

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Business Meeting Minutes  
**January 9, 2024**

**Board:**

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

**Guests:**

Tracy Record, WS Blog  
Lt. Joshua Ziemer, SPD  
German Barreto, SPD  
Bill Blomon, neighbor  
Tracy Randle, neighbor  
Deb Barker/Zoom, MOCA  
Lee Bassett/Zoom, neighbor  
Kelly Nolan/Zoom, neighbor

Sarah Dolan/Zoom, neighbor  
Michelle Johnson/Zoom, neighbor  
Kersti Muul/Zoom, neighbor  
Jamie -- /Zoom, neighbor  
“KM”/Zoom, neighbor  
Unidentified phone #/Zoom

**Start:** 7:02 PM

**End:** 9:03 PM

President Mike Dey brought the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Introductions were made all around, including guests and board members Zooming into the meeting.

**Police Update, SW Precinct:**

The two officers present introduced themselves. Officer German Barreto is our Community Liaison Officer, addressing long term issues in the community. Lt. Joshua Ziemer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Watch Operations Lieutenant.

Compared to last January, both burglaries and robberies (which includes car jackings) are up. Auto theft is also up, not only locally, but nationally, largely due to Kia and Hyundai thefts. Stolen vehicles are often used to commit robberies. It appears that a very few individuals are responsible for most of the crimes, and a local arrest just happened. Hopefully West Seattle will see significant benefit.

“Bump & Rob” incidents have diminished. SPD strongly recommends that in a minor accident, don’t get out of the car to check for damage, but to drive immediately to a well lit area such as a gas station.

Homicides were 3 in 2022, with a big jump to 7 last year. Most of last year’s murders occurred in the Alki area.

When asked about a recent bicycle fatality on Marine View Drive and how to get more speed bumps to slow traffic in that area, it was suggested that FCA consult with Alki Community Association, who succeeded in getting SDOT to install additional speed bumps.

There has been no change in recruiting new officers. Great damage was done in 2020, but “issues are working their way through.” More important than numbers, is the quality of applicants. SPD is seeking individuals who are willing to stay and make a career. Morale is OK because officers are helping each other out, working double shifts when needed, to maintain coverage.

### **PARKS UPDATE on PICKLEBALL COURTS:**

Andy Sheffer, Deputy Director for Seattle Parks and Recreation (“Parks”) reiterated throughout his presentation that it is essential for Parks to collaborate with all interest groups so all can agree with what the final result will be regarding whatever issue is at hand. In this case, it’s the location of proposed pickleball courts.

Parks is currently working with UW Engineering Department on how to mitigate paddle noise. Currently, paddle noise can be reduced by 50%, with anticipation of reducing noise by 70%. The National Pickleball Association differentiates between professional/high performance and recreational/low-noise paddles. If courts go into Lincoln Park, they would be designated as low-noise paddles only and rely on self-enforcement.

A possibility being explored for new courts is the Seattle Public Schools (“Schools”) parking lot adjacent to the SW Recreation Center on Thistle St., across from Sealth High School. Evidently much of the space sits empty except for a few major events a year, when the parking lot fills to capacity. Accordingly, fencing would be designed to be removable to accommodate the occasional need for full parking, which the court surface would tolerate. Pickleball courts at that location would be convenient to students during and after school, a “win-win” partnership for Parks and Schools. A second meeting with Schools on February 8 will pursue that partnership.

Parks is open to considering available sites that are already paved and hopefully have nearby [restroom] facilities. Alternate court sites suggested at tonight’s meeting included the northwest parking lot at Westwood Village and the building that used to house Staples, also at Westwood. It was pointed out that a Westwood Village location would bring activity to the mall, with restaurant visits and erranding.

Returning to Lincoln Park siting, Sheffer said that Parks would not advocate for lighting, due to cost and interference with nocturnal animals. Lighting the courts would require path lighting to get players to and from their cars, which would be prohibitively expensive.

Sheffer agreed to a return visit to FCA to discuss the long-delayed south play area in Lincoln Park, and siting of an off-leash dog park in West Seattle. He offered that his

preference is the north end of the West Seattle Golf Course, close to a future electric vehicle charging station.

