

meeting minutes

PHINNEY RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL		
11.5.2013	7:30PM	Phinney Community Center
Facilitator	Ted Holden, PRCC Board President	
Note taker	Jan Satterthwaite, PRCC Board Secretary	
Board Attendees	Ted Holden, Jan Satterthwaite, Ron Siegle, Mary Lou Reslock, Carolyn Lee, Corey Satten, Irene Wall, Alice Poggi, Craig Fryhle	
Guests	Kevin O'Neil, Planning & Urban Design, SDOT	
New Business		
45 min.	Kevin O'Neill	
Discussion	Bike Master Plan Update	
<p>Kevin works on city-wide master plans. He mentioned a Dec. 5th public meeting at Ballard HS regarding the Ballard to Downtown Rail Transit Project. Council direction for the BMP plan update includes fast-evolving best practices in bicycle design, new bicycle facilities, and data-driven prioritization methodology. Seattle has been falling behind with bike improvements. The vision is to make bicycling Seattle a comfortable and integral part of daily life in for people of all ages and abilities. Goals are to increase bicycle ridership, improve safety, improve connectivity, provide equal cycling access for all, and livability to build vibrant and healthy communities. The current bicycle network map is largely centered on urban villages. However the update also looks at destination clusters, such as major employment sites, universities and schools, transit hubs, neighborhood business districts, parks and community facilities. Cycle tracks will be in the updated plan. Cycle tracks merely provide separation between bicyclists and vehicle traffic. Greenways are located on residential streets (not an arterial) and are optimized for pedestrians and bicycles. Greenways are intended to be low speed low volume streets. Greenwood is a multi-modal corridor, and planning studied the possibility of implementing a bike facility at this corridor. A final plan will be drafted and sent to council late 2013 to early 2014. BMP will include prioritization process that will help determine long-term implementation of the plan. The current cycle track focus is a 2 mile area in downtown Seattle. Individuals can review the draft plan at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaster.htm. Cory liked the separation aspect of cycle track and also suggested a modified curb shape for easier navigation for cyclists. Ted discussed an option to consolidate two bike lanes into one cycle track, including a buffer between the track and traffic. A neighbor suggested steering away from 2way cycle tracks because they are not very intuitive for either bikes or motorists. Another neighbor suggested the need for an intermediate public process stage, where community meetings help decide where corridors and networks are planned before projects get into the planning stage. Keith recognized and acknowledged the need to incorporate public process and analysis before SDOT refines the plans. Comments about the BMP can be emailed to: bmpupdate@seattle.gov.</p>		
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- **Rapid Ride Stop @ 50th & Aurora.** A meeting was to be held with WPZ and SDOT, but was postponed to mid November.
- **5555 Phinney Townhomes.** No new updates.
- **Orowheat Property.** A neighbor is being sent updates by Riddell Williams, the legal counsel representing the owner. Work seems to be temporarily stopped, but the neighbor continues to follow up with the legal counsel due to tree damage and noxious fumes from the remediation process in his house. Several neighbors at this meeting volunteered to form a committee to keep a watch on this project. These neighbors are: Ron Lewis, Neal Shay, Tabitha Kiesel, Chris Brown, & Karl Picard.
- **68Th & Greenwood Gas Station Property.** Listed to be a 5 story mixed use development. There is also a permit filed for a drive through barista business. A neighbor noticed there is no construction permit filed yet, only a demo permit. The neighborhood has concerns about the lack of public input for the development. Irene discussed the SEPA changes that have occurred since these permits were filed, and another reason to ask DPD to provide pedestrian overlay plan. . Several neighbors at this meeting volunteered to form a committee to keep a watch on this project. These neighbors are: Ron Lewis, Neal Shay, Andy Leikin, Karl Picard, & Jon Becker.
- **63rd & Linden.** Residential building demo and tree removal. Irene and Ted will meet with Urban forest steward commission about non-compliance of DPD standards, with this and other projects within the city. The group agreed that DPD needs to enforce their own regulations, rather than relying on a complaint system, which is ineffective.
- **Streets Committee.** John reported and followed up with SPD speed limit enforcement and traffic calming devices. The committee would like more people on the committee to keep track of and submit PRCC letter to the traffic engineers. Ted will finalize the letter and sign on behalf of the PRCC along with John and Davis White who initiated the letter.
- **Disaster Preparedness HUB.** Alice and Ted met with the city disaster preparedness team. The next monthly HUB meeting is Nov. 19th at Phinney Center. Alice stressed the importance of community participation in the development of a neighborhood HUB. A HUB is the center for communication, in the event of a natural disaster. Ted & Alice discussed the need for a south and north HUB for Phinney Ridge. A neighbor indicated that Phinney Lutheran Church is looking into being a South Phinney HUB. Alice wrote an article about the Phinney HUBB which will be published in the next Phinney Ridge Review.

Open Discussion

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- -A neighbor asked about the Francine Seder Gallery property/sale. The owner will be moving the business out of the property.
- -Streets Committee will be changed to Streets & Traffic Committee.
- -A neighbor wants our neighborhood to become more about small business friendly places, aka urban village.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday December 3rd @ 7:30pm.