

Central Ballard Residents Association

Membership Meeting Thursday, October 10, 2013

Proposed Minutes

President/Treasure: Mike at 7:03 pm.

Introduced the guest speaker, Toby Thaler, of Fremont to present the city ballot initiative to establish council districts. Also indicated intent to address issues of new and old business and report on committee activities.

Bank account balance: \$ 316.85

Secretary's Report: Ethan at 7:06 pm.

Membership Meeting minutes for September 12th approved.

Guest Speaker: Mike at 7:10 pm.

Toby Thaler presented a supportive description of the initiative on this November's ballot to separate Seattle into seven districts for City Council with two additional seats at large. He gave a review of the history of the movement to geographical districts for city council representation in various cities including New York City and Chicago with large number of council representatives and small district populations. He reviewed the history in San Francisco that moved to geographical representation in the 1970's. He emphasized the advantage for neighborhoods of having closer accountability for locally elected representatives. He also reviewed local history and support.

Old Business at 7:45 pm.

1. Election of Board Officers: Slate of nomination presented by Mike and Ethan is for Martha Dilts for a two-year term as Vice President. Motion was passed by acclamation vote of members present. Nomination of Randy Brinker as interested in running for the Treasurer's was entertained from the floor and he also was elected by acclamation vote of members.
2. A change to establish "Associate Memberships" in the by-laws and other housekeeping changes were passed by a vote of the membership.

New Business at 8:00 pm.

1. Discussed ideas for guest speakers for membership meetings in January, February and March. Possibilities included: Scott Ingham and or/ Mike Stewart regarding the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth, contacting DPD regarding proposed rules for micro- dwelling housing development with presenter, Geoffery Wendtlandt, and SDOT's Jonathan Williams for update on RZP request.
2. Reported about sending a letter of support to the Chamber of Commerce for their plan to provide celebratory Holiday Lighting in Ballard for this coming season.

Standing Committee Reports at 8:15 pm

A. Land Use: Ethan –

- a. Report on the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth's Urban Design and Transportation work group and the continuing development of the Urban Design Framework Process and the update of Ballard's Comprehensive Plan update in 2014.
- b. Confirm Geoffrey Wentlandt from DPD as our November speaker about the issue of Micro Dwelling Units in Ballard taking into consideration impacts on other neighborhoods like Capitol Hill, affordability and other issues.
- c. Lot at 1715 NW 58th Street cleared and under construction of three-story structure for micro dwelling units with 43 residents of "boarding house". Lot at 1762 NW 59th Street has project proposed for a three-story apartment building containing 25 residential units, no parking and storage for 20 bicycles.

B. Human Services: Martha –

- a. Update on the Nyer Urness House Advisory Group had reached full occupancy by end of September.
- b. 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") and immediate efforts to keep the current porta potty in place until the permanent solution is in place.
- c. Reported on priorities of the Clean/Healthy/Safe Work Group for the Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth.

C. Membership/Outreach: Rebecca excused.

- a. Reported on CBRA and HUB Booth at Sustainable Ballard Event at Commons on September 29th.
- b. Reported developing a letter to condos and apartments regarding participation in the HUB.

D. Transportation: Mike-

- a. Follow up with SDOT regarding consideration of Restricted Zone Parking (RPZ) and the Smart Growth recommendations for Community Parking Program, Parking Marketing and Employee Parking Survey.

E. Public Safety: Martha and Linda –

- a. Reported on SPD North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC) October meeting.
- b. Followed up on increasing police presence in Ballard by visiting Council members.
- c. Expressed need to press Parks Department on long promised posting of general rules of conduct signage at Ballard Community Commons.
- d. Ballard HUB Emergency Preparedness updates and October 19th Summit for HUBs.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next **Membership Meeting is at 7:00 pm, Thursday, November 14th** is at Swedish Ballard Hospital conference meeting room A. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of the month and will be held on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm** at Mike's office on the second floor of the building with "Tractor Tavern" unless notified otherwise.

