

2002 ANNUAL REPORT



The Fauntleroy Community Association serves as the neighborhood's voice on matters of common interest and concern, as a catalyst for uniting residents in community, and as a focal point for enhancing quality of life and environment. A 501(c)4 nonprofit.

In 2002, the Fauntleroy Community Association completed its 22nd year. Dedicated board members and other residents contributed to making the neighborhood a finer place to live.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The city planted trees and shrubs to complete the **curb bulb** constructed last year at Fauntleroy Way S.W. and S.W. Wildwood Place. Neighbors concerned about safety on their residential street initiated the project and worked with the FCA Board to gain city funding.

Volunteers built and installed a kiosk for community notices at **Cove Park** and enticed horticulture students from South Seattle Community College to do spring pruning of shrubbery at the park, as well as at the fish ladder across the street.

ADVOCACY

FCA and the Fauntleroy Watershed Council spearheaded negotiations with Washington State Ferries to **minimize impacts of terminal renovations on the annual coho return** to Fauntleroy Creek. Supporting agencies included Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Design, Construction, and Land Use, and State Fish and Wildlife. They succeeded in advancing the construction schedule, ensuring spawner monitoring, and getting work near the creek mouth done early in the three-week closure period. Construction involved replacing dozens of creosote-treated pilings, rebuilding a wingwall, repaving the trestle, and replacing the bulkhead. FCA negotiated an agreement to **minimize impacts of night work on the neighborhood**. The terminal closed from Sept. 21 to Oct. 12 and reopened one day ahead of schedule.

In the fall, FCA Board members and other residents began laying the groundwork for a community meeting focused exclusively on **traffic issues**. The West Seattle Neighborhood Service Center assisted with strategizing to gain participation by key agencies. The Jan. 30, 2003, meeting drew more than 50 residents and generated detailed information and worthwhile ideas about several problem areas for follow-through.

The three FCA directors comprising our **Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee** (FFAC) continued to represent neighborhood interests on the South Puget Sound Ferry Advisory Committee. In addition to staying apprised of ferry issues throughout the year, FFAC interceded in the fall to ask that the ferry system help reduce the buildup of sand at the pier, which has destabilized the mouth of Fauntleroy Creek. The ferry system declined, however, citing the recommendation of a state panel to consider closing the terminal by 2008. With the imminent loss of passenger-only service between Vashon and downtown (another cost-cutting recommendation), FFAC is concentrating on securing improved traffic management through Fauntleroy during what may be a five-year interim.

COLLABORATION

In collaboration with Seattle Public Utilities and Washington Trout, 43 residents participated in the **annual salmon watch** on Fauntleroy Creek. While late rains and other factors resulted in a dismal coho return, advances were made in procedures, volunteer involvement, and agency partnerships.

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The **First Annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival** on Oct. 20 drew hundreds of residents to the Fauntleroy Church parking lot and building for a rich variety of community-building activities, including children's crafts, elder stories, and information tables. FCA joined the church, YMCA, Hall at Fauntleroy, and other neighborhood businesses in sponsoring the enjoy-'til-you-drop event.

Also in the fall, the **Southwest District Council** elected FCA Director Vlad Oustimovitch as president for a one-year term. The council brings together representatives of all community organizations in this part of the city.

COMMUNICATION

A greatly enhanced **FCA Website** (www.fauntleroy.net) continued to serve residents, city officials, and community groups with news, photos, and links to other organizations.

FCA member communication during the year included two issues of our *Neighbors* newsletter and an annual report. After a hiatus occasioned by a change in volunteer editors, the newsletter returned to a quarterly schedule. Between issues, our e-mail list for immediate news (including calendar items provided by the Morgan Community Association) grew to 95 households.

Thanks to alert neighbors, FCA continued to provide "**Welcome!**" bags chock full of information to acquaint newcomers with the neighborhood.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FCA's Fourth Annual Nature Night on March 7 featured author Russell Link on wildlife-friendly residential landscaping, as well as numerous displays about environmental programs and stewardship opportunities.

FCA's Annual Meeting on April 16 featured City Council Transportation Chairman Richard Conlin, representatives from the monorail and the Alaska Way Viaduct projects, elections, and several information tables.

Cove Park Spring Clean on April 21 drew both adults and children to spruce up this neighborhood pocket park (and enjoy coffee and donuts!).

Second Annual Salmon Drumming on Oct. 13 attracted some 100 folks of all ages to the fish-ladder viewpoint to call the fish home with singing, drumming, and storytelling and watch special guest "Luna Lox," a Soul Salmon sculpture, illuminate as the sunset deepened.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Board meetings: The board met monthly except July and December.

Finances: The balance in FCA's treasury as of Dec. 31 was \$7,517.30.

Membership: The number of dues-paying households as of Feb. 14, 2003, was 215.

The board noted two key **transitions** during the year. One was the passing of retired director Sigrid Karlstrom, whose energy and steady hand helped ignite the association and guide FCA's work for many years. The other was the retirement of editor Judy Pickens, who developed and published our newsletter and many other publications for a dozen years.