

LCC Trustees Meeting
Wu Hsing Tao School, Talaris Campus
June 13, 2011

Jeannie Hale called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM, followed by introductions.

Attending: Kevin Chang, Emily Dexter, Jeannie Hale, Kay Kelly, Cary Lassen, Linda Luiten, Colleen McAlleer, Len Nelson, Stan Sorscher, Don Torrie, Maggie Weissman, Leslie Wright

Excused: Brian McMullen, Marian Joh (leave of absence)

Guests: Jack McCullough, U Village Counsel, Susie Plummer, University Village General Manager; Elizabeth Graham, Karen Ko

Jack McCullough outlined progress to date in the development at University Village. The Master Use Application was filed about 3 years ago. Jack expects things to start moving again after a hiatus in the planning process. QFC and University Village each started separate approval processes at about the same time. LCC requested an EIS for the University Village project. Design review was finished in 2008. QFC sued U Village about interaction between the two projects. A Settlement Agreement was concluded recently. The resolution manages the physical logistics of how the two projects could proceed simultaneously. Jack believes the two parties are content with the settlement.

The University Village project includes the South Garage with some retail on lower level, near viaduct; the gateway south building on 25th Ave NE; and the village center buildings - two stories each. Two other buildings in the EIS are Gateway North and the Cascade building.

Jack understands the QFC development in their north parking lot would provide parking and some retail, with no housing above the retail. QFC has an application to demolish the maintenance buildings in the north side of the property.

University Village construction might begin in 2012. Their first phase of the project would be the South Garage. Key Bank may move across 25th Ave NE to the blockbuster location. QFC has not filed an application for their expansion to the north of their current store.

Mitigation. In the permitting process, University Village pays a fee for traffic mitigation. The fees normally go into a fund for various mitigation ideas. University Village asked for the option of contributing to specific mitigation ideas that are in the immediate area. This would allow them to look for cooperation with other property owners in the area. It would also contribute to good will locally as the project proceeds. University Village has identified 5 projects they will work with. A handout in the packets included outlines of the five projects. The total budget is nearly \$2 million, which exceeds the fees charged to University Village. Jack is not certain where the rest of the funding will come from.

Signage on the viaduct will encourage motorists to loop around under the roadway and use the entrance off 25th Ave NE to enter the South Garage.

Susie Plummer would like to see better bus service to the Village, particularly from the residential neighborhoods to the north. Also, employees need service at different times

from other commuters. Susie sketched out some of the businesses that will occupy the spaces that are being renovated. Susie is trying to recruit businesses around the country and Canada.

Jack intends to notify LCC when DPD starts up their process starts moving again. Also, we will look for ways to cooperate on transit options. Jack will send copies of a study they've done.

CALLS AND CONCERNS

1. Recycling at U Village: On May 22, Susan Avery emailed to inquire about recycling at U Village as she had heard they have no program. LCC contacted U Village and received a detailed response on May 24 about its recycling program. The Village implemented a full scale recycling program about four years ago, starting with the restaurants. All Village restaurants now participate in the composting program for food waste. The Village integrated mixed recycling (glass and plastic) into the trash program starting with food tenants and now most other businesses participate. The cardboard recycling program has been in existence for over a decade.
2. SR 520: On May 25, Sandra Counts who could not attend the SR 520 community meeting emailed to let LCC know that she support LCC and a better SR 520 solution than the one proposed. She is concerned about increased traffic from the rail station at Husky Stadium and other development contributing to Montlake gridlock. Windermere resident Mark Weed submitted lengthy comments on LCC's 520 meeting on June 1. McAleer responded.
3. Laurelhurst borders: Beginning on May 25, Mark Weed has been in touch with LCC to see if his Keniworth address is in Laurelhurst. He said he no longer receives newsletters or dues statements. It was explained that a few years ago LCC modified its mailing list to more closely coincide with Laurelhurst boundaries as defined in the bylaws. Some of the postal carrier routes were eliminated. This was a cost saving measure. Weed was told that he can always read the newsletter on LCC's website.
4. Laurelhurst Lookout: On May 25 and June 8, Wieland von Behrens contacted LCC about his interest in working on stabilizing the landslide-prone area of the Laurelhurst Lookout and working with Richard Ettinger. On June 9, Ettinger emailed to state that there has been some progress with the site evaluation stage of the project. He is working on a survey and will be in touch soon. Today, one adjacent neighbor contacted LCC with concerns that surveyors were on the site chopping down tree branches. LCC followed up with Ettinger and encouraged him to work with nearby neighbors before moving forward.
5. Stolen rain barrel: It was reported that a neighbor had his rain barrel stolen from his alley between 42nd Avenue NE and 43rd Avenue NE south from NE 41st on May 25 or May 26.
6. Playfield nighttime parties: On June 6, a neighbor reported a busy weekend at the Playfield with three straight nights of parties and litter. Litter included beer bottles and cans and bags of marijuana left behind in the dark. There were close to 100 young people drinking near the fire pit and carrying in cases of beer. Sunday's mess was the worst ever reported. It was recommended that LCC security patrol monitor

