

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

"While the spirit of neighborliness was important on the frontier because neighbors were so few, it is even more important now because our neighbors are so many."



This observation, accredited to Lady Bird Johnson, is especially true now as Seattle adjusts to a flood of newcomers and the many associated changes that play out at the neighborhood level. Housing has become more dear, the gulf between haves and have nots has widened, and familiar ways of being a city and community are in flux.

For 36 years, the Fautleroy Community Association has been bringing people together, standing up for the neighborhood, and enhancing the quality of life that makes this West Seattle community a great place to live. As summarized here, FCA continued this mission in 2016, when the need for strong community was more important than ever.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Changes in **traffic flow and parking** at and near Fautleroy's retail triangle brought much-needed safety improvements. The neighborhood had been



seeking some of them for more than 40 years. FCA worked with the Seattle Department of Transportation to critique options to meet aesthetic as well as technical objectives.

After initial installation in the fall, FCA is continuing to work with the city on fine tuning.

Several years ago, FCA invested in orange **safety flags** to warn drivers to stop for pedestrians in two crosswalks without push-button stoplights. By year's end 2016, a total of eight crosswalks in the neighborhood were sporting the flags.

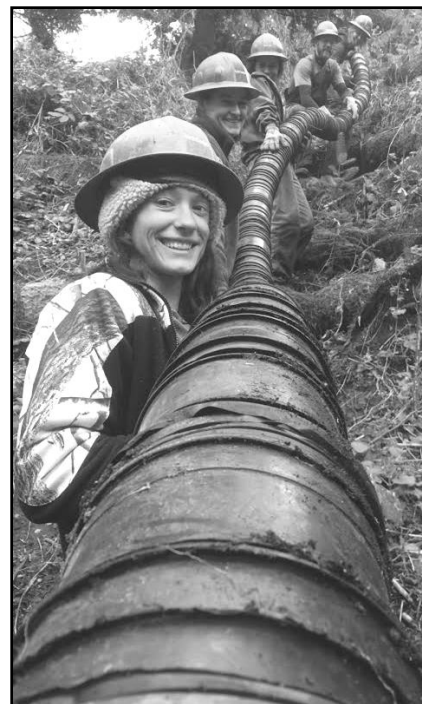


The FCA Board got behind residents seeking to retain former Seattle City Light property on SW Brace Point Dr. as **public open space**. A \$4,000 matching grant to FCA from the Seattle

Department of Neighborhoods enabled creation of a sketch to aid in fund raising toward the purchase price of \$245,000.

The Fautleroy Watershed Council completed Year 4 of a six-year project to restore healthy habitat in the Kilbourne ravine, which shapes the middle reach of Fautleroy Creek. The cooperation of private-property owners and grant money from the King Conservation District enabled trainees with EarthCorps to work in the ravine two days during 2016.

As compensation for wetland plants destroyed by flooding from a blocked culvert, Seattle Public Utilities funded a third crew day of weeding and planting. The watershed council



began working with Seattle Public Utilities on a six-year project to replace the culvert under 45th Ave. SW with a fish-passage structure.

EarthCorps trainees also worked in Fautleroy Park to restore native vegetation and control erosion on a very steep slope. Two volunteer forest stewards help identify and coordinate such

projects with the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation and with the Green Seattle Partnership.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

FCA worked with several partners to produce four all-community events in 2016 and continue planning for a big one in 2017.

On March 15, residents of all ages filled the Hall @ Fauntleroy for FCA's 10th annual **Fauntleroy Food Fest and Membership Meeting**. Nine local eateries



offered free samples and agencies offered information about their services and projects.

Hungry people came out again, on May 17, to **dine out at Endolyn Joe's** in support of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. The restaurant donated \$1,586.11 (a percent of sales) and raffle items brought in another \$1,205 to help keep the festival a free event.



The Hall @ Fauntleroy filled with dancers and watchers on June 17 for the third annual **Swing Into Summer dance** fueled by the music of the West Seattle Big Band. Event proceeds benefited music programs in area public-schools.



An estimated 1,300 residents took advantage of pleasant weather on Oct. 23 to come to the annual **Fauntleroy Fall Festival**. Dating from 2002, this all-ages event brings us together for a busy afternoon of fun and connecting with neighbors.

By year's end, planning had shifted into

high gear to mark the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse centennial in May 2017. Planning included creating an alumni database and soliciting photos and memorabilia for a display of school days between 1917 and 1981.

In addition to sponsoring and co-sponsoring events, FCA continued promoting the medical lending library for area residents and providing welcome bags to newcomers. At the request of neighbors, FCA agreed to fund stump grinding to remove a diseased tree from a large traffic circle on 47th Ave. SW.

Through the watershed council, volunteers hosted a record 764 students for salmon releases in Fauntleroy Park and supported annual student research to document water quality in Fauntleroy Creek.



ADVOCACY

In April, the FCA Board launched an ongoing project to relieve pressure on neighborhood streets by strengthening Fauntleroy's resident-only parking zone. Established in 1979 to restrict overnight parking to residents with permits, the zone has had more parking by ferry workers and passengers, as well as by bus commuters. A committee led by Norm Schwab collected compelling data and the board requested that the Seattle Department of Transportation do the study required to make changes.

