

**PRCC Board Meeting
Phinney Community Center
September 3, 2013 Minutes**

Board Members Present: Irene Wall, Annie Davis, Susan Wagner, Ted Holden, Ron Siegle, Craig Fryhle, John Bito, Alice Poggi

New Business:

- Rapid Ride Stop at 50th & Aurora, partner with WPZ – Ted and Ron met with David Schaffer from WPZ to discuss a team effort to encourage King County / Metro to install a Rapid Ride Stop for the E Line at Aurora Ave. N. & N. 50th St. WPZ had requested this stop and was on record with SDOT. WPZ had put together a proposal and cost estimate for the construction of 1.7 to 1.9 million dollars 5 years ago. Recently WPZ had contacted Larry Phillips, King County Council Member, District 4 and Peter Hahn, Director of SDOT to raise the issue again since the E Line is imminent. King County / Metro expressed the need to do their own engineering study and cost estimate. It was discussed at the meeting with WPZ that if PRCC wishes to officially encourage the stop, they should write a letter to Kevin Desmond, King County /Metro DOT / Transportation General Manager. This letter should be copied to Larry Gossett, King County Councilman, istrict 2 east of Woodland Park and Green Lake, along with Seattle City Council members Transportation Committee, Tom Rasmussen, Jean Godden, and Tim Burgess and perhaps Sally Clark, City Council President. It would also be beneficial to contact the Wallingford Community Council to request their support for this stop. WPZ is currently having some pro bono transportation study work done from Marnie Heffron. Irene Wall proposed that this letter also recommend the 2 million dollars designated for the WPZ's NW Parking Expansion project be redirected to this Rapid Ride Stop. Ted will send an email to all PRCC Board members for their input as to whether PRCC should officially encouraging the Rapid Ride Stop and whether to include verbiage about the WPZ's NW Parking Lot Expansion budget allocation.

Old Business:

- Zoo NW Parking SEPA DNS Appeal – Irene, Susan, and Ted attended a Pre-Hearing meeting at the office of the Hearing Examiner concerning the Appeal to the SEPA DNS issued by DPD for the WPZ's NW Parking Lot Expansion project. At this meeting the Hearing Examiner rejected PRCC being added as an amendment to the SEPA DNS Appeal submitted by Irene. PRCC could file a Motion for Intervention, but that would require identifying some discrepancy or omission to the DNS not previously identified in the Appeal. Irene recommends PRCC not do this. Mediation was discussed as an alternative avenue to reach agreement to the issues identified in the Appeal. Irene submitted a request for mediation to WPZ's attorneys. This request was rejected either by WPZ management or their attorneys for the reason it would offend the original committee that included the parking lot expansion project among their many recommendations in 2010 for ways to improve access to the zoo. This is the same set of recommendations that included the conceptual plan for the E line rapid ride transit stop at

the zoo. This was the reason given by Zoo CEO Deborah Jensen to Deputy Mayor Darryl Smith when he called her on Tuesday 9/3/ to offer the Mayor's support for mediation. PRCC may issue an official request to City Council to continue withholding project funding until the project goes through design and faces the Design Commission. The issue is that the WPZ has never substantiated the actual need for the amount of parking they wish to build.

- 5555 Phinney Townhomes/SF Homes project – No new information on this project
- 52nd & Phinney Townhomes – This project has to date not replaced the Pyramidal European Hornbeam with Western Shore Pine as required in the amended Building Permit. Janet Oslund at PD has stated in the past that they would not get an Occupancy Permit until the conditions of the Building permit were met. Two of the three townhomes have now been sold. Ted sent an email to DPD inquiring as to the status of the Occupancy Permit.
- Increased Noise Level in the Neighborhood from Zoo Concerts – Ted has been corresponding with Laura Lockard from WPZ concerning the unacceptable noise levels of the Zoo Concerts experienced by the neighbors north of the WPZ. Laura's last email included a questionable explanation and an email address that neighbors may submit complaints to. What is being requested is a telephone number to report unacceptable noise levels during concerts and a way the noise levels could be immediately adjusted. In that this season's concerts are over, we should keep up the conversations and requests before next season's concerts begin. On a similar issue, Craig reported an event (not a concert but a mid-day picnic) on Thursday, 08/29 with unacceptable noise levels. Craig called WPZ's main phone number and left a complaint. The email address for complaints is as follows and needs to be posted on PRCC's web site:
zooneighbors@zoo.org

Open Discussion:

- Old Orowheat Property @ 70th and Greenwood – This site is currently fenced and under remediation (soil sparging). It is a large site and to date there is no information as to the planned redevelopment. PRCC needs to keep an eye on this site and any proposals for redevelopment.
- Wild Lights – This year according to WPZ officials, all onsite parking shall be free. This year's season is 6 or 7 days shorter than last year due to the number of days between the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. They are also looking into using LED parking lot safety lighting to negate the requirement for generators. Ron would still like to see the south Parking Lot used to a greater extent than was and is intended.
- Streets Committee – John Bito introduced goals he would like to see PRCC's Streets Committee address with SDOT. Currently John and Angela Marshall are the only Board Members on this committee. It would be better to 'up' the numbers on this committee. Apparently at a PRCC meeting 6 months or so ago, there were two neighbors attending the meeting with keen issues about neighborhood streets and traffic calming issues. Ted

will inquire to Diane to see if these two can be identified through the sign-in sheets and if they might be interested in joining the Streets Committee. Ted asked that 'Safety' be added to John's list. This list of goals includes:

1. Establish PRCC communication with SDOT street maintenance.
2. Gather and publicize information on street conditions and maintenance priorities.
3. Coordinate communication with SDOT on specific issues / repair needs.
4. Publicly advocate for policy / funding changes and/or media outlets.
5. Connect with other neighborhoods / city groups working on transportation infrastructure.
6. Identify and develop project proposals and research grant opportunities.
7. Safety issues.

Irene recommended looking into changes in state laws to have more influence in speed limits

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.