



PRCC Board Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2014

Minutes Prepared and Submitted: Jan Satterthwaite

Board Members Present: Ted Holden, Terry Cook, John Bito, Alice Pogee, Carolyn Lee, Mark Phelps, Jan Satterthwaite

NEW BUSINESS

- **PRCC Meeting Time Change.** The Board approved a 7:00 PM start period on a trial basis for the next 6 months.
- **NW District Council Meeting.** Ted attended the last meeting. A guest speaker discussed the City's stormwater plans. There was also discussion about a new DPD rental requirement, which will require registration and inspections of all rental properties, beginning in 2015 for units over 4 rentals. Inspections will occur every 10 years.
- **School Safety Projects.** Citywide traffic cameras installed have generated revenue which can now be used for improvements to school routes. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for route improvements they should contact Ted, who will forward on to the program coordinators.
- **Seattle Matching Fund Large Project Fund.** 16 applications were received, none from the NW district.
- **Board Members absent from monthly meetings.** Please advise Ted if you are unable to attend board meetings.
- **Microhousing Code Legislation.** Discussion about the quantity and land use code permitted by new microhousing developments.
- **Neighborhood Zoo Liason Committee.** Mark passed out flyers for 'Hoot for the Hood' being held on Friday June 27th from 6:30-8:00PM at the west plaza. The Zoo has plans to accept 1.8 million for 6 years from the future Metropolitan Parks District. The PNA and WPZ are collaborating on a community solar project and will be selling shares for their program. Zoo projects coming up: parking lot move, colorful zoo way finding signage is complete and the Asian tropical forest is half finished. A new zoo communications director has some new ideas and is entertaining suggestions for new speakers/lecturers that would interest the community.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Rapid Ride Stop.** Diane is still working with the zoo to implement a new stop on Aurora below the zoo.

- **5555 Phinney Development (Isola Developers).** Demolition and excavation has begun.
- **Old Orowheat property.** Contamination has been remediated. PRCC should keep an eye on who may be purchasing the property. If a MUP sign appears please contact Ted with the MUP permit # and he will investigate.
- **PRCC Land Use Committee.** Ted proposed creating a Land Use Committee. Right now Phinney Folks and Irene have been monitoring land use activities. Discussion whether this committee should be an adjunct organization that reports to PRCC, or some other entity. All agreed that the PRCC's mission should remain as a reporting organization of current events and community activities. Discussion of a new strategy to have PRCC and other neighborhood community councils to have more combined input in what city council and developers are doing in our communities. Ted noted that Alice & Terry will head up this sub-committee with Diane as a media consultant. The committee will work on defining what the committee's mission within PRCC will be. Alice brought up the Seattle Speaks Up organization which is attempting to create a coalition of neighborhoods to watch development.

Note: A coalition of neighborhoods has already been created. Their website (address noted in the annual meeting documents posted on PRCC's web site) invites every visitor to sign their petition to the City Council. Livable Ballard has expressed an interest in having Phinney join them and sign their petition on their website as well. Both groups have well defined the issues. Phinney's approach is to contact directly the owners and developers on what makes this neighborhood character and how their development can enhance the neighborhood. The regulations with the City are important too but we want to pursue the direct approach prior to the developer putting a lot of time and expense in planning and design. Revising the regulations is a long process and we may miss important opportunities.

- **Use of PRCC Letterhead.** It is not appropriate for an individual to sign letterhead using the PRCC letterhead. Full council approval must be made on any and all PRCC correspondence.
- **68th & Greenwood and 63rd & Linden Developments.** No new news.
- **81st & Greenwood Park.** The design will not move forward until construction funding is approved through the potential MPD. A friends of the park group shall be heading up the future development of the project, so as not to confuse whether it is a Greenwood Park or a Phinney Ridge Park.
- **NW Woodland Park Play Area project.** A motion was made to approve and send a thank you letter to Seattle Parks Department for the successful re-development of this great neighborhood park. All approved.
- **Streets and Traffic Activity.** No new news.
- **Disaster Preparedness Team.** PNA, PRCC, St. Johns & WPZ will be coordinating a \$7,000 small & simple grant application to purchase disaster communications hub materials. The deadline is October 2014. Ted and Alice visited other disaster preparedness hubs in the city to get ideas for the PR hub.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Carolyn Lee suggested a party for board members on June 26th 7:00PM at In the Red Wine Bar. She wants to get to know board members casually, to flush out some ideas and discover people's passions. Ted will call the restaurant to reserve the back room for this get together. **SAVE THE DATE!**
- Council officer election will be held at the July Meeting. All Council Members open to serving as an officer should email Ted.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 8th @ 7:00pm.
