

Central Ballard Residents Association

Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2013

Approved Minutes

President/Treasure: Mike at 7:07 pm.

Welcomed members and guests. Reviewed the agenda with focus on conducting a roundtable discussion of public safety issues important to neighbors in central Ballard. Introduced a presentation of information and discussion about efforts to gain a permanent “comfort station” at the Commons. Provided reports on committee activities and new issues of business.

Bank account balance: \$ 326.85

Secretary's Report: Ethan at 7:10 pm.

Membership Meeting minutes for April 11th approved.

Standing Committee Report at 7:12 pm.

A. Land Use: Ethan –

- a. Report on bus tours to check out ideas for St. Luke’s new development project and focus groups to gain community input.
- b. Report on the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth’s Urban Design and Land Use work group meeting on parking in Ballard and Interbay Corridor Study, Phase I.
- c. The NW57th Street Neighborhood Group’s appeal of DPD’s decision to issue Master Use Permit for the LIHI senior housing project denied.

B. Human Services: Martha –

- a. Updates on the Nyer Urness House Advisory Group and Human Services Roundtable.
- b. Report on the second Clean/Healthy/Safe Work Group representing CBRA for the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth meeting of May 2nd. Next meeting June 6th.

C. Membership/Outreach: Rebecca –

- a. Reported on work to up date Rob’s draft list of large Apartments and Condos in central Ballard to use for Emergency Preparedness in Ballard HUB. Continuing to collect manager names and phone numbers.
- b. Reminder for members to pay 2013 dues.

D. Transportation: Mike-

- a. Will call together a work group to define streets to request SDOT to designate Restricted Zone Parking based on a parking study.

E. Public Safety: Martha and Linda -

- a. Reported on public “comfort station” for Commons with Parks and Human Services Departments with information from Jean Darsey and RC Laird as resources.
- b. Reported on Emergency Preparedness meeting HUB meeting and preparation for drill and “Ballard Prepares “ brochures. Review possible implications of the Good Samaritan Law not applying to HUBs.
- c. Reported on follow up meetings on improving safety of Ballard Commons held in April and May.
- d. Reported on the North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC) meeting of May 1st and Citywide 20/20 meeting recommendation of increased communication with community and improved “customer service”.

Notes on “Round Table” Discussion public safety and “comfort station” at 7:45 pm.

1. Support community efforts coming out of our Ballard Commons work group to promote safety for all users of the Ballard Commons Park” by working with parks department to increase activities like early morning Tai Chi, organized dog “shows”, day-time mom’s and children’s activities at water feature and evening out door movies and/or concerts and etc. Other ideas included the presence of park “ambassadors” and social workers. Also support developing a “Friends of Ballard Commons Park” to raise funds for organized activities.
2. Support all efforts to secure alcohol/liquor in local retail stores to reduce theft as well as alcohol consumption in public and by under-aged youth by having Liquor Control Board take action such as requiring retail stores to provide physical security of alcohol sales areas, taxing liquor on shelf instead of on sales and/or other legislative actions to reduce theft of liquor and resultant impacts on immediate community. Members of community witnessing public intoxication are strongly encouraged to call 911 to report.
3. Stand with other Ballard community organizations to promote increased police presence in Ballard by increasing regular police patrols (i.e. 11 pm) including regular bicycle patrols, establishment of a Ballard SPD sub-station and promote active citizen 911 reporting of illegal behavior.

New Business at 8:10pm.

After discussion a motion carried to promote and work for the permanent placement of a “Portland Loo” style comfort station at the Ballard Commons Park that is sanitary, safe and attractive and support the return of the temporary comfort station to the park for this summer season.

Old Business at 8:25 pm.

1. Develop update of by-laws with changes needed to establish “Associate Memberships”.

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next **Membership Meeting at 7 pm, Thursday, June 13th** is at Swedish Ballard Hospital conference meeting room. Board Meeting is every 4th Wednesday. Next **Board Meeting is May 27th** at 10:00 am at Mike’s meeting room above the Tractor Tavern.