

2017

ANNUAL REPORT

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Several issues affecting our city and community begin to come to the fore this year, making any desire to rest on our laurels out of the question. Read on for highlights of our 37th year bringing people together, enhancing quality of life, and standing up for this West Seattle neighborhood we call home.



Sandy and Terry Henderson joined coordinator Alexis Zolner in planting more than 500 tulip bulbs in the Endolyne triangle's planter boxes.



EarthCorps trainees pull back ivy to create survival rings on the steep south slope of the Kilbourne ravine.

FCA's conversation with the Seattle Department of Transportation about **traffic and parking changes** in the Endolyne triangle continued into 2017 with requests for fine-tuning aspects still of concern.

The area brightened considerably in the spring as a dozen new city-funded **planter boxes** burst into bloom. A cadre of neighborhood volunteers installed bulbs and plants and is maintaining the boxes. FCA purchased nine more, which arrived in January 2018.

In November, the City Council funded a report due in March 2018 that will address factors affecting enforcement of the city's **noise ordinance**. Vehicles exiting early-morning ferries and roaring along arterials have long been a concern in Fauntleroy. The funding came after the FCA Board worked with the Alki Community Council and City Council members Lisa Herbold and Sally Bagshaw to advance our goal of full enforcement.

In the fall, the Board launched its **biennial survey** to solicit residents' feedback on recent activities and define priorities for 2018-19.

During the fourth of its \$72,000, six-year project to restore native habitat in the **Kilbourne ravine**, the Fauntleroy Watershed Council realized visible progress, thanks to trainees with EarthCorps:

- a sweep for invasive plants (bindweed, blackberry, ivy, clematis, and laurel) and creation of survival rings to preserve existing trees from encroaching ivy and make room for new plantings. By year's end, knotweed had been officially eradicated.
- planting of 360 native shrubs and trees for slope and bank stability and replacement of dead trees.

Priorities for use of remaining funds include controlling returning invasive plants, improving native plant cover, and increasing native-plant diversity to enhance the habitat's wildlife value.

Forest stewards, Peggy Cummings and Steve Hodson, gave nearly 600 hours to improve habitat and public safety, primarily in Fauntleroy Park. Peggy monitored conditions there and worked with city staff and contractors on special projects. Steve concentrated on clearing invasives and planting scores of trees, shrubs, and groundcovers, plus he helped an Eagle Scout candidate replace a derelict set of box steps. Both worked with Seattle Parks' staff toward replacement of the wire mesh on slick boardwalks, a project scheduled for 2018.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

FCA sponsored or co-sponsored four all-ages events in 2017 aimed at cultivating community:

On March 21, residents filled the Hall @ Fauntleroy for FCA's 11th annual **Fauntleroy Food Fest and Membership Meeting**. Local eateries offered food and beverage samples and an array of groups and agencies offered information about their services and projects.

Diners came out on May 3 to enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner at **Endolyne Joe's** in support of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Joe's donation of a percent of sales, plus proceeds from donated raffle items, added \$2,333.23 to the festival budget.

FCA supported the **Fauntleroy Schoolhouse centennial** event on May 21 by providing and serving food to the estimated 250 alumni, former staff members, area residents, and assorted dignitaries who attended.

Oct. 15 proved to be perfect weather for 2,000 residents to enjoy the annual **Fauntleroy Fall Festival**. Dating from 2002, this afternoon is all about connecting with neighbors while enjoying free fun and good food. For the first time, it included a charitable component; 166 pairs of socks donated on festival day went to Operation Nightwatch for homeless men.

In addition to sponsoring and co-sponsoring events, FCA continued promoting the **medical lending library** for area residents and giving **welcome bags** to newcomers.

Through the watershed council, volunteers hosted 724 **students** for salmon releases in Fauntleroy Park and supported annual student research on Fauntleroy Creek.



Long-time board member Gary Dawson promoted FCA membership during the fall festival.



FCA's annual Fauntleroy Food Fest drew an estimated 175 residents for food, information, conversation, and elections.



Marty Westerman, Kathleen Dellplain, and Bruce Butterfield were among FCA helpers at the schoolhouse celebration.

ADVOCACY

Efforts to relieve pressure on neighborhood streets by expanding and strengthening **resident-only parking** zone continued in 2017. In March, the Seattle Department of Transportation put aside data that FCA had collected about non-resident parking in Fauntleroy in favor of performing its own study. FCA then asked to review study criteria and the draft report.

Viewing then-mayor Ed Murray's severing of his administration's formal ties with **neighborhood councils** as an attempt to diminish grassroots influence, FCA continued its participation on the Southwest District Council. This communication and coordination body serves seven area neighborhoods.

