

1999 ANNUAL REPORT

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The FCA Board worked closely with ferry-system staff on details of how the entrance to the ferry terminal would be remodeled to move vehicles off the street faster and improve pedestrian and driver safety. Articles in FCA's newsletter and presentations to the Board and community helped ensure that the final design took neighborhood concerns into account.

FCA backed the efforts of adjacent neighbors to secure commitments from the city for a bulb at Fauntleroy Way S.W. and S.W. Wildwood Pl. and a circle at 39th Ave. S.W. and S.W. Henderson to slow traffic.

In the fall, Cove Park reached a key milestone when final funding was secured to complete art on the site. The FCA Board has supported this pocket park adjacent to the ferry pier with start-up funds, publicity, and advice since neighbors initiated the project in 1996.

FCA again coordinated neighborhood participation in the city's annual Spring Clean program. A dozen volunteers collected garbage in Fauntleroy Park and around Cove Park.

Save for a few details, a new play area on the south bluff of Lincoln Park was completed, thanks in small part to FCA's support for the principal grant application that funded climbing structures, a sandpit, swings, a gravity ride, and the footprints of an environmentally conscious dragon.

COLLABORATION

Numerous home burglaries near the south side of Fauntleroy Park, many "snatch-and-grab" thefts from cars at the church and school, and discovery of an encampment in the park prompted FCA to collaborate with city staff and community institutions on a neighborhood security meeting in April. In addition to heightening public awareness of how to prevent crime, the meeting spotlighted the need for park stewardship.

As a result, volunteers formed the nucleus of "Friends of Fauntleroy Park," an Adopt-a-Park group aligned with Seattle Parks. To gather more input, FCA worked with Parks and Department of Neighborhoods staff to host a public meeting in September focused solely on the park. A 600-household mailing drew some 35 people to brainstorm ideas for maintaining and improving the 28-acre natural area and recognize a steering committee. The FCA Board continues to monitor the program.

ADVOCACY

The "Fauntleroy stench" moved to the front burner when FCA Director Jill Hansen led a stench committee in distributing information from Adopt-a-Beach on how waterfront residents could help reduce the nutrients that promote excessive seaweed in the cove. She also worked with King County on a flyer posted on affected beaches to explain the stench. In late summer when hydrogen-sulfide gas reached concerning levels, a two-year, \$30,000 appropriation secured by Sen. Mike Heavey paid for collecting tons of rotting seaweed from the beach.

FCA continued to participate in monthly meetings of the Southwest District Council, tying Fauntleroy into the city's formal structure for neighborhood advocacy and information.

NOT A MEMBER?

Join your neighbors today as an active member of *your* community association. Dues are for 12 months from the month you join. Call any FCA officer for more information.

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

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PHONE

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- \$10 Individual
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COMMENTS?

Mail this form with your check payable to the **Fauntleroy Community Association** to

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Along with their counterparts from Vashon and Southworth, FCA's three representatives attended quarterly meetings of the South Ferry Advisory Committee and hosted the session in July. FCA was also represented at monthly meetings of the Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council, which provides a forum for all communities served by the state ferry system to raise concerns and exchange information.

The Board backed area resident Vladimir Oustimovitch for a seat on the West Seattle Design Review Board, giving the neighborhood a communication point into the advisory board's decisions about design aspects of proposed projects, primarily multi-family and commercial.

COMMUNICATION

The four issues of FCA's newsletter, *Neighbors*, published during the year provided a total of 40 pages of information, including the first of a new occasional feature: profiles of businesses in the neighborhood. The Original Bakery and the church were distribution points for courtesy copies after the regular mailing.

A booth at the second annual West Seattle Art-Nature-Literature Festival at Lincoln Park in August included information about the association and the projects and programs FCA supports.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The community gathered for these FCA events during 1999:

- April 29 special meeting on neighborhood security
- May 4 annual meeting
- Oct. 28 general meeting with election of officers

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

As of Jan. 23, 2000, FCA's membership totaled 244 households, businesses, and neighborhood institutions.

The FCA Board met in open session on the second Tuesday evening of the month (except in August). At year's end, Directors decided to set a more formal tone and encourage more FCA members to attend by meeting in the conference room at the former Fauntleroy School.

After eight years as president or co-president, Gary Dawson resigned as an FCA officer. He elected to continue as a director and FCA's lead representative on the South Ferry Advisory Committee. Clair Laidig resigned from the Board for health reasons; Bob Best replaced him and Mardi Clements replaced David Allen as directors.

Intensive planning in the fall resulted in Board decisions to shift tasks among officers for more balanced workloads, increase the emphasis on committees to initiate and carry out projects, and hire a part-time coordinator to help with administration and membership development.

At the annual meeting, members approved several changes to the organization's bylaws. In addition to streamlining FCA's operation, the update strengthened an application to the Internal Revenue Service for recognition as a nonprofit corporation, primarily to enable FCA to vie for grants reserved for nonprofits in support of neighborhood projects.