the Playfield. On Thursday, June 9, there was another gathering at 7:30 p.m. with young people playing football, but there was drinking and many appeared intoxicated. Most of the young people were from the neighborhood and walked to the Playfield, but some arrived and left in taxis.

7. Car break-ins: On June 7, it was reported that there were several car break-ins in the vicinity of Ivanhoe and Harold Place. Windows were smashed and unlocked cars were rifled through and items stolen. Neighbors alerted 911. Over Memorial Day weekend, a prowler broke into the garage of a home in the 3100 block of West Laurelhurst NE. The culprits went through a car and golf bag.
8. Door-to-door solicitors: The police department's Crime Prevention Coordinator, Terri Johnson, alerted Block Watch captains on June 6 with tips on dealing with door-to-door solicitors. She stated that this is the peak time of year for the solicitors, including those using traveling sales crews. She said that there are many legitimate companies in the industry with professionally trained salespeople, selling between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and a long history of law-abiding customer service. There are, however, less reputable companies willing to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals who trust people knocking at their door. Sometimes residents forget to practice good personal safety. Johnson provided safety tips.
9. Waterway No. 1: On June 8, Judith Thornton contacted LCC to report that someone pulled out the branches and planks that were temporarily stored under the Armintrout's hedge and threw them back in the water. LCC responded that volunteers moved ALL of the branches, logs and pieces of wood that were under the laurel hedge out with all of the other waste during our work party on May 21 and the city hauled them away. The Laurelhurst Blog forwarded email correspondence with Judith Thornton about the May 21st Spring Clean work party on June 7. In the message, Judith stated that the logs removed were "large creosote-treated logs that had been leaching polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) into the cove." LCC reported to DNR that we found no evidence of creosote or any leaching of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon. LCC added that had such evidence been found, LCC would have sought direction from DNR and Fish and Wildlife.
10. Sign vandalism: On Saturday, June 11 around 11:15 p.m. neighbors heard loud crashes at NE 45th Street and 48th Avenue NE. Street signs had been pulled down. Police were called and the patrol drove by. About half an hour later, neighbors again heard loud noises and saw two teenagers/young adults trying to unscrew the speed sign by St. Stephens. When told to scram, they jumped in a light colored sedan and drove off. St. Stephens's staff also called 911.
11. Maggie Weissman heard from neighbors about damage to cars and thefts from cars on Ivanhoe.
12. Cary Lassen heard complaints about noise, trash and parties at the park, which is not unusual at this time of the year. **Motion** by Colleen McAleer, seconded, that LCC expresses strong concerns about recent instances of underage drinking, and other illegal behavior in the park, property destruction and other health and safety risks. **Motion passed** by voice vote. We can write an education piece for the newsletter. Neighbors should continue to call the police to report use of drugs and illegal behavior.

ADMINISTRATION

Treasurer's Report: Emily Dexter tells us that the IRS has additional reporting requirements for Form 990 for non-profits. Emily believes our filings comply with the new regulations. Income has slowed to a trickle and will not be significant until next year's dues notice. The security program is on budget. The landscaping bid from Heath Landscaping will be at the same cost per month, but spread out over a little bit longer time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please see NEDC announcement handout.

