

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Business Meeting Minutes

Fauntleroy Schoolhouse & Zoom
November 14, 2023

Board:

| PRESENT | ABSENT | | PRESENT | ABSENT | |
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| X | | Catherine Bailey | X | | Frank Immel |
| | X | Bruce Butterfield | X | | Susan Lantz-Dey |
| X | | Mike Dey | X | | Meredith Sciarrio |
| X | | Alan Grainger | X | | Diana Spence |
| X | | David Haggerty | | X | Nils von Veh |
| X | | Amber Heinemann | X | | Bill Wellington |
| x | | Kris Ilgenfritz | X | | Marty Westerman |
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Guests:

Scott Wiesemann - Pumpkin Search and Egg Hunt
 Candace Blue - Pumpkin Search and Egg Hunt
 Reed Haggerty - Fauntleroy Fall Festival
 Sgt. D. Burrows - Seattle Police Department
 Kersti Muul - Protect Lincoln Park
 Jeff Hogan - Protect Lincoln Park and Birds Connect
 Bret Barnecut - Protect Lincoln Park
 Sarah Dolan - Protect Lincoln Park
 Kathy Heffernan - Protect Lincoln
 Anne Helene Cagney - neighbor and potential new member
 Tim and Kristi Wulf - neighbors
 Tracy Record - WS Blog

Mike Dey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made.

October 10, 2023 Minutes

There were corrections to the Minutes, Marty Westerman rewrote the Sound Transit discussion and Mike had a few corrections to the Action Items. The corrections were submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. Catherine Bailey moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Bill Wellington seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

West Seattle Police Update:

Sgt. D. Burrows from SPD mentioned that West Seattle continues to experience armed robberies. The robbers wear masks, have firearms, they are late teens to early twenties, most robberies occur 3 - 4 am, SPD thinks the robbers may be the same people using different (stolen) vehicles. He also noted an increase in crash and grab robberies targeting businesses. Kias and Hyundais continue to be stolen, however SPD is seeing an increase in other models being stolen.

SPD is seeing an increase in the reports of shots fired. It is difficult to pinpoint the locations of these reports.

The non-emergency number for SPD is 206-625-5011.

Mike mentioned that WSF is considering adding a traffic signal at the intersection of Fauntleroy Way SW and the ferry dock. Mike will make sure that SPD is included in the discussions of this traffic light.

Pumpkin Search

Candace Blue and Scott Wiesemann, co-chairs of the Great Pumpkin Search, declared the Search very successful. Over 200 pumpkins and prizes were hidden by eight volunteers. Candace had 65 of all ages people sign in and she was able to stay under budget, coming in at \$336. Candace sent a letter of appreciation to FCA that is attached for the record. Candace and Scott Wiesemann are not sure if they will be able to chair the Pumpkin Search next year due to a scheduling conflict. They will update FCA as soon as the date for the Search is confirmed.

Meredith Sciarrio staffed the FCA table for the entire search to answer questions about FCA and Membership. No one joined but many expressed interest in FCA.

Fall Festival recap:

Reed Haggerty opened his recap with the comment “the Fall Festival was a massive success!” He expressed his gratitude to the WSBlog for their continued support and publicity for the FFF. The committee of volunteers working year round on the FFF have agreed to continue for another year.

Over 2000 people attended the FFF, even though it was a dreary day. The petting zoo was very popular, Reed mentioned that even though the Falconer and Fauntleroy Children’s Choir were not able to attend, all the other activities were well attended. He and the Committee are working to find one more activity for the backyard to draw people to this portion of the event.

Amber Heinemann raised \$676 for the FFF through donations, sales of Sweatshirts and more.

Reed will submit all expenses by mid December.

The next Fall Festival will be October 20, 2014.

Lincoln Park PickleBall Courts Presentation:

Mike opened this segment with the caveat that FCA has not made any decision on FCA’s position on the PickleBall courts being installed in Lincoln Park. This presentation is by the group protesting the installation of the PickleBall Courts on the Lincoln Park tennis courts. FCA has reached out to Seattle Parks to have Parks present its position to FCA. Parks has not responded to FCA’s requests.

Diana Spencer introduced the group presenting the side protesting the courts being installed in the Park. Bret Barnecut will present the history of the park and the historic use of the tennis courts in question, Kersti Muul will present the impact the counts will have on the wildlife in the park and Kathy Heffernan will present the negative impact the noise will have on citizens.

Bret began his discussion with the fact that the tennis courts have not been used as tennis courts for the past twenty years. The courts have been used for storage of materials and heavy machinery used for maintenance in the Park. Parks had researched 16 potential sites in the City for PickleBall and Lincoln Park was not listed as one of the potential sites. There is poor drainage for the courts, tree debris would create a slippery surface and the claim by Parks that no SEPA or ESA is needed due to the age of the courts is moot, per Bret, due to the fact the courts were recommissioned as storage twenty years ago.

Kesti spoke to the impact the noise and light will have on the wildlife in the Park. Over 160 bird species call the Park home. Parks has not conducted a wildlife impact study. Kersti stated that the PickleBall courts will negatively impact the survivability of wildlife in the Park.

Kathy read from a statement about the importance of quiet places in the City for residents. She compared the noise of PickleBall equivalent to a trash collection truck. Also the “pop pop pop” of the ball hitting the court may cause PTSD for some residents.

Mike asked about the noise comparison with softball bats. Others asked about Parks installation of lights and house of the Court use. Mike reiterated FCA needs to hear from Parks before a decision is made to support or protest the Court installation.

Survey Update:

Catherine said that 3000 postcards have been mailed to the members of the community. 416 surveys have been completed as of Tuesday. The survey will continue to be open until December 5, 2023.

Wild Apricot update:

Meredith has been sifting through the current database, cell by cell, to correct information on members before this information is imported in Wild Apricot. Many thanks to Meredith for her time on this project. She will continue to work with Glenn to correct the labels and member information.

Ferry Update:

Frank Immel gave a recap from the CAG meeting held in October where nine options for the Fauntleroy Dock replacement were presented. Frank will send out the meeting slide deck and link to all Board members for review. A few of the options Frank detailed, one option is to do nothing, one option is to rebuild the dock making it wider by 32% adding a bike, one option is to extend the dock into Captain’s Park across the street from Fauntleroy.

Frank has reached out to the Vashon community to detail the FCA position. Frank feels that FCA is with Vashon’s goals and that FCA is not against Vashon.

Frank mentioned that Hadley Roderer has offered to come to an FCA meeting to discuss WSF’s position. Mike will schedule this for one of the winter meetings.

Mike mentioned that he had received confirmation from Rob Saka, the newly elected District 1 City Council member, has agreed with FCA’s position on the ferry dock expansion.

No date for the next CAG meeting is scheduled.

West Seattle Chamber of Commerce:

Meredith and Amber have attended some Chamber events this Fall. There will be a holiday get event that may be a good time for FCA to show support of the Chamber and meet other West Seattle.

Upcoming Newsletter:

The deadline for articles to be inserted in the newsletter is November 15, 2023. Bruce Butterfield will be scheduling a newsletter folding party in late November. Amber requested an additional 50 - 100 newsletters to distribute at The BirdHouse.

Treasurer:

FCA needs a treasurer. Mike asked the Board to grant him the ability to go out and find a treasurer. Bill moved to allow Mike to explore options for treasurer, Catherine seconded it. The motion carried.

Action Items:

Marty will reach out to Seattle Parks to find a representative to come to FCA meeting to detail Park's side of the PickleBall Court installation.

Meredith will confirm the date of the Chamber Holiday gathering.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2024 from 7-9 at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Ilgenfritz
Board Secretary