

MINUTES
FREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
August 25, 2008

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Stephanie Parkins, Fremont Parking Assessment Manager, SDOT and Mary Catherine Snyder, SDOT- Ms. Parkins presented an update on SDOT's Community Parking Program in Fremont and the RPZ permit process. The deadline for comments and suggestions has been extended and should be sent to SDOT by October 3, 2008. Comments may be sent to Stephanie at stephanie.parkins@seattle.gov. SDOT is taking public feedback on the plan into consideration and adjusting the plan when feasible. Installation of parking changes has been pushed back to 2009.

Fremont Fair Board Comments and FNC 2008/2009 Goals - Discussion of comments from the fair was tabled to the next meeting. Dic reviewed the goals and initiatives that had been identified at the executive session and strategy meeting held on July 15, 2008 and is maintaining the list of goals and initiatives. It was suggested that the board select two goals/areas to focus on. The goals will be discussed at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 25, 2008

CD at Northstar Bank	\$34,038.68
MM at Northstar Bank	\$30,688.80
Checking at BoA	\$ 1,354.76
Savings at BoA	<u>\$ 239.32</u>
TOTAL	\$66,321.56

MINUTES: The meeting minutes of June 23, 2008 were approved as amended. The minutes of the July 28, 2008 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing:

Transportation: Aurora Bridge Advisory Committee meetings are now held at SPU. The next meeting is September 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice on the bridge fence design. WSDOT is receptive to suggestions from the public. Construction of the fence has not been approved by the state legislature. Now is the time to contact legislators with comments.

Pedestrian safety was discussed. Councilmember Nick Licata is posting pictures of dangerous intersections that the public submits to his website.

Bicycle: Fremont Circulation Study - 2

Zoo: Sheridan is the primary committee chair and Adam is the alternate. David Schaefer, Director of Public Affairs for the zoo will be at the next FNC meeting to talk about the new west entry that is being built at the zoo. Adam shared his letter about the zoo's food service contract with the Phinney and Wallingford neighborhood councils.

OLD BUSINESS:

Contribution Toward North Transfer Station Appeal Legal Costs: The motion for a one time contribution of \$5,000 will be considered at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteers to Chair Committees: Volunteers to chair the Communications, Public Safety, and Parks/Open Space committees was deferred to the next meeting.

Paton J. Lewis, Fremont Resident - Mr. Lewis talked about the overall cutting down of trees in Seattle and the Heritage Tree in Fremont in the alley behind Evanston Avenue North that may not survive its recent severe pruning. Mr. Lewis encouraged FNC to do something about the Heritage Tree as well as encourage tree preservation and the introduction of new trees in the city. Mr. Lewis will provide FNC with language for a position statement.