

PHINNEY RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Minutes Prepared and Submitted: Jan Satterthwaite

Board Members Present: Ted Holden, Terry Cook, John Bitto, Alice Poggi, Carolyn Lee, Mark Phillips, Diane Duthweiler, Angela Marshall, Ron Siegle, Duncan Griffin, Susan Wagner, Corey Statten, Craig Fryhle.

Guests: Ron Lewis

NEW BUSINESS

- **Election of Officers.**

All members voted in favor for the new officers as follows: Alice Poggi, President, Carolyn Lee, V.P. or co-president, and Jan Satterthwaite, Secretary.

- **Seattle Bicycle Master Plan.**

Ron Lewis discussed attendance at the last Bicycle Forum meeting. He feels Greenwood is not a good street for a bike track as noted on the SBMP. From 85th-105th there is a bike lane strategy similar to that on Dexter Avenue. He is concerned that Greenwood would become a commuter street vs a family street, and that retail and parking would be impacted. Alice and Duncan asked what our role as a community council should be with regards to the Master Plan. Ted suggested writing the SBMP project managers to re-affirm some of the comments offered at last year's SBMP community meeting with the PRCC, with the purpose to restate the goals of the Master Plan. Ron L. & John B. offered to draft a letter on behalf of PRCC. While the SBMP has been adopted, there is currently no funding to implement the plan. Additionally there is a new SDOT director being selected.

Secretary's Side Note: At the November 5, 2013 PRCC meeting, Kevin O'Neill, SDOT Planner, presented the vision to make cycling a comfortable and integral part of daily life in Seattle for people of all ages and abilities. Goals of the SBMP are to increase bicycle ridership, improve safety, improve connectivity, provide equal cycling access for all, and livability to build vibrant and healthy communities. In addition to the comments collected from the community at this meeting, neighbors were encouraged to submit comments online and to: bmpupdate@seattle.gov. Many other comments and suggestions were sent directly to the city that the council may not have heard at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Rapid Ride Stop @ 50th & Aurora.**

Diane reported no new news. Ron S. talked to zoo representatives and noted that until Metro has new funding the concept for a rapid ride stop on Aurora is closed for now.

- **Multi-Family Building Updates.**

- 1) 5555 Phinney Townhomes/SF Homes Project. Zoned SF 5000 and LR3. Slope has been excavated and footings for the basement/garage on the eastern half of the site are being constructed. There is no apparent erosion control for the earth mound or adjacent street storm inlets. Diane noted that neighbors should file an online report if they have noticed a violation.
- 2) Old Orowheat Property. Ron S. heard cleanup is coming to an end.
- 3) 68th & Greenwood, 4 story mixed use. Alice attended the last Design Review board meeting with the developer and neighbors to observe the process. The developer

responded to all neighbor issues and the community seemed satisfied with the answers. The developer has a permit from the Dept of Ecology and a building permit. The developer has an interest in developing and working on more projects in Phinney Alice suggested building the retail spaces to support day uses vs night uses.

4) 63rd & Linden. The house has been built, but Irene will investigate if DPD has required tree replacement. Alice noticed one tree was preserved.

- **Disaster Preparedness HUB.**

Efforts have been suspended until the grant is submitted in October. Lee Harper, PNA Executive Director will be writing the grant as fiscal agent and Ted has deferred his involvement from the community council.

- **Land Use Committee.**

Alice noted the LUC needs a larger board discussion and additional members to participate on this committee. One person should track permits filed with DPD for projects occurring in the neighborhood. Other LUC projects to track include the pedestrian overlay zone, affordable housing, and the bicycle master plan. Ron L. volunteered to continue to research the bicycle master plan. Alice, Terri, Duncan and Susan are interested in researching and reporting on the Comprehensive Plan.

OPEN DISCUSSION

TOPICS ON DECK

1. City Wide vs. Phinney Neighborhood Issues. Determine how these relate to our mission and how to handle them; 2. Electric Vehicle (EV) parking as an integral part of DPD and Land Use Planning.

CITY COUNCIL BIKE PLAN COMMITTEE.

Tom Rasmussen who chairs the Transportation Committee, Mike O'Brien, is vice chair and Jean Godden is member with Nick Licata as alternate.

MAY 28TH MEETING RECAP

The \$15 minimum wage informational forum, attracted many new faces from our neighborhood. Most, if not all, of the attendees had never heard of the PRCC and had the chance to find out more about us. I asked visitors how they heard about the event and many indicated their block party coordinator forwarded the meeting information. They indicated the importance of the topic for everyone regardless of what side of the issue they feel they are on. The crowd ended up being rather diverse in background, and the meeting took on lively discussion that was very civil, positive, and collaborative about workers in our neighborhood, small business, our economy, taxes, and funding vital services. Guest speaker, Kshama Sawant, provided much information pertaining to Phinney neighbors and workers. This topic to be discussed/followed up at the August Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday August 12th @ 7:00pm.