

**FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Business Meeting**  
**October 11, 2016**

**Board:**

PRESENT	ABSENT			PRESENT	ABSENT	
X		Bruce Butterfield		X		Jewel von Kempf
X		Gary Dawson		X		Susan Lantz-Dey
X		Mike Dey		X		Michael Lieberman
X		Kathleen Dellplain			X	Shannon Ninburg
	X	David Haggerty		X		Vicki Schmitz Block
X		Richard Hansen			X	Marty Westerman
X		Frank Immel		X		Alexis Zolner

**Guests:**

Shelley O'Clair, neighbor; Patrick Smith, neighbor, Marie Harris, neighbor; Jeff Washburn, neighbor; Elaine Moy, neighbor; Cathy Follis, neighbor; Deb Barker, MoCA; Debbie Kerns, Fall Festival; Lt. Steve Strand, SPD; Tracy Record, West Seattle Blog

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:00 by president Mike Dey. Introductions were made all around. Minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

**Fall Festival:** Debbie Kerns

Scheduled for Sunday, October 23 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM

The program has worked so well, it will be repeated this year, with the addition of a band and several tables. The FCA will cover the info booths this year. Arrive at 1:30 for setup. One and a half hour shifts and floaters, with people scheduled. Jewel will be at the table the entire time to solicit new membership via Square and Venmo. QR codes will not be used for activity locations because most people will take a photo of the map for reference.

**Community Issues and Concerns:** Lt. Steve Strand, SPD

Lt. Strand is the Daytime Lt. for the SW Precinct. He was raised in Seattle, and is a Fauntleroy resident with children.

The precinct has 5 new officers (through attrition). Several of the new officers are lateral transfers from other cities, others are new recruits. Lt. Strand remarked on the constant battle to ID/manage car prowlers, burglars, etc. in West Seattle. Extra patrols are in place in Roxhill/Westwood Village and South Park neighborhoods.

**Homeless Encampments:**

Lt. Strand identified Officer Todd Wiebke as the best contact for dealing with homeless issues in West Seattle because that is his sole focus at this time. Lt. Strand continued with a reminder

that homelessness is not a crime. He went on to say that homelessness does present public safety issues such as increased rats, car prowls, burglaries in areas close to encampments. Until ordered otherwise, SPD enforces no camping in parks and closing parks at night, such as locking gates at Lincoln Park parking lots.

Neighbors expressed concern about people continually hanging out, selling and smoking dope in the street on 44<sup>th</sup> above Solstice Park. Not only are they there almost every day, but kids have to walk past the pot activity on their way to Gatewood school. Lt. Strand urged observers to call SPD; "Almost nobody calls 911 as often as they should."

Open discussion ensued regarding the City Council proposal on homeless encampments. Response to a WS Blog article about the proposal has been almost unanimously against opening parks to homeless encampments. Points made during the discussion included that encampments in parks are not safe for those camping or for the community and its children. Encampments denigrate neighborhoods and don't solve the problem/causes of homelessness. The costs of managing encampments (and their trash accumulations) is not money well spent. There have been a number of neighborhood inquiries urging the FCA to make a formal response to the proposal. It was unanimously decided that a letter would be written stating that the Community is sympathetic to the issues of homelessness, but that we oppose an ordinance allowing encampments in parks, as a public safety issue and as not addressing the causes of homelessness.

**Parking:** Gary Dawson

Norm Schwab has drafted a letter from the FCA to SDOT regarding ferry crew overwhelming street parking in the local Restricted Parking Zone. Please review and submit edits by Friday, 10/14. (Post meeting note: the letter to SDOT was sent out on Oct 22, 2016.)

**New Neighbor Bags:** Susan Lantz-Dey

The current version of welcome bags includes general info on West Seattle, fliers for the water taxi, WS Sunday market, fliers and coupons from business supporters of the FCA, safety and emergency information, and a jar of homemade jam or similar small gift. The point was made that when someone is moving in, the last thing they want is miscellaneous papers that need to find a home. It was suggested that a laminated card offering a directory of resources and emergency numbers might be more useful. Susan will pursue the latter strategy to reduce the volume of "stuff" in the bags. Also discussed was setting up a regular routine of collecting information on real estate closings in the area and periodic welcome bag assembling and deliveries by board members.

**Ferries:** Gary Dawson

Assistant Secretary of Transportation Lynne Griffith is now running Ferries. There have been staff changes and outside hires. Efficiency with boats leaving less than full continues to be a major issue in the Fautleroy triangle route.

Ferries will hold an open houses at Vashon, Southworth and Fautleroy to get feedback on concerns and issues for each community of the triangle. The Fautleroy meeting is scheduled

for October 27, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. (Post meeting note: At the October 27 open house, Lynne Griffith made it clear that Ferries has designs on expanding the Fauntleroy dock when it gets rebuilt in ~12 years.)

The next business meeting will be November 8 at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse.

The meeting **adjourned** at 9:05.

Submitted by Susan Lantz-Dey