

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Business Meeting Minutes

Fautleroy Schoolhouse & Zoom  
May 9, 2023

**Board:**

PRESENT	ABSENT			PRESENT	ABSENT	
Zoom		Catherine Bailey		X		Frank Immel
X		Bruce Butterfield		X		Susan Lantz-Dey
X		Mike Dey		Zoom		Diana Spence
Zoom		Alan Grainger			X	Nils von Veh
	X	David Haggerty		X		Bill Wellington
	X	Kris Ilgenfritz			X	Marty Westerman

**Guests:**

Meredith Sciarrio, potential board member  
 Capt. Rivera, SPD, Southwest Precinct  
 Patrick Sand, West Seattle Blog  
 Unidentified phone number

**Start: 7:01**

**End: 8:40**

Mike Dey brought the meeting to order at 7:01, and introductions were made all around.

Minutes: April 11, 2023 were approved as written.

**SW Police Precinct Update:**

Captain Rivera reported that while other thefts were down, vehicle thefts are considerably up. At 1/3 of the way through the year, WS has 460 car thefts, compared to 365 thefts at this time last year. It is judged that the current TikTok challenge to steal Hyundais and Kias has significantly influenced theft of these cars. The thefts appear to be more related to the TikTok challenge than actually stealing the cars for money/scrap. More information will be available for next month's business meeting.

**Restricted Parking Zones:** Parking is back under the auspices of SPD. Parking Enforcement has a new manager, who is getting oriented and is out in the field assessing RV encampments and other parking violations.

**West Seattle Chamber of Commerce:**

Discussion revolved around interest in networking, increasing FCA name recognition, and increased support on local issues. The most likely attendees from the FCA would be

the Business Membership Secretary and the Household Membership Secretary. Morgan Community Association is also considering membership, for the same purposes as the FCA. Basic nonprofit membership is \$145 annual dues and a one-time joining fee of \$45.00. It was proposed, seconded, and passed, to join the WS Chamber at the basic membership level for a year, to see if the benefits warrant the cost.

**Fall Festival Fundraisers:**

Reed Haggerty reported that the Endolyne Joe's fundraiser netted \$2,700 for the Fall Festival (\$1,500 from Joe's proceeds, \$1,200 from raffles). The FCA will contribute \$3,000, and another \$1,000 donation is anticipated. Wildwood Market will hold a FF fundraiser, donating a % of the day's income, later this summer.

**Candidate Forum for District 1 (Lisa Herbold's City Council position):**

The forum is scheduled for June 6, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Welsley Center across the street from Our Lady of Guadalupe School. Each community in the district has opportunity to submit one written question to the West Seattle Blog, who will moderate the forum. All questions will be answered by all candidates. It is advised that questions be worded to not give too much background information; the purpose of the questions is to learn how much the candidates know about the various issues affecting the district. Translation services are required by the City, which would be prohibitively expensive. The Blog will send the complete forum on YouTube video to High Point's Neighborhood House for liaisons to translate for each language neighborhood.

At the event, there will be greeters at the door to direct attendees to their respective neighborhood table. It will be an opportunity to increase FCA name recognition, showcase how it supports the community, and an opportunity for new membership.

Students will set up chairs and tables for the event, which is anticipated to be well attended. A \$25 donation to the school to thank the students for their assistance is suggested for each community group. (Community organizations will take down chairs and tables at the end of the event.)

It is requested that people staffing community tables arrive by 5:45 to set up, and to NOT park in the parking lot, to maximize space for forum attendees.

**Ferries update:**

Frank reported that the State legislature is requiring \$419mil to be generated from the fare box. Ferry fares will increase by 4% per year for two years.

The 3-boat summer schedule has been delayed for lack of trained crew members. WSF is now paying for training hours, which should help trainee interest and retention. WSF projects that overall 2019 (pre-pandemic) ridership levels won't fully recover until 2030.

WSF is holding public meetings for every route. The Triangle Route and south Vashon route virtual meeting will be held on June 7, from 6:00 - 7:30.

## **New Business**

### **Morgan Community Summer Festival:**

Scheduled for Sunday, June 18. They are looking for community information tables. It was suggested and agreed that the FCA will staff a table for a few hours, with Diana Spence and Frank Immel present to provide information regarding the proposed ferry dock expansion issue, and to collect signatures requesting that City Council issue a proclamation opposing dock expansion.

- Mike will contact Deb Barker regarding an FCA table at their festival.

### **Delridge Neighborhood Development Association event:**

This is a fundraising event, scheduled for June 2. All proceeds will be directed to preserving and developing affordable housing, enhancing the natural environment, and education and youth programs. They are looking for overall attendance and donations. It was discussed and agreed that individual FCA board member donations will be made out to FCA and directed to Mike, who will cut a check to DNDA. \$100 is the minimum target donation in order to become a Friend of DNDA. Post meeting note: a total of \$400.00 was collected and donated in the name of the FCA to the DNDA.

### **Introduction by Meredith Sciarrio, potential board member:**

Meredith described growing up in a small town in New Hampshire, so small that everybody knew everyone else's business. She moved to Seattle to attend graduate school in the University of Washington's Foster School of Business. That is where she met her husband and moved to West Seattle. Meredith believes that her experience in a small town will be useful to help encourage a sense of connectedness and community here in Fauntleroy.

Her career has been in Strategy and Operations, most recently in healthcare. She feels that her strength aligns with the FCA's needs in community networking and membership. She will be seeking information on what has, and hasn't worked in these areas so she won't repeat fruitless strategies.

With extra time remaining on the clock, the board shared various aspects of the FCA with Meredith: The board does not get directly involved in neighborhood politics, but provides information/resources for interested parties to pursue. As well, the FCA does not align with individual candidates. It *is* appropriate for the FCA to support the WSBlog's Candidates Forum, which is useful to *all* West Seattle. FCA is proactive and has a good reputation with the City. Advocacy: ferries and current attempt to expand the dock; a past attempt to install zip line in the wild part of Lincoln Park; development of Cove Park; realign traffic in the Endolyne business triangle; planter boxes in Endolyne business area; pedestrian crossing flags... to name a few.

### **FCA Survey:**

A survey was not run last year because the high bridge was closed; responses would have been full of traffic complaints rather than actionable information.

Target date for this year's survey is late September/early October. The survey should capture what the *community* thinks, not be a reflection of the board. Questions must be *actionable*. The survey can also be used as a way to build membership. There was discussion and informal conclusion that the survey would run on the FCA website. A postcard mailing will be sent, as well as a WSBlog announcement and reminders, steering folks to the FCA website for the survey questions.

Survey Committee members: Catherine to coordinate, Meredith, Frank, Bruce, Bill.

**Action Items:**

- May 15 deadline for news articles to Judy Pickens for newsletter.
- **Mike:** Contact Judy Pickens re. stories from now-adult children who participated in the Salmon in the Schools program.
- **Mike:** Upcoming newsletter mailing...include volunteers!
- **Bruce** will coordinate newsletter mailing.
- **Mike:** Finalize question for District 1 Candidates Forum.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Lantz-Dey