

# Central Ballard Residents' Association

## Membership Meeting Evening February 16, 2012

### Ballard Swedish Conference Room

Time	Description
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7:05 pm	President Michael Kahrs gave an opening statement about how CBRA was founded and its purpose.
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7:20 pm	Members Julia Sterkovsky sought input about what attendees liked about living in Ballard by conducting a "brain storming session" with Linda Weedman recording. *
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7:40 pm	Members Sterkovsky and Weedman continued the brainstorming session by seeking input about what were the attendees major concerns about living in Ballard. *
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7:55 pm	In the Board's first meeting we established the following standing committees: Land Use and Development - Ethan Van Eck, provisional chair and Human Services - Martha Dilts, provisional chair.
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President Kahrs and member Weedman sought input on common interests and potential for additional committees.\*

8:05 pm	President Kahrs closed the meeting with thanks to all attendees for their attending, participating and contributing.
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Linda Scheidt as a member of the Central Ballard Resident Association made sure that all attendees seeking membership were signed up.

Cookies, coffee and conversation were available for all.

- Details of brainstorming sessions on next pages.

## Details of Brainstorming Sessions

\* **What we love about Central Ballard**” as facilitated by Sterkovsky and recorded by Weedman from participants.

“The community comes together and cares about each other,  
Central Ballard is wonderfully “walkable” (multiples),  
It’s safe to live here and we have everything near by (multiples),  
It’s close to downtown Seattle,  
It’s like a small town and you feel close to your neighbors (multiple),  
It’s near the water,  
It’s a great mix of old and new,  
We like the distinctive character, the Scandinavian history, the maritime industry heritage and the Ballard Locks,  
We like that our local businesses know we shop locally,  
There’s still a lot to be discovered,  
It’s like a mutt,  
A vehicle hit a pedestrian and bystanders pitched right in and took care of the injured man until help arrived,  
Ballard has a sense of place – “we may be homeless but we live in Ballard”, and Sustainable Ballard Knitting Group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month 7 to 9 pm at Aster Café.”

\***“What are major concerns about living in Central Ballard”** as facilitated by Sterkovsky by recorded by Weedman.

“We need to adopt Nyer Urness House,  
We are becoming a Pioneer Square model with victim crimes and racial attack,  
More involvement with Sustainable Ballard,  
Lot’s of bars - out of balance,  
Children and youth at the Ballard Commons Park  
Market Street turnover from retail to bars/restaurants,  
Ballard Commons Park has attracted more aggressive kids (no helmets while skateboarding),  
We need outreach and engagement for these kids i.e. youth basketball,  
Lots of trash on the streets,  
Ever increasing population means more fast driving on residential streets i.e. NW60th/NW17th and NW 20<sup>th</sup> which is dangerous, especially, for small children,  
We are growing faster than our allocation of policing,  
With the population and vehicle growth, finding parking is getting more and more difficult (need to contact SDOT),  
According to the Seattle Comprehensive Plan approved in 1997 for every 1500 residential units there needs to be 1 acre of park area,  
Residential unit growth has exceeded plan goals in Ballard by 178%,  
This is a vibrant area and we want to live here with diversity of condos, home ownership and all levels of affordable rental units.

We need big, little and micro grants for micro lawns and roof top gardens/lawns and parks,  
Business should pick up trash in front and in back of their businesses and Parking for development should be at least 75-85% of numbers of residential units.”

**\*“What are common concerns and other committees?”** as facilitated by Karhs and recorded by Weedman from participant input.

“Outreach/Community - Engagement should include a group of people to pick up trash/cigarette butts and work with Groundswell Northwest,

Traffic and Parking – install slowing traffic bumps and lumps,  
Install radar speed signs that flash mph in critical areas.

Walkability – hot spot identification and focus, flags at dangerous crossing areas and green lanes planned for NW 57<sup>th</sup> and/or 58<sup>th</sup> Streets working with SDOT.”

Communications should include: list serve for Central Ballard Residents Association to post announcements of coming events and meetings, list serve for members, we should meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Ethan Van Eck