

Central Ballard Residents Association

Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2013

Approved Minutes

President/Treasure: Mike

Welcomed members and guests. Reviewed the agenda that features RC Laird, Priest, St. Luke's Episcopal Church presentation of the redevelopment project and provisions for gaining input from the community. Provide reports on committee activities and new issues of business.

Bank account balance: \$ 326.85

Secretary's Report: Mike for Ethan

Membership Meeting minutes for May 9th reviewed/revised/approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Land Use: Mike for Ethan –

- a. Report on city bus tours and focus groups to check out ideas for St. Luke's new development project to be included in RC's presentation.
- b. Report on the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth's Urban Design and Land Use work group meeting of June 11 on Land Use and June 18th Joint working Group.
- c. LIHI has announced groundbreaking for its senior low-income housing project in Ballard with commercial space on ground floor as of August 1st. MUP not yet issued.

B. Human Services: Martha –

- a. The Nyer Urness House Advisory Group has announced 30 placements in its new facility and the Human Services Roundtable received at its last meeting an update on Ballard Emergency Preparedness HUB activities by the CBRA rep.
- b. Report on the Clean/Healthy/Safe Work Group for the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth meeting includes initial priorities of increased police presence, clean streets, walkability, and possible use of "ambassadors".
- c. Human Services network – companionship training may be offered for volunteers and staff of non-profit agencies to help people work more effectively with homeless people.

C. Membership/Outreach: Rebecca –

- a. Update on work to complete list of large Apartments and Condos in central Ballard to use for Emergency Preparedness in HUB. Continuing with collecting manager names and phone numbers.
- b. Report on preparations for CBRA to once again share the Ballard Emergency Preparedness table at Seafood Fest on July 13th and 14th on Ballard Avenue.
- c. Another reminder to members to pay their 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: Linda and Martha -

- a. Update on next steps to improving safety of Ballard Commons to increase activities in park for this summer season will be discussed next meeting.
- b. Report on the North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC) meeting of June 5th. Held until next meeting
- c. Update on the current status of public “comfort station” for Commons with Parks and Human Services Departments both temporary and permanent.
- d. Report on preparation and publication of “Ballard Prepares” brochures for HUB and HUB activities.

Guest Speaker:

RC Laird, Priest of St. Luke’s presented the plans and process for replacing the nearly one half block owned by the church bordering 22nd NW between NW 57th and NW 58th Streets facing the Ballard Commons Park. The property is over 55,000 square feet and will contain a new sanctuary/concert hall, community space, commercial space, parking, and affordable housing. Affordable family housing of 2-4 bedrooms is being considered.

St.Luke’s is in the second month of a two of a year long planning process which has included two bus tours of other projects, and seven focus groups including one for neighbors and businesses. RC reported that the vision of the redevelopment is to be the “Living Room” for central Ballard across from the Park that is the “front porch of Ballard”. The church wants to be a good neighbor and RC would like to return to CBRA to share plans as they develop. After his presentation, RC answered questions about the project.

New Business:

The Motion to promote partnering with stakeholders and other Ballard organizations to form an organized “Friends of Ballard Commons Park” to support increased use of the park with fund raising and other supportive efforts was rescheduled until the July meeting.

Old Business:

1. Update of by-laws with changes needed to establish “Associate Memberships” was rescheduled until the Jul meeting.

Adjourn:

Next **Membership Meeting at 7 pm, Thursday, July 11th** is at Swedish Ballard Hospital conference meeting room. Board Meeting is every 4th Wednesday. Next **Board Meeting is June 26th** at 6:30 pm at Mike’s meeting room above the Tractor Tavern or as posted on our website..