



As the pandemic and public-health restrictions eased in 2022, we cautiously resumed familiar ways of getting things done. Read on for a summary

of our 42nd year enhancing the quality of life in this West Seattle neighborhood.

## ADVOCACY

**FAUTLERROY FERRY TERMINAL:** We gave state planning to upgrade the terminal close attention this year, advocating for design and operational choices that would reduce ferry-related traffic in West Seattle, avoid further industrializing of our residential neighborhood, and maintain healthy natural habitat. Our basic position:

**YES** to pre-ticketing and automated toll collection.

**YES** to promoting transit alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles.

**YES** to improving seismic stability, elevating for sea-level rise, and installing non-toxic piling.

**NO** to expanding over-water coverage to enlarge the trestle or add a second slip.

In December, we submitted more than 700 signatures to urge the City Council to reaffirm its decades-long opposition to terminal expansion. Other community groups in West Seattle also aligned with us.

A community advisory group with representatives from all three destinations on the triangle route met periodically to provide input to state planners. Mardi Clements, Frank Immel, and Victoria Nelson spoke for resident interests and Judy Pickens spoke for Fautleroy Creek and nearshore interests).

Frank continued to lead the Fautleroy Ferry Advisory Committee, with Bill Wellington and Chuck Sawyer as members. All represented this community in matters related to ferry operations.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers continued to be a major focus, especially before the high bridge reopened and drivers resumed using their accustomed routes to and from the ferry terminal.

Groundwork laid in 2021 resulted in several traffic-safety improvements this year, including better definition of the ferry holding lane along

Fautleroy Way SW, "paint and post" curb extensions to improve drivers' view of pedestrians, and speed cushions to slow drivers cutting through side streets to avoid stop signs.

Hits and near misses prompted us to ask for a walkaround with Greg Spotts, new director of Seattle's Department of Transportation. During his December visit, he understood our concerns and asked to come back to witness conditions during peak afternoon commute for ferry traffic.

Neighborhood policing was on the agenda of every FCA business meeting, including staffing, area crime, and special "emphasis patrols" to address public-safety trouble spots.

**NETWORKING:** FCA was again active in the District 1 Community Network, a forum for advocating for neighborhoods on the Duwamish peninsula.

## CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

**ANNUAL MEETING FOOD FEST:** With public-health restrictions relaxed, we were able to host this in-person event in early May. Local eateries provided samples, agencies and programs staffed information tables, and residents reconnected. Members present re-elected officers and board members.

**HUNTS:** In April, our egg hunt drew kids and adults to search for hundreds of plastic eggs with goodies inside, then drop off the eggs for reuse. In October, our great pumpkin search again drew hunters to the Endolyne business area.

**FAUTLERROY FALL FESTIVAL:** The festival drew an estimated 2,000 people on Oct. 23 for free activities, food, and just being together again. Reed Haggerty and Jenny and Gordy Mandt led the planning, and FCA helped with a June fund-raiser at Endolyne Joe's, donated to the festival, and staffed a booth.

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

**BUSINESS AREA:** Volunteers refreshed planter boxes with geraniums and watering through the summer and returned in the fall to plant bulbs for a spring show of color.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Fautleroy Watershed Council attracted fresh volunteers, started new projects, and continued stewardship, education, outreach, and advocacy for the creek system and Fautleroy Park. Volunteers tallied 254 coho spawners in lower

Fauntleroy Creek in November (the second highest since counting began in 1999) and hosted 441 visitors who came to see the show.

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** The Board continued to keep abreast of city planning to replace the Fauntleroy Creek culverts under the church parking lot and under 45th Ave. SW as both will have significant impacts on the neighborhood.

## COMMUNICATION

**BUSINESS PARTNERS:** In March, we welcomed 10 business partners for a social gathering to foster communication and encourage networking. We adjusted our partnership policies to better fit FCA media and those businesses that advertise with us.

**MEDIA:** Bill Wellington continued to manage our website, Facebook page, and special FCA Flash alerts. Judy Pickens continued editing our annual report and quarterly *Neighbors* newsletter.

## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

**MEETINGS:** Except in August and December, the FCA Board had in-person and online monthly business meetings open to all members.

**LEADERSHIP:** Kris Ilgenfritz became board secretary this year. Sydney Hammerquist resigned after several years of board service, and Diana Spence stepped into the breach. When Elliott Berkihiser needed to resign from managing our membership database, Glenn Newmann took this special assignment, with support from Don Blevins.

**MEMBERSHIP:** At year's end, we had 402 members, including households, businesses, and government entities. After experimenting with requesting renewals in December, we decided to revert to first-quarter renewals starting in 2023. With the help of former board member Sydney Hammerquist and neighbor Amanda Austin Haggerty, we distributed welcome packets to new neighbors in the area.

**FINANCES:** Funding support for FCA totaled \$5,762, including \$3,952 from household renewals, \$510 from new household memberships, and \$1,300 from business supporters. About half our renewals were automated annual payments through PayPal.

Expenditures of \$8,404 included a \$3,000 contribution to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, \$498 for egg and pumpkin hunts, \$1,345 for printing the

newsletter and annual report, \$321 for crosswalk flags, \$60 for administrative expenses, \$155 for PayPal fees, \$182 for our post office box, \$318 for website and Zoom hosting fees, \$172 for membership development, \$1,205 for the business partner event, and \$1,081 for the annual meeting. Net cash as of Dec. 31 was \$26,647.

As fiscal agent for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, FCA received \$10,073 in donations and spent \$11,466 to close the year with net cash of \$1,451.

Donations to the event were \$1,228 from FCA members during membership renewal, and \$1,591 from the raffle during the June fund-raiser. In addition, FCA, Endolyne Joe's, Howard Security, Chantille Henry Scott Real Estate, Fauntleroy Church, Hooper Advisory, Wildwood Market, Fauntleroy Children's Center, Lily Fisher DDS, Dance West Seattle, and Urban Nature Preschool gave a total of \$7,254.

## ON OUR RADAR

Issues and opportunities on the FCA Board's radar for 2023 include

- design of an upgraded **Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal**.
- replacement of **Fauntleroy Creek culverts** under two streets and the church parking lot.
- long-sought and emerging opportunities to improve neighborhood **public safety**.
- annual traditions and new activities that **strengthen ties** that bind us in community.

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## SUPPORTERS

Bruce Butterfield, Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate  
Cherie's Canine Casa ■ Crissey Behavioral Consulting  
Dance! West Seattle ■ Daystar Retirement Village  
DSquared Hospitality Company ■ Earnest Frivolity  
Endolyne Joe's Restaurant ■ Fauntleroy Church, United  
Church of Christ ■ Fauntleroy Community Service Agency  
& Fauntleroy Children's Center  
Friends of Lincoln Park ■ Garden Coaching Solutions  
HomeStreet Bank ■ Kamila Kennedy Homes  
Kimberly Terry, Evergreen Home Loans  
Pia VanHanan, Keller Williams Realty ■ Pilates at  
Fauntleroy ■ Sky Printing ■ South Tacoma Way, LLC ■  
Synergy Homecare ■ The Kenney Retirement Community  
The Unsweetened Tooth ■ Treo Organic Salon LLC  
Trutech Wildlife Service ■ West Seattle & Fauntleroy  
YMCA ■ West Seattle Blog ■ Wildwood Market

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