

**PRCC Board Meeting  
Phinney Community Center  
October 1, 2013 Minutes**

**Called to order 7:30 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** John Bito, Diane Duthweiler, Ted Holden (President), Carolyn Lee, Angela Marshall, Alice Poggi, Corey Satten, Ron Siegle, Marylou Reslock, Susan Wagner, Irene Wall  
**Others:** Officer Loren Street, Bridgette Graupe, Tabitha Kiesel

**Old Business:**

**Neighborhood Matching Funds-**Mayor's Proposed Budget includes an additional half million to neighborhood matching funds now at pre-recession funding levels. Irene suggested we consider getting a grant to study feasibility of electric car charging station at closed SCL Substation site at 6109 Phinney Ave. N.

**SPU Rainwise Program** - discusses upcoming fair Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Seattle Public Utilities will have a RainWise Fair Saturday October 19th from 10AM-12PM at the Phinney Neighborhood Center. There will be designers plus representatives from SPU to discuss the program concept, & answer questions. Ron mentioned it's a good deal with the current incentives, but you need a lot of a certain size.

**Car2Go** – Mary Lou mentioned 3 were parked on her block in one day and it seemed excessive. We discussed how they worked and if they are poorly parked and block something. Corey mentioned one that was poorly parked for a zoo concert and left for a few days. The idea is good, if the users park them correctly (not blocking driveways, curb ramps) and the cars continue to be moved and distributed throughout the neighborhood and not allowed to concentrate.

**Bus stops on 50<sup>th</sup> and Aurora** – Meeting was postponed until mid-October while Irene's appeal of the zoo parking spaces is worked out. Ted, Ron, and possibly Diane will attend once the meeting is rescheduled.

**SEPA DNS Appeal of additional Woodland Park Zoo parking spaces** – Irene reports that she pushed for mediation and Deborah Jensen, Zoo Director, refused. Jensen told Mayor's office it would be an offense to the 2010 committee that came up with the traffic/transportation plan. Most of Irene's appeal was refused by the Hearing Examiner. Hearing determined that the zoo trees that would be taken out are not a reason to stop the parking lot. Irene withdrew her appeal. Irene reported she would attend ongoing meetings with City Council members who will be voting on funding for the parking lot.

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### Building Updates

- **Townhomes at 5555 Phinney** – dumpster outside, no new word on plan
- **52<sup>nd</sup> & Phinney Townhomes** – all 3 sold, 2 now occupied. Occupancy permit has been issued, even though the 2 trees that were supposed to be replaced have not which was a condition of issuing the Occupancy Permit. Ted will continue communicating with Janet Oslund at DPD to find out how this whole thing got so messed up. Irene and Ted will be working with the Urban Forest Commission to explain how the regulations are not working on private property.
- **59<sup>th</sup> & Phinney Play Area** – bids open Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – budget \$107,262. Ted has seen plans, say they look pretty good. The rock turtle that they had hoped to preserve takes up too much room and will be broken down and used in the landscaping/berms. Stones with people's names on them will stay.

### Streets Committee-

- John Bito and Angela have 2 others from the neighborhood who are interested. The group hopes to meet 2 other times before our next meeting and have some ideas for Nov. They have identified N. 59<sup>th</sup> as a street that might have good potential for rehab since it is near a zoo. They are concerned about the broken pavement, vehicle speeds and how 59<sup>th</sup> is used as an alternative when Aurora is backed up.
- Angela says they are considering putting something on PRCC web site to collect neighbors' comments and concerns about traffic, roads and safety.
- Alice suggested looking up our neighborhood streets to see what the accident reports are. Diane suggested seeing if citizens can contribute to accident/incident reports.
- Irene spoke to city traffic person about getting a traffic radar. He said traffic class is 1<sup>st</sup> step and there is one in October in Delridge neighborhood. You can check out the radar equipment and submit data to city which will determine if your street qualifies for a traffic study. Officer Loren Street says North Precinct used to move speed reader with electronic display around the neighborhood and he will see if that is still an option.
- Susan mentioned Argyle is a dangerous street because so many people run the stop sign. Numerous comments that people park all the way to the corners. The reminder that we can call traffic control if someone is parked illegally.

**Disaster Preparedness** – Alice attended a Disaster Preparedness meeting in Sept. The purpose of the meeting was to reactivate the formation of a HUB for Phinney in the event of a catastrophic event, most likely to be an earthquake.

HUBS are center for communications from all the emergency agencies. HUBS are being formed everywhere, citywide, statewide and nationwide Ballard has several and Greenwood is forming. the city supports the formation of HUBS thru the Office of Emergency Management in the Police Department. here are coordinators and community mentors who share their experience in forming a community HUB.

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**Disaster Preparedness (cont.)** The Phinney Neighborhood Association has a Disaster Preparedness plan for their buildings and tenants and has begun putting together equipment and supplies for a HUB to serve Phinney Ridge. They are looking for committee members to meet monthly to full organize a neighborhood HUB. Ruth McDonald is the lead person now and she would like to share that role and eventually turn it over. If you are interested or know of people who would be interested in participating, email Ruth at [ruthm@phinney center.org](mailto:ruthm@phinneycenter.org) Susan says it's very well organized but it takes volunteers to run it. Ted suggested we put an announcement on our web page.

Postscript Note: the first 3 meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Teacher's Lounge of the blue building.

### **New Business, Open Discussion:**

**Officer Street** discussed the plan to move the North Precinct. Nothing definite yet. Also mentioned increase in camping patrols at WPZ and Licton Springs for many days or weeks. Ofc. Street reports they've moved about 30 campers out of Ravenna, WPZ and Licton Springs in the past month. He mentions they are getting a lot of complaints about park campers. He mentioned there have been serious incidents amongst the campers, partly due to the types of people out there, mentally ill and substance abusers. So far, not much of a threat to general public.

**Bank Account** -Irene mentions our bank account at Bank of America. Irene was having to use our card once a month to avoid a \$15 fee. Now there is a fee, so Irene is going to research different bank.

**Bicycle Master Plan** – Irene reports it is not firmed up for our neighborhood Greenwood/Phinney. A rep can come meet with us and board decided to invite a rep for November meeting.

**50<sup>th</sup> St. Parking** - Carolyn Lee and Ron mentioned the proposal to end parking on 50<sup>th</sup> between the 5-way stop and I-5 and add a bike lane.

**Future Speakers** - Ron is working to get Ref Lindbauch to speak about the Zoo's parking needs assessment at a future meeting.

**Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.      Next meeting Nov. 5**