

Central Ballard Residents Association

Membership Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2013

Approved Minutes

President/Treasure: Mike at 7:05 pm.

Welcomed members and guests. Reviewed the agenda that features discussion of how the Ballard Commons as an active center of central Ballard is best promoted and supported in providing the active use of the commons for all our citizens. Conducted a forum to discuss formation of non-profit organization called "Friends of the Ballard Commons". Also provided reports on committee activities and new issues of business.

Bank account balance: \$ 326.85

Secretary's Report: Ethan/Martha at 7:11 pm.

Membership Meeting minutes for June 13th approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Land Use: Ethan –

- a. Reported on the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth's Urban Design and Land Use work group meetings on Land Use and Joint working Group.
- b. DPD issued MUP in June for LIHI senior low-income housing project in Ballard with commercial space on ground floor. Additional Administrative Conditional Review required before hygiene center is permitted to locate in the facility.
- c. Review issue of developing Micro Dwelling Units in Ballard. Affected neighbor, Heidi Hurn, shared specific concerns about the proposed project at 1510 NW 52nd St. and negative impact on her immediate neighborhood.

B. Human Services: Martha –

- a. Update on the Nyer Urness House Advisory Group. Upon opening, 40 of the 80 residential units were filled
- b. Report of Human Services Roundtable and offered training for people to work more effectively with homeless people.
- c. Report on the Clean/Healthy/Safe Work Group for the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth priorities of increased police presence, access to health and social services, improved sidewalks, clean streets, better walkability, permanent comfort stations and possible use of "ambassadors".

C. Membership/Outreach: Rebecca –

- a. CBRA shared the Ballard Emergency Preparedness table at Seafood Fest on July 13th and 14th on Market St. with Sustainable Ballard and Emergency Preparedness and distributed information including the Ballard HUB brochure.
- b. Reported work on list of large Apartments and Condos (10 units or more) in central Ballard to use for Emergency Preparedness in Ballard HUB.

D. Transportation: Mike-

- a. Reported on his effort to define streets to request SDOT to designate Restricted Zone Parking (RPZ) based on a parking study in residential area in Ballard.
- b. Reported on Ballard Transit Expansion Study, Thursday, June 27th at Ballard High School and the July 9th for Urban Design/Transportation Working Group of the "Partnership."

E. Public Safety: Linda and Martha -

- a. Reported on North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC) meeting in August and "Night Out" to be held on Tuesday August 6th.
- b. Provided update on the current status of public "comfort station" for Commons with Parks and Human Services Departments both temporary ("Honey Bucket") and permanent ("Portland Loo").
- c. Reported on preparation and publication of "Ballard Prepares" brochures for HUB and HUB activities.

Round Table Discussion at 7:45 pm.

Discussed formation of an official private non-profit, "Friends of the Ballard Commons Park" with members, stakeholders and other organizations. CBRA Member, Randy Brinker and St. Luke's Priest, RC Laird offered to take on the leadership of forming such a non-profit following a full conversation about the nature of the Commons and how such an organization may foster making the Park a better place for all who use it. Randy and RC will research what it takes to form "Friends of The Ballard Commons" and hold an organizational meeting at St. Luke's soon.

New Business at 8:05 pm.

Provided ideas for guest speakers for membership meetings in September, October and November including Sgt. Dianne Newsom, North Precinct Supervisor of the Community Policing Team in September, Ballard Chamber's Partnership for Smart Growth possibly in October and the Community Ambassadors maybe in November.

Old Business at 8:20 pm.

Mike reported on his work on changes of the by-laws with focus on those needed to establish "Associate Memberships".

Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

There is no membership meeting in August. The next **Membership Meeting is at 7:00 pm., Thursday, September 12th** at Swedish Ballard Hospital conference meeting room.