Avenue North and Albion Place North because signage needs to be ordered. The building is expected to open in August 2008.

LUDC: Dic attended the LUDC meeting on April 7, 2008. Seattle City Councilmember Sally Clark provided a tutorial about how to apply for neighborhood matching funds. The Pedestrian Master Plan was also discussed.

Land Use: Topics included:

- ▶ Toby provided a history of the former QFC project site that is at 3920 Stone Way North. The site is in the Fremont urban village and is now being developed by a new owner. A Supplemental Early Design Guidance Meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at the University Heights Community Center.
- ▶ Toby reviewed the 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 as discussed at the March 24, 2008 meeting (if the deadline to file the appeal requires action before the May meeting [so the deadline will not be missed]).

Communications: The annual FNC newsletter was mailed to Fremont residents this year.

Public Safety: Sheridan outlined the committee's accomplishments over the past year. They included:

- ▶ Obtaining more statistical crime feedback from the Seattle Police Department with an emphasis on residential statistics.
- ▶ Working more closely with local public safety groups.
- ▶ Supporting Seattle City Councilmember Nick Lacata's efforts to address the crime issues on Aurora Avenue North and the immediately adjacent areas.
- ▶ Continuing to participate in weekly FAWN neighborhood walks.

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

Zoo: This committee needs a new liaison to attend meetings at the zoo.

Membership: The current FNC membership count is 110, which is more than last year at this same time. Member retention is difficult and is something the FNC board should

consider.

Nightlife: There has not been a lot of activity for this committee during the past year. The City Council did not approve the nightlife ordinance proposed by the mayor's office. Vafa was invited to be on a new nightlife advisory board that will make recommendations about how to better deal with the City on this issue. After consideration, Vafa declined the invitation. The advisory board would like one representative from Fremont. If interested, please contact Vafa.

Transportation: The most significant accomplishment this year for the committee was the completion of the re-channelization of Stone Way. Last year, Stone Way was converted to three lanes, one in each direction with a center turn lane from North 40th and northwards. The North 34th to North 40th section, which bisects the Fremont urban village, was left as four lanes due to pressure from Stone Way businesses. Thanks to the support of Cascade Bicycle Club and the Fremont Neighborhood Council, SDOT was encouraged to implement the road diet on this remaining portion of Stone Way. The implementation of the road diet enables crosswalks to be used (unsignaled crosswalks cannot be used when there are more than three lanes) and overall enhances pedestrian safety due to a reduced rate of traffic speed. Thank you to Grace Crunican and her team at SDOT for implementing the road diet.

It was noted that the Website, Parks/Open Space and Bicycle Committees do not currently have chairs. With Jenny's resignation from the board, a new chair is needed for the Zoo Committee.

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 provided revised language for the amendment that would allow voting by e-mail on "urgent" issues between meetings. The definition of "urgent" was discussed and means a situation where an opportunity or deadline would be otherwise missed. A motion to adopt the by-law amendment was passed. Text of the amendment is attached to these minutes.

Erik also provided draft Policies and Procedures for voting by e-mail. They will be reviewed at the next meeting for approval.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTIONS:

Vafa acknowledged Jenny Eichwald and Alan Younker's service to the FNC board as they are both stepping down. A motion to elect the current board members with the exception of Jenny and Alan, was made and approved. Motions were made and approved to elect the following officers: April Thanos - Treasurer, Kathleen Crosser - Secretary, George Heideman - Vice President Emeritus, and Dic Selin - Vice President. The position of President is open. Dic agreed to prepare meeting agendas in the absence of a President. A motion was approved to elect Adam Morely to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

FNC Support Letter for the SODA Program: Sheridan drafted a letter to the Office of the King County Prosecuting Attorney urging implementation of the “Stay Out of Drug Area” (SODA) program to keep defendants arrested in the SODA zones out of our community as a condition of their pre-trial release. The letter encourages authorization given to Seattle police officers to contact/arrest defendants who violate their SODA orders. The letter was approved.

Text of the By-law Amendment adopted at the Annual General Membership Meeting held April 28, 2008.

By-law Amendment

The following amendment to the FNC By-laws adds a new section (7) to Article IV: Board of Directors; it enables the Board of Directors to vote on urgent issues that may arise between meetings using electronic mail. The Board recognizes that it is optimal to conduct business during the regularly scheduled meetings. This Amendment enables the Board to take action on items that require a decision prior to a regularly scheduled meeting.

Article IV: Board of Directors

Section 7. Voting By E-mail

Recognizing that issues may arise requiring the Board to take action between meetings, the Board may vote to take action on urgent matters via electronic mail. Procedures for this are outlined in a separate policy and procedures document.