

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Business Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018

Board:

| PRESENT | ABSENT | | | PRESENT | ABSENT | |
|---------|--------|-------------------|--|---------|--------|------------------------|
| X | | Bruce Butterfield | | X | | Susan Lantz-Dey |
| X | | Gary Dawson | | X | | Shannon Ninburg |
| X | | Mike Dey | | X | | Vicki Schmitz Block |
| X | | David Haggerty | | X | | Nils von Veh |
| | X | Richard Hansen | | X | | Bill Wellington |
| X | | Kris Ilginfritz | | | X | Marty Westerman |
| | X | Frank Immel | | X | | Alexis Zolner |

Guests:

- Neighbors: Alan Grainger, Jan Fisher, Marcia Van Doren, Lois Berkihiser, Elliott Berkihiser, Steinar Willanger, Sarah Griffiths, Jennifer Jacoby, Catherine Bailey
- Junction/Admiral resident: Diane Vincent
- West Seattle Junction Neighborhood Org (JuNO): Christy Tobin Presser
- Neighbors Encouraging Reasonable Development (NERD): Paul Haury
- Seattle Communities for Affordability, Livability, Equity (SCALE): David Ward
- Seattle Department of Neighborhoods: Yun Pitre
- SPD South Precinct: Lt. Ron Smith

Start: 7:03 PM

End: 9:10 PM

The meeting was **called to order** by Mike Dey and introductions were made around the room. Minutes of the January 9 meeting were approved as written.

Mike opened the meeting by stating that the focus would be on MHA (Mandatory Housing Affordability), HALA (Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda), ADUs/DADUs (Additional Living Units/Detached Additional Living Units). Initial concerns regarding proposed development of the Joslin Building in the Endolyne business triangle receded after the owners/architects met with the city and have withdrawn their initial plan.

Given the nature of the discussion about to happen, City employees Yun Pitre and Lt. Ron Smith excused themselves from the remainder of the meeting.

A brief history of the Urban Village concept was presented, including dissatisfaction that the promise of increased infrastructure in exchange for increasing density was not happening in the three West Seattle Urban Villages represented (Admiral, Alaska, and Morgan junctions). Village boundaries had expanded without community input. The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) did not reflect the differing characteristics of Villages, resulting in 27 groups across the city joining to formally appeal the EIS. In addition, MoCA filed their own appeal.

Neighbors Encouraging Reasonable Development (NERD) shared their story of successfully suing the city to prevent unreasonable development in their neighborhood. An important component of their success was constant communication within the community to provide accurate information and talking points for communicating with city officials.

Seattle Communities for Affordability, Livability, Equity (SCALE) led a wide ranging discussion about collaborating with the city to maintain/increase affordable housing. Some of the points are included in the summary below.

Parking: Fauntleroy is not an Urban Village. Current ordinance calls for 1 off-street parking spot for every living unit. Proposed regulation: within ¼ mile of frequent transit, off-street parking can be 1 spot per every 2 units. The question is “Will upzoning reduce off-street parking further, to 1 spot per every 4 units?” There is no requirement to notify homeowners that their neighborhood will be upzoned.

Parking in Fauntleroy is already an issue with ferry and RapidRide parking. Local businesses are reporting daily customer complaints about lack of available parking. In a community with many older citizens, parking close to businesses and home is essential. In the Junction they already feel that they have become a Park and Ride lot as people drive to the Junction to park and catch the RapidRide downtown. That is not dissimilar to what is happening in Fauntleroy with the ferry and RapidRide.

Takeaways from the meeting:

- Lisa Herbold, local City Council Representative, is an anti-displacement advocate.
- [New] Mayor Jenny Durkin is looking for neighborhood wins.
- **Fauntleroy is not an Urban Village, and therefore City has to follow State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) regulations.**
- **Fauntleroy needs to develop its own community plan: While accepting/supporting increased density, what do we want our community to look like, how should it function?**
- **Maintain a positive posture collaborating with City to maintain/increase affordable housing.**
- **FCA needs to know the SEPA and Design Review rules.**
- Mobilize local small business people regarding parking issues.
- Document parking issues with drive around video record (preferably time/date stamped) that can't be disputed.
- Utilize social media, provide community with general messaging, talking points using real data. A whiney tone gets interpreted as NIMBY.
- Be aware of developer-backed groups (incl. Seattle for Everyone, Future Wise etc that are underwritten by developers) that show up at neighborhood meetings, respond to online posts with “comments” ...when they don't live in the area.
- NERD and SCALE are excellent resources as the FCA wades into the particulars of working with City, pushing back against development overreach in the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lantz-Dey