FCA Business Meeting September 13, 2022 Fauntleroy Schoolhouse & Zoom

Board members present: Mike Dey, Catherine Bailey, Alexis Zolner, Bill Wellington, Frank Immel, Alan Grainger (via Zoom)

Board members absent: Nils von Veh, Susan Lantz-Dey, Bruce Butterfield, Kris Ilgenfritz, David Haggerty, Marty Westerman

Guests: Candace and Scott Blue, Diana Spence, Reed Haggerty, Mardi Clements, Patrick Sand of the WS Blog & Captain Rivera of the SW Precinct (via Zoom)

Mike Dey opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and all those present introduced themselves.

The minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting were deferred due to no quorum of board members available at the time.

WS Southwest Precinct Update: Captain Rivera noted that since 2021, burglaries have been up a bit and auto theft has been up for the entire city. We continue to struggle with issues of homelessness. Frank Immel mentioned an individual who seemed to be struggling mental health issues at about 2-3 a.m. recently. Capt. Rivera mentioned that SPD should be called in these cases and they can triage the issue. Mike gave kudos to Officer Shawn Ross who, at the end of his shift, offered to monitor traffic issues in the very early morning. Additional thanks went to Officer A.J. Moore who assisted with a problem in Lincoln Park recently. Capt. Rivera suggested sending these types of messages through Jennifer Danner so that they can be passed directly to the officers.

<u>Fauntleroy Fall Festival Update</u>: Reed Haggerty noted that costs have gone up significantly for everything this year. There's been a lot of fundraising (about \$10,000 to date) but it will be almost twice as expensive to provide all the same activities at the festival as in the past. A planning committee is in place with many new members and they are looking at doing some new activities to replace those that are now cost-prohibitive. They are looking also at businesses for volunteers and donations.

Proposed resolution: provide \$3,000 to the Fall Festival for this year's activities. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

<u>Pumpkin Hunt Update:</u> This year's hunt will take place in the Endolyne Triangle area on October 8. Candace reported that there will be 200 pumpkins (large, smaller and sugar pie) and some special glass ones. Volunteers are needed to hide them at 11:30 a.m. and the hunt will be from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. A message will be posted on the WS Blog (<u>westseattleblog@gmail.com</u>) to provide information to the community and ask for volunteers. Catherine offered to put up a Facebook posting. A membership tent will be available from 2:00 – 5:00, organized by Susan. Brace Pt. Pottery (now Rain City Clay) on 100th or Avalon Glassworks was suggested for the glass pumpkins.

<u>Ferry Dock Replacemet Update:</u> Frank noted that the next TAG meeting will be on September 21 and fewer options for the dock will be presented by WSF. Repair work on the damaged dolphin will begin soon. Frank will let Judy Pickens know about this due to it also being salmon spawning season.

<u>Ferry Dock & FCA Activity Update:</u> Mike stated that Mardi and Diana staffed a table at the WS Farmers Market recently with information about the dock replacement and FCA's position. There were able to get many signatures on the petition. One of the primary reasons the FCA is focused on the petition is that it is a good way to involve the rest of the community and then present it to elected officials. The goal is 1,000 signatures. Everyone is encouraged to get signatures. We'll use the Fall Festival and perhaps the WS Farmers Market to get signatures as well.

Membership Dues Discussion: The FCA annual dues has been \$25 for residential members since 1979 and there's been discussion recently about whether we should raise the amount. How many people pay more than \$25? Is our revenue going up or down in the past five years? Alexis will analyze the history and report back. Mike noted that approximately 10% of our neighborhood catchment area of 3,000 residents are members of FCA. (Patrick later noted that KUOW/NPR, which depends greatly on subscriptions and donations in the area, has a donation rate of approximately 3% of possible listeners in their broadcast area.) The group decided to do the following:

- 1. Analyze our revenue and expenses over the last 5 years or so. (Alexis)
- 2. What do most people pay? (Alexis)
- 3. How do people respond to "what can we do for you?"

<u>Secretary of Record:</u> This is also known as the Membership Secretary. Since Sydney has resigned her position, we need someone to fulfill these duties. Frank volunteered to write a "job posting" and take the opportunity to talk about our work and accomplishments.

<u>District One Council:</u> Mike reported that only eight people attended the most recent meeting. The group is struggling to find its purpose. Discussion followed regarding this.

Adjournment at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Meeting notes by Catherine Bailey