

FCA Board Meeting
July 14, 2015

In attendance:

Debbie Kerns (acting chair), Bruce Butterfield, Gary Dawson, Mardi Clements, Vicki Schmitz Block, Kathleen Delplain, Martin Westerman, Gordon Weihler, guest – Jen David Wickens

NEW BUSINESS

Neighbors Night Out – Gordon Weihler

1st Tuesday in August

Gordon has obtained a grant for \$1,000 from the city to help pay for emergency preparedness kits for his block that he would distribute during their night out event. Anything over \$600 has to have a fiscal sponsor. Gordon requested that FCA be the sponsor. He had already talked with Phil about this. Request was approved. As the secretary, Debbie will be helping Gordon with the online application.

Petitions – Martin Westerman

He mentioned that he'd like to bring a petition to discuss and get signatures at the end of our meetings. There was a discussion that this would only be optional for anyone that wanted to stay after the meetings.

Charter School – Guest, Jen Wickens

A new charter school has applied to be in the Freedom Church (former Safeway) at 35th and Roxbury. They are just in the application phase. They have had two others approved in the area; last year in the China District and new school will open in Tacoma in August. They receive federal funding for their schools. She wanted to invite us to their upcoming community forum at the proposed school location on July 21st, 6-8pm.

FOLLOW UP

New Business membership – Gordon

He has been getting some good response.

Curb cuts – Vicki

She has not yet connected with Gary Merlino

Traffic Projects – Martin

No updates

Cove Park Party - Mardi Clements

Party is on for this Saturday, 2-4pm

She and David H will be meeting Bibianna from the city on Thursday to discuss set up.

A song has been written – Mardi wrote the lyrics. Musician is bringing his own audio equipment.

She mentioned that we could come an hour early to help set up. Mardi is helping, but it's really their (city) party. She had some banners made – some by children. Gary said that an invite went out to the ferry workers.

Fence will be coming down on Thursday. They will be replacing the beach grass that was removed at some point. Most of the remaining planted will occur in the fall, when it is cooler.

ON GOING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ferry Advisory - Gary

Another interesting week. Big boat had power failure and it will be out of service for 4 months. So, they pulled the Sealth from our route and they added an old one (Tillicum – smaller) back in.

The next executive meeting was moved to July 28th.

Gary is not clear on when the traffic officers will be funded - - when the budget will go into effect. The budget that was approved is for 2016.

Vashon has asked for years that we eliminate parking all together in front of the park (so ferry line could easily form there)

There was discussion about how we could try to get help with the traffic control. Gary reminded everyone that he had worked hard to get the traffic patrol added to the budget and that he didn't want to jeopardize that.

Gordon mentioned idea to call or write a letter to the WS Precinct as it's also a public safety issue.

ACTION: He said he would make the call.

Bruce mentioned that the construction on Vashon may be causing part of the issue and that they may be able to help pay for the officers.

Car2Go - Gary

Gary mailed a letter to Tom R's office but hasn't yet received a reply.

He hasn't heard back from his Car-To-Go contact. The company is concerned about them violating their ordinance by paying for the parking behind the schoolhouse.

SW District Council – Vicki

The current administration has been working to put energy back into this group.

For the special project \$\$ - they received 7 votes for California and Juneau and 4 votes for another project.

Mardi mentioned that there is a map on the mayors website that shows where multi-family areas are going to grow – both taller and wider.

ACTION: We need to begin giving Vicki our topics for her to take to these meetings, during her report.

Fauntleroy School House – Vicki

Their enrollment at the Children's Center is at capacity – huge enrollment.

Finance Report

Approved as written (emailed by Phil)

Next meeting held on Tuesday, September 8th, 7:00 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Deb Kerns, Secretary