1. Thank you: Thank you to Don Torrie for coordinating distribution of the agenda packets and Len Nelson for assisting.
2. Seattle Children's Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Seattle Children's Hospital, 4800 Sand Point Way NE, Sound Café, 5th Floor in the Whale Zone. The agenda includes general updates on the 40th and Sand Point Way Signalization Project and recent Livable Streets workshops. The meeting is informational only and there will be no voting.
3. Reauthorization of Lewis waterway permit: On May 23, DNR issued a letter reauthorizing the Lewis's permit for a fence and landscaping at Waterway No. 1. The letter was accompanied by a report responding to comments submitted on the proposed reauthorization. The letter and report were distributed.
4. Milfoil update: Susan Holliday reports that her group has applied for a permit to apply herbicides in Union Bay, which should be approved in July. The permit is good for five years and will have to be renewed annually thereafter. The permit will be renewed next February for the 2012 season. Once the permit is approved this summer, Save Union Bay will do some water lily control. They will wait to do the milfoil treatments next year when there is a whole summer to accomplish this task. They have met with Terry McNabb from Aquatechnix, which will be applying the herbicide. Starting next year, those who want to clean around their docks will receive the herbicide application under Save Union Bay's permit/umbrella of services.
5. Options for Community Centers public meeting: In response to challenging budgets, Seattle Parks and Recreation has been asked by City Council to re-think how community centers are operated. Over the past five months, ideas for changing how community centers are run have been developed with the help of a citizen advisory team. Now it is time for the broader community to weigh in on several options that have been suggested. Seattle Parks will hold two community meetings. The public is invited to attend and hear about the latest options for re-thinking our community centers. Will more community center hours be cut? Will centers be privatized? The meeting is on Wednesday, June 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Bitter Lake Community Center, 13035 Linden Avenue North.

REPORTS/ACTION:

SR 520 Update: Colleen McAleer discussed the community meeting about the SR 520 bridge proposal. The final EIS was studied. The City Council has met on the bridge

issue. In the City hearing, WashDOT predicted that traffic overall will be reduced on the bridge because of tolling, so the transition from 6 lanes to 4 should not cause congestion. The bridge design is now 20 feet high instead of 30 across the lake.

Belvin Stop-Light Proposal: Helen and David Belvin have been circulating a petition to SDOT for installation of a stoplight at the intersection of NE 50th and Sand Point Way. In their letter to SDOT director Peter Hahn, they state that there have been fender-benders, right angle collisions and near misses over the years. They cite visibility problems for cars exiting Children's Hospital going north, traffic on Sand Point Way going both north and south, and traffic approaching Sand Point Way from the west on NE 50th and attempting to turn left or right onto Sand Point Way. They state that the tall trees in the planting strip lingering double busses obscure visibility. They would like a traffic signal installed that is synchronized with the light at Children's entrance. That location is close to another signal, so that solution may not appeal to the City traffic engineers. However, it may be possible to move the bus stop and modify the landscaping.

Community Center Options: The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department has come up with nine options to address the budget shortfall in funding community centers. Two options call for closure of community centers—either seven or ten centers under one option or closure of what they are calling “third tier” centers that do not serve as many people. One option calls for leasing the entire community center to an outside organization. The board reviewed and discussed the 10-page report that was included in the agenda packets.

Consensus to discourage privatizing the Community Center, encourage volunteers, seek staffing scaled to activity in the center, and encourage local residents to use the center.

Planning for the Annual Neighbors Meeting: The Annual Neighbors Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. The event will feature architect David Hoedemaker and landscape architect Richard Haag briefing neighbors on the design history of the Battelle/Talaris property. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for neighbors to suggest pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and traffic calming.

Street Fund. Karen Ko encouraged the group to get an early start on ideas for the Street Fund. Karen said we could share our planning strategies with other neighborhoods, too.

Executive Session started at 9:16 PM.

Motion by Colleen McAleer, seconded by Kay Kelly, to authorize 2 to 5 hours for Peter Eglick to study the first and second settlement agreements to determine their current status and evaluate whether they prevent us from seeking historic status for the Talaris campus. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM.
Minutes by Stan Sorscher

