

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting Minutes

April 8th, 2025
Fauntleroy Schoolhouse

The purpose of the Fauntleroy Community Association is to consider and act on concerns affecting the quality of life and character of the Fauntleroy community in Seattle, Washington.

Board Roll Call:

PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT	
	X	Catherine Bailey, Vice-Pres.	X		Frank Immel, President
	X	Bruce Butterfield		X	Susan Lantz-Dey
	X	Mike Dey	X		Meredith Sciarrio, Residential Membership
X		David Follis	X		Bill Wellington, Webmaster
Online		Alan Grainger, Treasurer		X	Marty Westerman, Transportation
X		David Haggerty		X	Kris Ilgenfritz, Secretary
	X	Amber Heinemann, Business Membership			

Guests:

Jennifer Satterwhite (Online)– SPD

Chris Lampkin – Neighbor, Deputy Chief of Staff, King County Councilmember Mosqueda

Tracy Record - WS Blog

Candace Blue and Scott Weisman – Egg Hunt

Frank Immel called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

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Due to a lack of a quorum, the vote to approve the March minutes was tabled until the May meeting.

Seattle Police Update

Jennifer Satterwhite via Zoom provided a crime update for the Southwest precinct and Fauntleroy neighborhood. Overall crime is down 17% in the precinct and 43% in Fauntleroy compared to last year. Notable decreases include burglary (down 35%) and motor vehicle theft (down 40%). Jennifer also discussed police staffing improvements (6 new WSPA graduates), the new Care Department crisis response teams, and ways the community can support and thank officers via the following link:

<https://www.seattle.gov/police/about-us/contact-us/thank-an-employee>.

Annual Meeting & Food Fest Update

David Haggerty reported the Annual Meeting and Food Fest was a successful event with great energy and attendance of about 140 people. The food and new info tables were well-received. Catherine did an excellent job with thank you notes. Some minor improvements for next year include getting new name tags for board members and ensuring mailing addresses are collected for thank you cards. \$1,005 in total was collected, consisting of \$730 in FCA dues, \$150 in FCA contributions, and \$125 in Fall Festival contributions.

Easter Egg Hunt

Candace and Scott discussed with the board the plans for the upcoming egg hunt, with 600 eggs prepared and 12 volunteers recruited. The event will start at 1:30 PM, with setup beginning at 11 AM. Candace and Scott outlined the logistics, including signage, table setup, and volunteer coordination. Alan requested receipts for reimbursement of expenses related to the egg hunt.

Membership Renewals and Financial Report

Meredith provided an update on membership numbers and dues. The organization has just under 150 residential members and 4 businesses in good standing, with 83 residential memberships and 16 businesses due for renewal. Meredith plans to do outreach to residential members who couldn't attend the annual meeting or forgot to pay. Issues with online payments and membership renewals, particularly for businesses were discussed. Alan presented the latest financial report, noting that while they are slightly behind on total support for the first quarter, expenses are also lower than budgeted.

Zoning Challenges and Environmental Concerns

Frank reported on the drive with Councilmember Saka and the Morgan Community Association (MoCA). Frank, Catherine, and David Follis attended for FCA. The neighborhood's unique landscape and zoning issues were discussed. They visited areas with narrow streets, ravines, and expressed concerns about the potential impact of new developments on the environment. The challenges of accommodating density in certain areas while preserving others was another topic. Frank reiterated his concerns that the city should consider the real-world implications of development and not just focus on the cookie-cutter approach. The conversation ended with a discussion about the apparent lack of planning related to the cost of replacing sewer lines for new developments.

Affordable Housing Challenges in Seattle

The board discussed the challenges of increasing housing density in the city to meet future demand. Frank noted that the current One Seattle plan is short of meeting the projected 200,000 new residents. The issue of developers paying fees to avoid building affordable housing, which is then built elsewhere, was mentioned. The group expressed interest in learning more about affordable housing policies and the feasibility of building more housing in the city. Chris Lampkin offered to bring some affordable housing advocates to a future meeting. Date TBD.

Dock Replacement and Passenger Counting

Frank reported on the Fauntleroy Ferry Dock replacement project via online meeting he attended. Head person at SDOT has moved on. Current plans call for the dock to be longer by about one ferry length and 15' wider. Permits and EIS are not expected to be issued until 2029 which would schedule construction to be finished by 2032. There was also a discussion about the proposed larger, longer dock that can hold 125 cars. Frank expressed concerns about the functionality of the dock and the dwell time issue. Alan shared his experience as a 30-year commuter from downtown Seattle to Bainbridge Island, mentioning times when passengers were counted onto the boat to ensure life-saving capacity. Frank suggested that counting passengers could be done more efficiently than the current system. Traffic signal for the ferry is scheduled to be installed Fall of 2025.

45th Street Culvert Project

Scheduled to begin May or June 2026. Inviting Jonathan Brown from SPU to present at a future meeting (June?) was discussed. Having the meeting on a board day and open to the public was suggested. David Haggerty discussed working with the Artists Commission to help determine that art installations that will be part of the California Street culvert adjacent to the church parking lot.

Frank adjourned the meeting at 7:50P

Respectfully submitted,
David Follis, Board Member