During the year, the FCA Board formally weighed in on three citywide proposals with potential to affect the neighborhood:

- The board opposed the mayor's effort to defund and decertify the city's long-standing and efficient system of **district councils**. FCA brings Fauntleroy interests and concerns to the Southwest District Council, and its recommendations go through the City Neighborhood Council for action by city departments.
- In response to resident concern, the FCA Board commented on proposed changes to city code about **accessory dwelling units** on single-family residential lots, citing in particular concern about stormwater runoff from increased impervious surfacing.
- The board reviewed concerns associated with a proposal to allow **homeless encampments** in public parks and took a position in opposition based on public safety.

The Fauntleroy Watershed Council monitored proposed changes to the city's **off-leash dog policy** (not yet resolved), to the point that none of the changes recommended would have affected this neighborhood.

Members of the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee had an active year advising Washington State Ferries on concerns related to the Fauntleroy terminal, including intrusive public-address announcements in early morning hours when

few drivers are within earshot. In the fall, committee members participated in a public listening session hosted by Ferries to surface issues associated with the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth triangle route. Committee members are now serving on a special issue-resolution task force.



COMMUNICATION

Irene Stewart was online editor again this year, managing FCA's website, listserv, presence on social media, and *Fauntleroy Flash* email alerts.

Judy Pickens again edited FCA's *Neighbors* newsletter in March, June, September, and December. She also edited FCA's *2015 Annual Report* and kept FCA's "Upcoming Events" table tents at The Original Bakery up to date.



LEADERSHIP

MEETINGS: The FCA Board hosted business meetings on the second Tuesday evening of every month (except August and December) in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. All meetings were open to the membership and included updates from the Seattle Police Department staff at the Southwest Precinct.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: FCA welcomed Richard Hansen, Frank Immel, and Alexis Zolner as new board members. Richard first served early in FCA's history. Alexis assumed the full duties of treasurer in December, relieving Phil Sweetland who ably managed FCA's finances for 11 years. Gordon Wiehler resigned after many years of board service, especially as FCA's point person on emergency preparedness. The board hosted a gathering in April to recruit fresh perspectives.

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS: As of Dec. 31, our mailing list included 258 member households, 23 business/organization partners, 6 other businesses, and 17 public offices.

FINANCES: In 2016, FCA received dues and donations totaling \$6,564.45. Expenditures of \$4,090.33 included a \$1,000 donation to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, newsletter expenses of \$441.96, general and administrative expenses of \$592, and membership development expenses of \$2,036.65.

Net assets as of Dec. 31 were \$17,725.38. Twelve percent of dues were received by credit card, four percent through PayPal, and the remainder by check/cash.

During the year, FCA's business support fund generated \$1,300 from advertising. Expenses paid from this fund totalled \$1,449.32, including the \$1,000 donation to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Net assets in this fund as of Dec. 31 were \$4,106.59.

FCA was fiscal agent for five community projects this year. Net assets as of Dec. 31 for each of these projects were as follows: Fauntleroy Fall Festival (\$2,437.29), Cove Park (\$1,136.98), Southwest Indoor Tennis (\$1,307.45), Fauntleroy Watershed Council (\$0), and Substation Fund (\$25).

ON OUR RADAR

FCA's radar is never clear of issues, concerns, and opportunities. During 2016, we kept an eye on several, some of which may move to our front burner in 2017:

- **residential parking** relief through an update of the Zone 3 restricted area.
- the future of **Seattle City Light's** surplus substation in Fauntleroy.
- active involvement on the citizen committee advising **Washington State Ferries** about concerns on the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth route, especially those associated with the terminal here.
- methods for reducing early-morning **speeding** and vehicle **noise** from ferry commuters.
- progress toward a **pedestrian safety light** on Fauntleroy Way. SW at SW Rose St.
- area-wide transportation issues.
- **rezoning** in West Seattle as part of the citywide Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda.

FCA MEMBERSHIP

Name(s) _____

Street/P.O. Box _____

City, State, ZIP+4 _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Community member	\$25
Senior living lightly.....	\$10
Friend	\$50
Supporter.....	\$100

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THANK YOU, SUPPORTERS!

Thanks to these FCA supporters for helping make 2016 another successful year:

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION PARTNERS

Brace Point Law	Daystar Retirement Village
Cherie's Canine Casa	DSquared: Occasions With Soul
Dance! West Seattle	Ediez Salon at Fauntleroy
Devir Americas, LLC	Endolyne Joe's Restaurant
Stuffed Cakes	Fauntleroy Children's Center
Synergy Home Care	Ocean Light Zen Center
<i>West Seattle Blog</i>	Sheppard Bookkeeping Services
Wildwood Market	Pilates At Fauntleroy
Bruce Butterfield, Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate	
Fauntleroy Church, United Church of Christ	
Fauntleroy Community Service Agency	
The Kenney Retirement Community	
West Seattle & Fauntleroy YMCA	

FAUNTLEROY FOOD FEST VENDORS

Bird on a Wire Cafe	DSquared: Occasions With Soul
Giannoni's Pizzeria	Endolyne Joe's Restaurant
Stuffed Cakes	The Kenney Catering
The Original Bakery	The Unsweetened Tooth

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