

Central Ballard Residents Association

Membership Meeting Thursday, February 13, 2014 Approved Minutes

President: Mike at 7:07 pm.

Recognized attendees and introduced the guest speakers, Ruth Harper and Jonathan Williams to present the preliminary SDOT surveys of parking including the CBRA requested areas for RPZ designation. Also will provided an update of committee activities and address issues of business.

Treasurer: Randy at 7:10 pm.

Bank account balance: \$ 566.85

Secretary's Report: Ethan at 7:12 pm.

Membership Meeting minutes for January 9th approved.

Guest Speaker: Mike at 7:15 pm.

Ruth Harper and Jonathan Williams, both of Seattle Department of Transportation presented data that was collected in response to our request to identify Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) eligibility in central residential Ballard. Findings included peak use of on-street parking in residential central Ballard to be Friday evenings and Sundays midday.

With only 8 contiguous blocks found meeting the 75% threshold, the requirement of 20 contiguous block faces having 75% occupancy was not met: therefore, the area examined did not meet the criteria for Restricted Zone Parking.

They suggested that parking be permitted on both sides of the streets where currently only parking on one side would be a way increase on-street parking capacity. They will explore the feasibility of making this change and let us know.

Standing Committee Reports at 7:55 pm.

A. Land Use: Ethan –

- a. The Hearing Examiner ruled February 4th against the appeal regarding the proposed new code for Micro-Dwelling Units. May go to City Committee in early March.
- b. As a result of DPD Low-rise Multifamily Code Corrections hearing on January 14th requesting input, a local community group, “Livable Ballard”, supported drafting and submitting a response focusing on LR1. A web site is set up to gain signers to a petition in support of the recommendations. DPD is expected to report out draft corrections to code sometime in mid-March.
- c. Report on call for Land Use Committee volunteers and organizing meeting held January 23rd with seven new participating members and work meeting on February 10th with eight participating members.
- d. Next meeting of Land Use Committee will be held on February 27th to report on work to develop CBRA’s positions on low-rise code corrections, micro-housing code and more research on the Ballard Comprehensive Plan Update/Urban Design Framework and Public Review in the Permitting process.

B. Human Services: Martha—

- a. SDOT will provide funds to facilitate a community discussion on a restroom or Loo for Central Ballard and all possible sites.

C. Membership/Outreach: Rebecca -

- a. Getting news out about CBRA accepting “Associate Members” and 2014 dues.
- b. Getting news out about speakers and posted in community to do outreach to increase membership.

D. Transportation: Mike-

- a. Determine from SDOT surveys what is feasible in residential Ballard for Restricted Parking Zones

E. Public Safety & Emergency Preparation - Linda /Martha

- a. The SPD North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC) met February 5th. New Community Team Officer, Michael Cruzan, michael.cruzan@seattle.gov to replace Officer Wear.
- b. At NPAC meeting Fremont Rep requested support from CBRA to support their position on keeping Sidecars, Uber X and Lift which are shared cars that help with picking up impaired drivers. This would assist in keeping impaired drivers off the road.
- c. Capt. David Emerick reported that in the North Precinct robbery had fallen 48% in the last three months but auto thefts were up 38%.
- d. Ballard Prepares joined other neighborhoods at a second Leadership Retreat to set goals for the next year.
- e. The Ballard Commons Park Emergency Communications Hub(BCP) will meet on Sat March 8th at 10:15 at the Ballard Neighborhood Service Center.
- f. The BCP Hub will participate in the May 17th all City drill in conjunction with Gilman Playground HUB.

Old Business at 8:10pm.

1. Potential speakers for April and May were discussed. Possibilities include: Scott Ingham and/or Mike Stewart, Chamber of Commerce, Jennifer Graves, CEO, Swedish Medical Center, Ballard Campus, State Representative Gael Tarleton and City Councilman, Mike O’Brian, the new Chair of Planning, Land Use and Sustainability.

New Business at 8:12pm.

1. Board sought committed volunteers to sign up for work on our Land Use Committee to explore CBRA taking an official position on the new Microhousing Code and Code Corrections for Multifamily Lowrise to be considered by City Council in the next couple of months.

Adjourn at 8:12pm.

The next **Membership Meeting is at 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 13th** is at Swedish Ballard Hospital Cafeteria Meeting room. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th at **6:30 pm** at Mike’s office on the second floor of the building with “Tractor Tavern”.

