

Central Ballard Residents Association

Membership Meeting Thursday, November 14, 2013

Approved Minutes

President/Treasurer: Mike at 7:02 pm.

Introduced guest speaker, Geoffrey Wentlandt, Planner, DPD who presented on the issue of the development of Micro-Dwelling Units in Ballard. Provided update on committee activities and addressed issues of business.

Treasurer: Randy at 7:04 pm.

Bank account balance: \$ 361.85

Secretary's Report: Ethan at 7:05 pm.

Board Membership Meeting minutes for October 10th approved.

Guest Speaker: Mike at 7:07 pm.

Geoffrey Wentlandt from DPD provided an overview of the development of Micro Dwelling Units in Seattle taking into consideration impacts on neighborhoods. Current rules do not specifically address micro dwelling unit projects. There are currently more than 50 micro dwelling or congregate residences identified mostly in 2012/13 as either constructed or under review and/or waiting financing.

Proposed changes to the rules going to the City Council are attempting to address issues of affordability, health and safety and consistency of treatment of micro-housing and congregate residences. Specific rules are aimed at defining micro-housing, requiring design review based on square footage instead of number of dwelling units, setting minimum size for common areas, increasing bicycle and car parking and clarifying affordable housing program. During his presentation he fielded questions.

Standing Committee Reports at 7:58 pm.

A. Land Use: Ethan -

- a. Darel Grothaus, Project Manager, gave a brief update on the status of St. Luke's development project. Options will be discussed at his December Board meeting to make decisions regarding finances and zoning.
- b. Lot at 2418 NW 58th Street appears to be the newest proposed site for Micro-Dwelling Unit development in central Ballard.
- c. Dennis Saxman of Capital Hill accepted our invitation to present at the January 9th meeting to discuss the "problems posed by unregulated micro-housing" and efforts to develop effective rules for this type of housing development.

B. Human Services: Martha (excused) -

- a. Update on the current status of public "comfort station" for Commons: removal of the temporary one is delayed until City schedules meeting for next steps.
- b. The Chamber on behalf of the Partnership for Smart Growth is requesting \$150,000 to install a permanent loo in Ballard Commons as part of the request for its second year of funding

C. Membership/Outreach: Rebecca -

- a. Outreach to condos and apartments is underway to increase participation in the HUB.
- b. There are efforts to promote greater membership and increase member participation.
- c. Need to get out news about CBRA accepting "Associate Members".

D. Transportation: Mike-

- a. Jonathan Williams will present the preliminary surveys of the parking in the CBRA requested areas for RPZ designation at our meeting on February 13th . He wants to talk to our group about what he found and determine the best times for the secondary survey.
- b. Sound Transit's Long-Range Plan Update second public meeting in Seattle, Thursday, November 21st at 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Union Station, 401 S. Jackson St., Seattle.

E. Public Safety: Linda - (Martha excused)

- a. Reported on SPD North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC) November 6th meeting. Precinct update by Capt. David Emerick stated, "Bike Squad worked on a group of transients at the Ballard Commons and Ballard Locks areas believed to be the cause of car prowls and other related crimes."
- b. The Emergency Preparedness - City wide Educational Summit held on October 19th to bring together HUBs Block watch and city SNAP programs provided opportunity for making many Ballard connections.
- c. Next HUB meeting is Saturday December 7th at 10:00 am at Neighborhood Service Center next to the Library.
- d. Ballard Prepares (all Ballard HUBs) will start planning a Ballard wide public education campaign on Emergency preparedness in December and Mike Stewart of the Chamber will meet with us.

Old Business at 8:00 pm.

1. Finalized speaker for February 13th meeting as Jonathan Williams, Transportation Planner, SDOT regarding Ballard parking study results pertaining to requested RPZ. Dennis Saxman, Neighborhood Activist on Capitol Hill will present neighborhood concerns with proposed city legislation related to micro-housing.
2. Provide our support of the Chamber's plan to provide celebratory Holiday Lighting in Ballard for this coming season.

New Business at 8:10 pm.

1. Discussed ideas for guest speakers for membership meetings in March and April including possibility of Scott Ingham and/or Mike Stewart on Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth and State House Representative and Ballard neighbor, Gael Tarleton, about the most recent legislative session.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

There is no meeting scheduled for December 2013. The next **Membership Meeting is to be held at 7:00 pm, Thursday, January 9th** at Swedish Ballard Hospital's conference meeting room "A".

