

Fauntleroy Community Association Minutes November 10, 2015

Present: (X= present)

X	Mike Dey, Pres	X	Susan Lantz-Dey
	David Haggerty, VP		Michael Lieberman
	Debbie Kerns, Sec.	X	Vicki Schmitz Block
X	Shannon Ninberg, Sec. of Record	X	Jewel von Kempf
X	Bruce Butterfield		Marty Westerman
X	Gary Dawson	X	Gordon Wiehler
X	Kathleen Dellplain		

Guests: Kim Petram; Lt. Ron Smith, Seattle Police SW Precinct; Isabel Tirado, Rudy’s Barbershop; Patrick Sand, WS Blog.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Introductions were made all around.

Minutes of October 13, 2015 board meeting were approved as written.

Off-Leash Dog Parks – Kim Petram

Kim reported on a Parks Dept. focus group she attended on “People, Dogs, Parks Strategic Plan.” More than 50% of households in Seattle have at least one dog, amounting to over 150K dogs in the city. There are currently 14 sanctioned off-leash dog parks (one in West Seattle), with the possibility of developing more. The 6 year Parks budget has set aside \$100,000/year for dog parks which includes maintenance of existing dog parks and possibly developing new ones.

Parks and Seattle Animal Shelter will propose a strategic plan at the first of next year.

Leah Tivoli of Seattle Parks will attend the January FCA meeting to present the proposed strategic plan.

There will be a public comment period January 4 – 22, then the plan goes to City Council and the Mayor for approval.

Planter Boxes for Endolyne Businesses – Mike Dey

Endolyne merchants generally like the concept of sidewalk planters, and are OK with spending \$100 – 200 / year to support that effort. Artegos Design, a West Seattle company that maintains planter baskets at the Alaska Junction, University Village, etc. was interviewed as a possible vendor. They offer three plant changeovers during the year, as well as watering and weeding. Their services are more expensive than the FCA budget can afford. There was some discussion about applying for a Small and Simple grant from the City to fund initial installation. An annual permit must be obtained, primarily regarding line-of-sight issues. Possibilities for reducing maintenance costs were discussed. Despite no clear plan forward, the subject is not off the table. **Action Item:** Mike to investigate other maintenance strategies.

Endolyne Triangle Traffic Re-Design

Comments to Jim Curtin, SDOT were compiled regarding the proposed plan to route traffic one way heading east on Brace Point Drive between 45th and the head of the triangle at Wildwood. Comments incorporated the views of residents on 44th, which feeds into the intersection at the head (east end) of the triangle.

- **Not favored:** a seating area with planters at the head (east end) of the triangle. People would not choose to sit there, and planters would make it difficult for articulated buses turning from Brace Point to west on Wildwood.
- **Favored:** a proposed seating area at the south west corner of the triangle across from Joe's, with planter boxes defining the area (and protecting people seated there). These planter boxes would be installed by SDOT and maintained by the community. (They could become part of the planter plan, discussed in the section above.)
- If a planter is seriously damaged by a car, who replaces it, SDOT or the community?
- If curbing is placed on the ill defined southwest corner of 45th and Brace Point, special attention must be given to line of sight issues when approaching 45th from the west side of Brace Point, at a minimum moving the stop sign forward.
- **Action Item:** Mike will draft a letter to Jim Curtin summarizing comments from the Board, which were subsequently reviewed by the board and sent to Jim.

West Seattle Transportation Coalition and FCA – A Plan Forward

There was consensus that FCA is impressed with the ideas and the passion of the WS Transportation Coalition in pushing the City to provide answers to WS traffic corridor issues. How does the FCA support their efforts without giving carte blanche approval?

Action Item: Mike will draft a letter to Marty Westerman, representative to the Transportation Coalition, stating the FCA's appreciation of what they are doing to raise awareness but that FCA endorsement will be given on an issue by issue basis.

City Light Properties – Shannon Ninberg

The Fauntleroy community has been granted one year to purchase the property at 46th and Brace Point.

What does the immediate neighborhood want for that property: remain as greenspace? a home? some alternate use? **Action Item:** Shannon and Jewel will develop a survey and door knock to poll the neighborhood.

Jewel stated that the UW Landscape Architecture program could provide free engineering / planning for the property. The cost of materials would be born by the community. This point relates directly to the vault space needing to get filled in, to make the entire lot visible and prevent illicit activity.

Bruce said that despite the property being zoned Single Family 5,000, a developer could work the system to put in a duplex or even a 4-plex.

Mike made the point that the FCA's role is to bring interested parties and information/resources together. It is not in the FCA's mission to become a landowner / trustee. The FCA will not purchase the property; the community has to step up to the plate to make the purchase.

Ferries – Gary Dawson

Ferries will be replacing rotten pilings toward the west end of the dock. The work has not yet been scheduled; however they have been advised to wait until the end of the salmon spawning season (end of Nov). Also, a strong request has been forwarded to limit piledriving to daylight hours only, in deference to the community. Night time work of that nature is unacceptable.

In September, WSDOT appointed Lynn Griffith to Assistant Secretary for Washington State Ferries. She has accomplished an almost total reorganization since she took charge in October. It remains to be seen how Ferries will move forward.

SW District Council – Vicki Schmitz-Block

Vicki is now Secretary for the Council. On November 12 @ 6:45 there will be a presentation of the new City Comprehensive Plan at the West Seattle Senior Center. There will be opportunity for public comment.

Fauntleroy Schoolhouse – Vicki Schmitz-Block

Rentable spaces in the Schoolhouse are completely filled, and now there is a waiting list. That is very good news for the Schoolhouse financially, and for its aims to become a community center.

There is a committee planning for the Schoolhouse centennial celebration in May, 2017. Francis Gifford is chair.

Fauntleroy Church

The new minister arrives this month. She will be invited to the January FCA meeting, and to the December FCA board holiday gathering on December 8.

Fauntleroy Micro Policing Plan – Lt. Ron Smith

Crimes against Persons down 50% from last year in Fauntleroy
 Crimes against Property down 6%
 Burglaries –residential up 18%
 -- commercial up 100%

Compared to other communities, Fauntleroy has a very low crime rate.
 Communication is welcomed: ronald.smith@seattle.gov

West Seattle Blog – Patrick Sand

Presently the WS Blog has 150,000 readers/month. This number does not include people who check in with the Blog repeatedly during the day.

The meeting ended around 9:15.

Submitted by Susan Lantz-Dey