

## PHINNEY RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 7:00 pm @ Phinney Neighborhood Center

[phinneyridgecc.org](http://phinneyridgecc.org)

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

### GUEST SPEAKER

#### **Jim Bennett, Woodland Park Zoo**

- \* Wildlights: 85,000 attendees as projected
- \* Redevelopment of Tropical Asia exhibit: 3.4-acres that formerly housed elephants, along with other animals. Input from the community as we consider adding new animal species and dynamic experiences. Any new exhibit must have a significant conservation value and help demonstrate to zoo visitors how they can help save endangered animals and fragile environments around the world. Themes being considered are a) Asian Wildlife living in social groups b) Wildlife Diversity of Asia or c) Wildlife Conservation icons of Asia/threatened wildlife
- \* There is a survey available which will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete, through Friday, April 8 at [www.zoo.org/feedback/survey](http://www.zoo.org/feedback/survey) or call 206.548.2500.
- \* There was a suggest to consider biggest solutions for animal waste
- \* There was a request to clean up the eastern edge of the zoo which is very visible to Aurora and to remove ivy on west facing trees.

### 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** - Alice met on site with Evolution Projects, the new developer. The initial permit is for 25 units and 20 parking spaces for largely family housing. They will be discussing with the City perimeters of the project. The architectural firm of Miller Hull will design the building. There has been discussion of an open house on-site this spring.
- \* Existing Permits
- 6726 Greenwood** “Phinney Flats” Master Use Permit submitted and just posted today without due dates for comment period.
- \* Alice will submit on behalf of Community Council an extension request. *Postscript: 14 day extension period granted to March 30.* Comments should be sent to [PRC@seattle.gov](mailto:PRC@seattle.gov) A petition will also be submitted by neighbors with 50 signatures to request an extra public meeting during the MUP permit review.

## **2. Land Use Policies/Housing Affordability Livability Agenda (HALA)**

\* **Backyard Cottages** Ted and special volunteer committee developed survey on proposed changes to Backyard Cottages. Over 269 responses were received from three zip codes and another plus another 100 from nearby zip codes in short eight days. Analysis of the responses and letter to the City is being detailed. *Postscript: The letter was sent March 12 and there was immediate inquiry from Nick Welch from the Office of Planning and Community Development*

## **2. Parking Issues**

- \* Capacity/Useage Study: Mike R explained that capacity has been counted in 800 foot project area and actual usage counts are almost complete,
- \* Policies: Terry has begun to evaluate the various parking studies that are being quoted as justification for eliminating parking requirements for multifamily zoning. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the effort.

## **3. SPD North Precinct Advisory Council**

- \* Homelessness: see [homelessinfo.org](http://homelessinfo.org)
- \* Next meeting Wed March 3-Fire Dept

## **4. Other Upcoming monthly public meetings/ events**

- \* NW District Council- next meeting in Wed March 23 evaluate Neighborhood grants
- \* Friends of Green Lake reports that the Aluminum Sulfate Treatment to cleanup the water planned to begin in April. Water quality will be good for summer use.

*NEXT MEETING Tuesday May 3, 2016  
bring your Ballard Market receipts to donate to PNA*