

PHINNEY RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, Feb 2, 2016 7:00 pm @ Phinney Neighborhood Center
phinneyridgecc.org

Present: Craig Fryhle, Ted Inkley, Duncan Griffin, Irene Wall, Terry Cook, Mark Phillips, Carolyn Lee Alice Poggi. **Absent:** John Bito, Tiffany Gorton, Mary Lou Reslock, Tom Yeager, Susan Wagner, Ron Siegle, Chuck Ayers,

REPORTS

1. Development

* Design Review Process: Duncan is awaiting word on when the recommendations will be heard by the City Council

* Property sales and New Permits

7009 Greenwood Ave N- Alice will be meeting Evolution Projects, the new developer in the next week. The initial permit is for 25 units and 20 parking spaces. Soil cleanup has been completed but additional questions will confirm it.

* Existing Permits: 6726 Greenwood EDG official summary is not yet posted. Lack of parking was expressed. Also setbacks from the corner single family home of N 68th and Phinney and the apartment building to the south. People can still submit letters to the developer and the City. The project may be subject to SEPA.

* Dist 6 Councilmember O'Brien Parking discussion in Ballard: The meeting had 100+ attendees

2. Land Use Policies

* Housing Affordability Liveability Agenda (HALA) Ted solicited volunteers to help with review the proposed changes to Backyard Cottages

* Backyard Cottages Meeting Wed Feb 3 6:00 pm @ Wallingford Sr Center, 4649 Sunnyside

3. SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

* Micropolicing Plan is available on the SPD website.....

* Next meeting Wed Feb 6- Homelessness

4. Other Upcoming monthly public meetings/ events

* NW District Council- next meeting in Wed Feb 27

* NW Wildlife/Groundswell Inspiring Wildlife in NW Seattle Backyard Corridor
Sunday Feb 21 6:30pm @ Leif Erikson in Ballard

* Friends of Green Lake will host a presentation on the Alum Treatment to cleanup the water planned for April, Tues Feb 23, @ Hearthstone 7 pm.

5. Zoo (deferred until March 1 meeting)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Parking

* Capacity/Useage Study A usage and capacity study is being conducted from N 65th to 75th Street from Sycamore to Francis Ave N off of Phinney and Greenwood. Curbside capacity has been inventoried and usesage was filmed at three different times during the day on three different days of the week. Volunteers are needed to review the video of the parking to synthesize the information.

* A general discussion was held using the example of the 6726 Greenwood proposed development with NO parking provided and the overall policy of the city that allows multi family developments to not provide parking. Developers say that only 20- 30% of their tenants in microhousing have cars which is what a study used for a project in Roosevelt showed. The assumption is that there is enough curbside parking available to absorb the cars so the developers do not have to build projects that are self contained. At the 6726 project, this could mean between 11- 17 additional cars in a neighborhood with seemingly no additional curb space especially during restaurant and evening hours. This results in a shortage of parking for homeowners and businesses who rely on nearby curbside parking. It is an issue that is fought in all neighborhoods across the city as the cumulative effect of so many high density building are built in previously neighborhoods of single family or smaller apartment buildings.