

2000 ANNUAL REPORT

The Fauntleroy Community Association turned 20 in 2000! Founded as a "fight the ferry" group, FCA now serves a broad range of interests, as this report of our milestone year attests.

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The FCA-supported conversion of a trashy street end into Cove Park culminated in a joyous dedication ceremony on June 16. Special guests included Mayor Paul Schell, Department of Neighborhoods Director Jim Diers, and artist Tom Jay. Initiated by neighbors in 1996, the project's finishing touch came in April 2001 when Tom completed the park's artwork with Raven, a life-sized sculpture honoring the Native American trickster who brought light to the world.

Director Mardi Clements coordinated neighborhood participation in the city's annual Spring Clean program on April 1, focusing on Cove Park.

FCA began providing a festive gift bag to welcome new residents and encourage membership. It contains useful information about FCA, Fauntleroy, and West Seattle, plus homemade jam and soap. Residents can request a gift bag, deliver it at their convenience, and forward basic information about the new neighbors to FCA for a follow-up mailing and trial issue of FCA's newsletter.

The Board initiated a "talent sheet" to give residents a coordinated way to volunteer for tasks that benefit the neighborhood. The questionnaire lists such things as weeding in Fauntleroy Park and helping with an FCA mailing. Available at FCA events and through the newsletter, it has netted several new volunteers.

COLLABORATION

FCA representatives participated in quarterly meetings of the South Ferry Advisory Council, working with their counterparts from Vashon and Southworth on ferry-related concerns.

The FCA Board maintained an "FYI" supportive relationship with several neighborhood-improvement projects initiated by others:

- Development of a watershed action plan and watershed council for long-term stewardship of Fauntleroy Creek and Fauntleroy Park.
- Monthly work parties hosted by Friends of Fauntleroy Park to improve this natural treasure in our neighborhood.
- Consejo Counseling & Referral Service's summer project engaging teens in trail and revegetation work in Fauntleroy Park.
- Volunteer-led field trips on the creek (including development of the "Link by Link" educational tool) and the annual count of returning coho.
- Development of a master plan (including a community p-patch) for the Lincoln Park Annex.
- Completion of the remodeling of the ferry terminal entrance.

ADVOCACY

Safety, access, and other concerns about the lengthening ferry queue prompted FCA to challenge the city and state to work with the community on a solution. In addition to advocating for the neighborhood as a whole, Director Gary Dawson involved affected residents along the north end of Lincoln Park in making timely contacts with officials. The ferry system batted the problem to the city, which in turn batted it back to the community to solve. Terming that response unacceptable, the Board supported "working all the angles" to get action.

FCA participated in monthly meetings of the Southwest District Council, which ties Fauntleroy into the city's neighborhood structure.

NOT A MEMBER?

Join your neighbors today as an active member of *your* community association. Dues are for 12 months from the month you join. Call any FCA officer for more information.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

ZIP + 4

PHONE

E-MAIL

___ \$10 Single Person

___ \$20 Household

___ \$20 Business/Institution

COMMENTS?

Mail this form with your check payable to the **Fauntleroy Community Association** to

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Board, creek, and park representatives met with Mayor Paul Schell during his Oct. 25 tour of West Seattle to discuss the ferry queue and the city's approach to working with neighborhood volunteers. Students and staff from the Fauntleroy Children's Center gave the mayor a lively welcome.

FCA's stench committee led by Jill Hansen provided a way for residents to report hydrogen sulfide emanating from hot-weather rotting of seaweed in the cove; the committee continued to provide self-help information and keep this public-health issue before public officials.

COMMUNICATION

Principal webmasters Mike and Mary Ashby got FCA's home page up and running in the spring, providing information about membership, upcoming events, and field trips to Fauntleroy Creek, as well as our *Neighbors* newsletter of news, upcoming events, and area history.

In addition to news, upcoming events, business profiles, and area history, *Neighbors* published the annual report and advice on yard care near the water as inserts. We cultivated more reporters, began mailing the newsletter bulk rate, added The Saffron Cow deli as a distribution point for courtesy copies, and placed two volumes of back issues in The Original Bakery for newcomers to the neighborhood.

With assistance from the FCA Board and several residents, Ron Richardson researched and created a display on Fauntleroy for History House, Seattle's venue for neighborhood history.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FCA sponsored or co-sponsored these community events during the 2000 calendar year:

- March 21 Nature Night
- May 18 annual meeting
- June 16 dedication of Cove Park
- August 1 "Night Out Against Crime" neighborhood barbecue

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

As of May 1, 2001, FCA's membership totaled 220. In addition to retaining and attracting residents, we reached out this year especially to businesses in the neighborhood.

To leverage the involvement of volunteers, the Board engaged consultant Lynn Olson for ongoing administrative assistance, especially with membership development. Her skills and energy have greatly enhanced FCA's outreach, follow-through, and event coordination.

The Internal Revenue Service recognized FCA as a 501 (c) 4 nonprofit corporation, a designation that will enable us to serve as fiscal agent for grant-funded neighborhood projects.

The Board met in open session on the second Tuesday evening of the month (except August) in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. The officers elected by the membership in 1999 - President Bruce Butterfield, Vice President Phil Sweetland, Secretary Lynn Sealey, and Treasurer Kim Suyama - continued their faithful service through 2000.

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