

## **Fremont Neighborhood Council**

Meeting Minutes. June 28th, 2010.

### **Attendees**

Norma Jones, Shawn Mulanix, Toby Thaler, Erik Pihl, George Heideman, Elfriede Noble, Stephanie Pure, Alex Berezhnoy

### **Announcements**

#### *Norma Jones*

- City Council Committee - Public Hearing on Amendments to the Land Use Code on Wed, July 21st 5:30 PM
- Comprehensive neighborhood planning meeting at City Council offices on July 8th at 5:30 PM
- King County is offering a lot of opportunities for citizens to serve on various boards and committees (see Norma for the full list)

#### *Tim Durkan*

- Post-fireworks mess cleanup July 5th, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Several meeting locations: Center for Wooden Boats, Gasworks Park, and somewhere in East Lake
- "Big Fremont Fire" meeting hosted by Fire Department in Fremont Baptist church on 1st of July at 6:30 PM

#### *Toby Thaler*

- Last call to petition for Income Tax Initiative

#### *Linda Clifton*

- 46th Street Mural. Forced redesign of the mural due to a conflict with the trolley power lines. Final design will be made public through the mural website by the end of this week.

### **Guest Speaker. Darby DuComb, Chief of Staff, Seattle City Attorney's Office (Peter Holmes had to cancel)**

- Darby opened for questions and comments immediately
- Aurora Motels
  - "Italian" & "Isabella" are going out of business and are going through foreclosure process which should finalize in 60 days. The banks will end up with properties, and it's uncertain what will happen after that. Darby iterated through a spectrum of possibilities including low and mid income housing, temporary housing for fisherman & musicians, etc.
  - Recommendation for the community to write a letter to Seattle Housing to outline a vision of what should take the place of motels. Letter can be addressed to Rick Cooper.
  - There are a few investigations pending regarding the remaining motels
  - Important to call 911. 911 calls is what is used to substantiate police staffing plans.
  - Is there a zoning solution -- "up-zoning"? Derby's immediate response is that its' very costly. However, the cost of up-zoning the motel area would be less than half of a police officer on staff.

- Bar Scene
  - State law that prohibits police from targeting intoxicated individuals

### **Review & Approval of Minutes**

- Shawn, Erik, and Toby owe minutes from prior meetings

### **Treasurer's Report**

- \$64,458 in total funds

### **Old Business**

- Fremont Fair Recap.
  - Chamber of Commerce sent 2 post-event surveys. One of them can be found at <http://ht.ly/21hy5>
  - Resulted in 2 new memberships
  - Dic Selin disappointed by gaps in presence of FNC board members in the booth
  - Stephanie Pure suggested advanced planning for the fair next year -- forming an ad hoc subcommittee a couple of months in advance
- CPC letter of support -- approved by FNC

### **Reports from Committee Chairs**

#### *Land Use (Toby Thaler)*

- LDT zoning - historical houses. Hearing in late July.

#### *LUDC (Tim Durkan)*

- Peter Holmes gave energetic speech about getting various nuisances under control: motels, drugs, prostitution, bars, etc.
- No meeting in July
- Amy Hirotsky -- "fellow / intern" gave a speech on community blogging. Tim to send out detailed info on how to build an effective community blog

#### *Transportation (Erik Pihl)*

- Complaint about parking during Solstice Parade and Fremont Fair -- Erik is following up
- Stephanie Pure volunteered to organize Metro presentation in September

### **New Business**

- Norma: FNC needs at least 8 members in attendance for quorum. Board members, please come to the meetings!!!
- Benefit fund for recent Fremont fire victims. FNC was originally going to contribute \$500. Erik Pihl raised a question as to why so little. The council agreed to increase contribution to \$1000. Perhaps the donation will be announced at the benefit concert in Nectar on Tuesday, June 29th.
- Nathan from Fremont Abbey offered the Abbey as the venue for a benefit event for fire victims -- can hold up to 200 people.
- Night time disturbance ordinance
  - Would be nice to start at 10:00 PM (just when the regular noise ordinance starts)
  - Stephanie to draft a response by next week
  - Norma to notify the senders of the ordinance that the response is coming their way

**Adjourn ~ 8:30 PM. Great job staying on track, everyone!**