

PHINNEY RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 2, 2014 7 pm @ St John's Lutheran Church

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Present: Diane Duthweiler,, Duncan Griffin, Carolyn Lee, Alice Poggi, Ron Siegle, Irene Wall. Ted Inkley, Susan Wagner, John Bito, Mark Phillips Angela Marshall, Mark Phillips, Jan Satterthwaite, Craig Fryhle, **Absent:** Mary Lou Reslock, Terry Cook

GUEST SPEAKER: PEDESTRIAN OVERLAY ZONE DEFERRED to January 6, 2015 @ PNA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting minutes were sent out by email with the draft agenda and revisions incorporated then resent with final agenda. They will also be posted on the webpage.

1. Treasurer report No changes from previous month.

2. Land Use Special Committee reports

* A hearing examiner ruling reversed DPD in a precedent setting ruling. West Seattle group NERD (Neighbors Encouraging Reasonable Development) successfully appealed the Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) decision for 100 apartments with 60 parking spaces proposed in a neighborhood that is also getting 200 units of microhousing with no parking in the same neighborhood..

<http://westseattleblog.com/2014/12/we-won-exults-seattle-nerd-after-hearing-examiners-decision-on-3078-avalon-appeal/> <http://westseattleblog.com/2014/12/we-won-exults-seattle-nerd-after-hearing-examiners-decision-on-3078-avalon-appeal/>

* 70th& Grnwd (Orowheat site)- is currently for sale. There is a single family lot behind the neighborhood commercial lot along Greenwood Ave N. The EPA has not signed off on the clean up and it is unclear how long that process that will be. There is no change from the previous month. ...street work...Postscript

* 68th & Greenwood- designated to start in March 2015. The adjacent property owner reports that she has been approached by the developer about undercutting her property for the construction of the parking garage.

* 58th and Phinney - Irene and Esther B are pursuing clarifications to the property line and zoning boundary ordinance since they may not correspond which affects where the 15 foot setback would start -- in the single family's yard putting the building with essentially no setback from the yard.or 15 feet from the property line. The property is zoned Neighborhood Commercial 2 – 40 ft height, 28 units proposed, unknown parking spaces below grade.

3. NW District Council- Next meeting is Wednesday Dec. 3, at Greenwood Sr Center, 7 pm. Guests are invited to accompany Alice but it is not a forum for public comment on any topic.

4. City Neighborhood Committee- Organizational changes are proposed and will be discussed at NW District Council. Any changes will be shared with Board.

* "The Seattle Sustainability Report" is being reviewed by City Departments and has not yet been released.

5. City Council Districts report- The board approved efforts to contact neighborhood groups representing residents of the City's 6th Council District. Representatives of those groups will be invited to a meeting later this winter for the purpose of identifying issues of common concern that they would like to see addressed by candidates for the council seat. A candidates' forum will be held later next spring. Our District 6 is the only council district with no formally declared candidates.

6. Upcoming meetings -

Democracy Needs You Advocacy Training Dec 3 6:30 pm

Seattle Police North Precinct meeting, Wed Dec 3 at North Seattle Community College, 7 pm

Housing Affordability Wed Dec 3 at Olympic View Elementary School (N gate) 6:30 pm

7. Boards and Commissions vacancies –none this month

8. Website revisions- no changes this month

9. Zoo Wildlights 2014- The impacts to the neighborhood have negligible at this point. A letter expressing our appreciation on mitigating the impacts will be written. Any questions should be directed to Kersten Schwart, Kerston.Swartz@Zoo.org. Any parking issues should be directed to the City enforcement 206 386 9012. *Postscript: the letter was sent to the zoo Dec 8 from Mark and Alice* Related to the holiday lighting, a motion was passed to thank the PNA Business Group for the lighted monkey project along the entire ridge.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Property Crime meeting report Our area has the highest rate of non violent crimes (breaking /entering and car prowls) in Seattle. There is a desire to have the community police staff present to the neighborhood for education as it was done last year. *Postscript: availability of staff will be addressed by separate email to Board about future topics.*

2. Metro bus stop for zoo- Motion approved to authorize Diane to contact Wallingford and Green Lake community groups and elected officials to pursue a the Metro bus stop on 50th and Aurora which would service the zoo and residents in that area. This would not reduce service of the route 5 on the ridge.

3. Future meeting topics- Various ideas were briefly discussed and will be addressed by separate email.

4. By-law revision: Carolyn will be putting together a small committee to make clarifications to language about the Board terms. This will be addressed by separate email.

5. Zoo Draft Annual Plan 2015- It was just released today to Neighborhood Liaison Committee. It will be forwarded to the Board for comment.

Meeting adjourned:

NEXT MEETING Tuesday January 6, 2015, 7:05pm