After Sheffer departed, the Board discussed the need for a liaison with Parks. Diana Spence was suggested, but there was no firm action taken. There was consensus that Andy (Sheffer) might help FCA figure out a best approach to dealing with the new Parks internal structure.

### **Ferries Update:**

Frank Immel reported that Ferries is now basing service on a total of 15 boats rather than 17 boats. That means that for the next two years, the Triangle route will be on a two boat schedule. Ferries will try to add a third boat when one is available, but that will be by exception. There were no new developments regarding the Fauntleroy Terminal Replacement Project. WSF will host online community meetings on Jan 17 at 12:30 PM and on Jan 18 at 6:00PM, to provide system updates.

### **Annual Meeting/Food Fest on March 19:**

David Haggerty said that due to last year's success with planning and executing the event "by committee," with everyone knowing their responsibilities, the same approach would be utilized again this year. David will send out an email in the coming week, to get things rolling. Susan will be away, and will pass materials and instructions for vendor signs and centerpieces to a willing party, yet to be identified. Mike will also be away, and will likewise consult with others to cover his part in the meeting.

### **Fauntleroy Y:**

After a long, active history in the community, the Fauntleroy Y is at risk of closing, due to financial issues. The West Seattle/Fauntleroy YMCA is looking for community input on how to increase membership and financial support, how to redefine itself. On January 19, 4-6PM, there will be a Town Hall meeting at the Fauntleroy Church (which has housed the Y spaces for over 100 years) to discuss the future of the Fauntleroy Y.

### **FCA Survey Update:**

Catherine Bailey reported on initial findings from the biennial online survey, which ran for 6 weeks, from October 4 to December 5 of last year. 4,200 postcards were mailed to Greater Fauntleroy residents. There were 572 responses, a 13.6% response rate, very good for surveys (10% is typical).

76.9% of respondents said they were aware of the FCA prior to the survey. Of those, 30.7% said that they heard about the FCA via the WSBlog and 25% had learned of the FCA through word of mouth. 42.4% of total respondents have lived in the Greater Fauntleroy area for 16 or more years. A great majority of responders (77.6%) were not members of the FCA. The predominant age range of respondents was between 51-70 years old.

Regarding our work with SDOT, 48.9% of respondents judged that the work has changed things for the better. On a scale of 1-7, the majority of respondents felt moderately to very safe in their neighborhood. 60% of respondents said that the ferry terminal and its related activity impacted them. Of the FCA sponsored/co-sponsored community events listed, the Fall Festival was the best recognized and attended.

### **Change in Meeting Times:**

There was brief discussion about moving business meetings to an earlier time, either 6:00 or 6:30. Time was running short and it was agreed to take a vote via email. Post meeting: The board approved holding meetings 6:00 to 8:00 PM, starting in February.

### **Wild Apricot Functionality:**

Meredith Sciarrio reported good progress in bringing Wild Apricot onboard to integrate multiple aspects of membership management. The next step is to connect PayPal; Bill will create a new PayPal account for that purpose. Everything should be pulled together by the Annual Meeting on March 19. October will see the rollout for membership renewal, which will be much simpler than in the past.

“Ben” from last year’s Fall Festival offered to help with the application process for FCA to gain 501c3 status, which would make donations tax deductible. Presently, FCA has no-profit status, but is not tax-exempt.

### **Business Partners:**

Amber Heinemann noted that the Fauntleroy sweatshirts are proving popular. Wildwood Market has sold out, and requests more to sell.

### **Action Items:**

- Online vote on changing business meeting time.
- Contact Andy Sheffer on FCA coordinating with Parks
- Catherine – email new FCA logo to board members
- David – Coordinate Annual Meeting arrangements via email
- Please write letters to Parks ahead of its Feb 8 board meeting, encouraging a WS Golf Course site for an off-leash dog park, also an electric charging station.
- Contact Andy Sheffer (Parks) for contact information of individuals to whom letters of support should be sent.
- Invite Rob Saka to a near-future business meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Lantz-Dey