

## Central Ballard Residents Association

### Membership Meeting Thursday, June 14, 2012 Approved Minutes

**President/Treasure:** Mike Kahrs at 7:05 pm.

Reported that CBRA hosted a visit to Ballard by Sally Bagshaw, Council Member on June 5<sup>th</sup> with Ballard Chamber of Commerce, Food Bank, District Council and other representatives, for a walk around and discussion. A similar group of local representatives from Ballard with representatives from Capital Hill, Maple Leaf, and others testified at the June 13<sup>th</sup> City Council Committee's hearing registering concerns about the proposed changes to the land use code and permitting processes advocating to slow down the decision process for further analysis.

Bank account balance is \$275

**Secretary's Report:** Ethan at 7:13 pm.

Membership Meeting minutes for May 23<sup>th</sup> reviewed, revised and approved.

**Guest Speaker:** Keith Kyle from "Seattle Subway" regarding extension of light rail in Ballard at 7:15.

Keith and colleague, Ben Schiendelman described their vision of accelerating the extension of light rail (or subway) service to and from Ballard and University District and Downtown to overcome our increasing isolation from the rest of the City exacerbated by our rapidly increasing population growth.

Project for trains to Downtown in less than 4 minutes and subway every 4 minutes to U. District could be moved up from 2020 to 2015 but funding is issue. Progressive car tax, sales and/or property taxes are options. Monorail taxing authority remains and could be used for light rail and/or subway. Costs are the same for elevated or underground. Federal funds for U. District link would be 50%. They contended the Metro's "Rapid Ride" was only really "moving frequency not more rapidly".

#### **Standing Committee Reports: at 7:35**

- A. Land Use: Ethan – Reported that we are still waiting for LIHI to make a decision about developing a "Good Neighbor Agreement" vs. an MOU. We have been participating with other neighborhoods about the City's proposed changes in the land use planning process and code with special concern about local input into land use decision making be assured.
- B. Human Services: Martha and Public Safety: Linda W. and Martha – Reported involvement in preparation for training and out reach to improve emergency preparation at individual, home, and neighborhood levels. We are combining efforts with the Ballard Chamber of Commerce and District Council community training on emergency planning. They shared that the most common injury during an emergency is injury to the feet. Isolation from other areas of the City should be expected and food and provisions for 7 days should be available.
- C. Membership/Outreach: Linda S. – We have 35 members and will continue outreach effort.
- D. Transportation: Andrew – Greenway plan will be done next month. Ballard needs a more comprehensive parking study to identify appropriate areas and inform the possible formation of Restricted Parking Zones (RPZ) in Ballard.

**New Business:** None

**Adjourned:** 8:17 pm.