Gary Dawson, chairman of the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee, ably served this year on a one-year Triangle Task Force exploring "quick fixes" to improve **ferry service at Vashon, Southworth**, and especially Fauntleroy. After testing changes

over the summer, Washington State Ferries extended the task force's mandate into 2018 and Gary is continuing his service.

During the year, the FCA Board formally weighed in on two citywide proposals with potential to affect the neighborhood: the **Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda** (August) and **accessory dwelling units/detached ADUs** (November). The Board expressed concern that

- upzoning will increase density at the same time little or no on-site parking is required.
- runoff from new impervious surfaces will increase the risk of landslides and negate the city's multi-million-dollar investment in mitigating existing runoff into creeks and Puget Sound.
- much of the proposed multifamily housing will end up being market rate and not affordable to the many people who need it.

Regular representation of the Seattle Police Department at FCA's monthly business meetings has provided continual opportunity to raise ongoing concerns about speeding on neighborhood arterials - and for the community to have input.

FCA continued to advocate for a new pedestrian crossing signal at the corner of SW Rose and Fauntleroy Way SW. A RapidRide stop on the Lincoln Park side of the arterial requires riders to dart across the busy and often dark thoroughfare to get to their homes. FCA's position is that poor placement of the stop necessitates a crossing light to avoid an injury or fatality.

Advocacy by the Fauntleroy Watershed Council included monitoring proposed changes to the city's **off-leash dog policy**, participating in the debate about **homeless encampments**, and calling for a halt to **fish farming** in the Salish Sea.

LEADERSHIP

MEETINGS: The FCA Board had its business meeting on the second Tuesday evening of every month (except August and December) in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center and invited members to all meetings.

Throughout the year, the Board received regular updates about areas of focus (ferries, parking, etc.) and from the Seattle Police Department's Southwest Precinct. In addition, residents briefed the Board on specific projects or concerns (new community services, proposed developments, etc.). The *West Seattle Blog* published a summary of each meeting.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: During the year, FCA welcomed Kris Ilgenfritz and Bill Wellington as new board members. Michael Lieberman, Kathleen Dellplain, and Jewel Von Kempf retired from service. A holiday potluck in December included prospective new board members.

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Thanks to these FCA supporters for helping make 2017 another productive year:

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FOOD FEST VENDORS

Bird on a Wire Cafe
Daystar Retirement Village
DSquared: Occasions With Soul
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Stuffed Cakes
The Original Bakery
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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS: As of Dec. 31, our mailing list included 298 member households, 28 business/organization partners, 9 other businesses, and 19 public offices.

FINANCES: Income in 2017 totalled \$9,100 - \$5,600 for household renewals, \$1,350 for new memberships, and \$2,150 for business support. Six percent of dues were paid by credit card, eleven percent through PayPal, and the remainder by check/cash.

Expenditures of \$12,076.44 included \$2,000 for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival; \$1,000 for the schoolhouse centennial; \$915.56 for printing and \$524.88 for mailing the newsletter; \$4,809.07 for planter boxes, plants, bulbs, and soil; \$323.82 for crossing flags; \$681.91 for administrative expenses; and \$1,770.05 for membership development. Net cash as of Dec. 31 was \$18,550.24.

FCA was fiscal agent for five projects, with net cash as of Dec. 31 as follows: Fauntleroy Fall Festival (\$317.07), Cove Park (\$1,136.98), Southwest Indoor Tennis (\$769.36), Fauntleroy Watershed Council (\$0), and Substation Fund (\$0). Of note: The festival received \$6,419.73 in donations and incurred expenses of \$8,539.95. The Watershed Council received \$8,669.65 in grant funding for restoration. The Substation Fund received a \$2,522.44 grant for design; this fund is now closed as the project did not attract enough donors.

COMMUNICATION

Judy Pickens again edited FCA's *Neighbors* newsletter in March, June, September, and December. She also edited FCA's *2016 Annual Report* and kept FCA's "Upcoming Events" table tents at The Original Bakery up to date.

Irene Stewart continued as online editor until fall when Bill Wellington took responsibility for FCA's website, listserv, presence on social media, and *Fauntleroy Flash* email alerts.

ON OUR RADAR

The FCA Board is actively involved with several major concerns on our radar for 2018:

- **proposed replacement** of a two-story office building in the Endolyne triangle with a five-story mixed-use structure with no on-site parking.
- **rezoning** as part of the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda that would up all commercial buildings (NC1-30) in the city by 10 feet (NC1-40).
- long-range planning by the state to replace the **Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal**.