

Central Ballard Residents Association

Membership Meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2013

Approved Minutes

President/Treasurer: Mike Kahrs at 7:08 pm.

Members and guests were welcomed with a review of accomplishments over our first year of a new and unique organization representing and promoting the interests of the residents of central Ballard. The agenda was reviewed speakers announced who will later in the agenda address the development of a rapid transit study from Ballard to downtown.

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Secretary's Report: Ethan at 7:12 pm.

Approved Membership Meeting minutes for January 10th.

Standing Committee Reports: 7:15 pm.

- A. Land Use: Ethan –DPD Master Use Permit Decision for the LIHI project with “commercial space” instead of hygiene center and no parking continues to be in process. LIHI will conduct its third Advisory Meeting on February 26 at St Luke’s. Need to recruit another participant in Ballard/Interurban Planning process with DPD.
- B. Human Services: Martha – Follow up on the Human Services Round Table for Ballard district. Position of CBRA representative on the Nyer Urness. House Advisory Group to be filled.
- C. Membership/Outreach: Need to recruit a new chair.
- D. Transportation: Need to recruit a new chair. Mike arranged for speakers from Rapid Transit for February and RZP (transportation planner, Ruth Harper, and her supervisor Margo Polley) at March Membership meeting.
- E. Public Safety: Linda W. was out ill. Martha reported on January trainings regarding the Ballard HUB emergency preparedness including recent CPR training. Next HUB meeting at 10:30 am Neighborhood Service Center on March 9th. Ethan reported for Linda: announced follow up on Mayor’s/SPD’s 20-20 Phase III Meeting March 9th and arrangements to be made for follow up to improve safety of Ballard Commons with designated work group. Report on NPAC meeting of February 6th.

Guest Speakers at 7:28 pm.

Karen Waterman from Sound Transit, Michael James from SDOT and Rebecca Deehr from the Mayor’s Office presented a discussion of the beginning of focused study of options for connecting Ballard with faster and more reliable transit. They reviewed that Ballard is the highest use transit corridor in the City and is a top candidate as shown in the Transit Master Plan for study of options for rail transit. The City is partnering with Sound Transit to study this corridor. They announced that Mayor McGinn with Sound Transit is holding an Open House on Tuesday, March 12th from 5 to 7 pm at Ballard High School to gain public input on potential routes, station locations, travel patterns and other issues related to building new rail options between Ballard and downtown. There were a lot of questions and lively discussion with encouragement to attend the March 12th Open House.

New Business at 7:55 pm.

1. Reported submission, tomorrow, of “small and simple” grant for Emergency Preparedness grant with support letters.
2. Discussed filling committee chair vacancies of Membership and requested emails of interest.
3. Discussed the need to collect membership dues and how to establish “Associate Memberships” in our by-laws.
4. Update on Chamber “Leadership Grant” project promoting smart growth for Ballard and fostering economic development that will feature a vital commercial center.

Adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Next **Membership Meeting at 7 pm, Thursday, March 14th** at Swedish Ballard Hospital conference meeting room. Board Meeting every 4th Wednesday. Next **Board Meeting is February 27th** at 7 pm at Mike’s meeting room above the Tractor Tavern or as posted on our website.