

REZONING SEATTLE: HOW MANY HOMES ON SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS?

By Alexis Zolner

An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is either an apartment attached to the main house or a detached cottage in the backyard. The city's stated objectives in proposing changes to the code regulating these dwellings are (1) to increase choice in single-family zones and (2) to create affordable housing.

In late summer/early fall, the city expects to issue the final environmental impact statement analyzing the impacts of three ADU proposals. Then the City Council will vote on them.

On June 24, FCA President Mike Dey provided comments to the City Council focusing on biomass, affordability, and parking, noting that current ADU zoning appears to best achieve the desired balance between achieving density and retaining neighborhoods that are zoned single family.

Here's a summary of the three proposals, followed by the points Mike made in FCA's comments to the council.

Proposal #1 is to take no action - to leave current code in place. Either a cottage or attached apartment is allowed on a lot that is at least 4,000 sf as long as the owner is present for six months out of the year and provides off-street parking for both the owner and tenant.

Between 1994 and 2017, 579 detached cottages and 1,592 attached in-house units were permitted and constructed in Seattle. An estimated 50 percent of these units are being used as short-term rentals through Airbnb, VRBO, and others.

Proposal #2 would change the code to allow one cottage and one attached apartment on smaller lots - at least 3,200 sf. Also, the owner would not need to live on the property, nor provide off-street parking for the tenant. Off-street parking would still be required for the owner.

Eight percent of Seattle homes sit on lots of 6,400 sf or more. Presumably, these large lots could be split in half to allow three dwellings in each half.

Under this proposal, the city would subsidize 10 percent of an owner's predevelopment costs, which could include streamlining permitting or providing preapproved plans. *(continued p. 2)*

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL OCT. 21

From 2 to 5 pm on **Sunday, Oct. 21**, expect no-holds-barred fun for all ages at the 16th annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

If prior years are any indication, festival activities will be varied and sure to please: pony rides, a cake walk, salmon hats, bouncy toys, climbing rock, music, animal petting zoo, instrument petting zoo, raptors, information tables - all happening for free in the church/YMCA/schoolhouse triangle. And when you run low on energy, food and beverage vendors will be on duty to serve you.

For the second year, the steering committee has chosen a sock drive as the charitable component. Look for bins to receive your donation of new athletic socks for Operation Nightwatch to dispense to men who are homeless.

See pp. 4 - 5 for details about The Falconer activity and most of the vendors who will be there. Watch the *West Seattle Blog* for festival details right before the big day.



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Proposal #3 takes a hybrid approach. It would allow two attached apartments OR one cottage and one attached apartment on a 3,200 sf lot.

The owner would need to live on the property six months out of the year and provide one off-street parking spot for a tenant. Off-street parking would still be required for the owner. In addition, a contribution to the city's affordable housing fund may be required if the owner adds a second ADU.

Regarding biomass

Serious water runoff and slide problems are prevalent in West Seattle. The city and county have spent millions of dollars to expand and upgrade Metro's overflow capacity at both the Lowman Beach and Barton pump stations and to rebuild roads washed out by floods.

Before increasing the number of ADUs on a residential lot, the city needs to address increased water runoff from increased impermeable surfaces, plus how to re-establish biomass when more land is stripped of vegetation in order to build ADUs.

Seattle's goal is to reach 30 percent tree-canopy coverage by 2037. The most recent survey found coverage to be at 28 percent, with 72 percent of that coverage in residential areas (67 percent of the land).

Removing tree canopy to accommodate multiple structures on single-family lots would be counter-productive in terms of runoff, heat mitigation, and wildlife habitat, given how much these lots contribute to achieving the city's tree-canopy goals.

Regarding affordability

None of the proposals addresses how it will achieve the city's affordability objective. With no required owner occupancy, Proposal #2 would open the door for developers to buy single-family lots to redevelop into multiple units.

Over time, then, the value of single-family lots would likely be tied to future not current use, and property taxes will rise. If owners can't afford the increase, they will sell to developers, and existing residents will be displaced.

In addition, while Proposals #2 and #3 claim to promote affordable housing, the residential homeowner or property developer would have little incentive to charge less than market rates.

Regarding parking

Residents of ADUs constructed without any off-street parking will have no choice but to park on the street, creating a safety as well as capacity issue for the whole neighborhood. Also, these proposals encourage private owners to shift their parking costs onto the public sector.

After filing a freedom-of-information request with the Seattle Police Department, FCA received data for the last two years about car prowls and car burglaries. The data show that five times more car prowls occur on the street than in driveways. If Seattle is to move to a model where

providing off-street parking is not required, then the city should address this issue by enacting deterrents.

FCA's recent community survey found that residents face significant parking challenges, as do merchants in the Endolyne triangle. Of 447 respondents, 84 percent did not support allowing ADUs without off-street parking.

This spring, the city passed legislation for Fauntleroy to mitigate pressures on neighborhood parking linked to the ferry terminal. Similar to Alki with its popular beach, the ordinance requires one off-street parking space per dwelling unit or one space for every two small efficiency units in new development within 1,320 feet of the terminal. How this ordinance would apply to ADUs is unclear.

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VOLUNTEERS TO REPLANT SAFE PART OF OPEN SPACE

Restoration of the open-space parcel across from the fish ladder in lower Fauntleroy Creek is well under way.

The Green Seattle Partnership project is weeding the 12,550 sf city-owned property of invasive plants and will revegetate with native species. The Fauntleroy Watershed Council advocated for the partnership to give the project priority in order to benefit wildlife and control erosion into the creek.

Passersby won't notice much of a change yet because the contractor has been concentrating on treating the largest invasive plants with approved herbicide. English laurel dominates the site and it's starting to die off.

Forest steward Peggy Cummings is drafting a plant order and coordinating with the partnership toward a late fall/early winter work party to install about 200 natives in the flat portion of the site. For safety reasons, installation of about 2,000 more natives on the steep slope is a task for the contractor.

If you're interested in being contacted about the work party, email info@fauntleroywatershed.org and Peggy will be in touch when a date is set. It could be the perfect stewardship event for the whole family.

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COUNTY NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING COVE PARK

By Mardi Clements

Cove Park was for nearly 20 years under FCA stewardship. Now the waterfront street-end pocket park next to the ferry terminal is being maintained very well by King County's wastewater treatment division.

The lease that the county signed with the City of Seattle after expansion of the Barton Street Pump Station, in 2015, provides that the county preserve and maintain all structures, art, benches, and the access road for 50 years or the duration of the lease. Recently, the two jurisdictions negotiated an additional agreement about surface plantings and general maintenance.

A subcontractor now does monthly cleanups, pruning, weeding, and trash removal. Licensed agents remove and control noxious knotweed. Native plants are being watered, beach-grass habitat is being restored, and homeless camps have been removed.

These agreements do not include the house adjacent to Cove Park. The county still owns that property and has no current plans to trade or sell it to Seattle Parks, as was proposed in 2016.

Thank you to all the many wonderful volunteers who contributed time, money, and effort for decades to the park! Please continue to visit this neighborhood jewel and, when you do, monitor conditions, post on the kiosk, and pull the occasional weed. If you spot a maintenance problem, the wastewater-treatment division's contact is christina.tiffany@kingcounty.gov.

We still have a small Cove Park fund made up of donations over the years. We have recommended that it be used to maintain the planters in the Endolyne business area or for other neighborhood beautification projects. Come to FCA's Sept. 11 business meeting if you want to discuss or communicate your thoughts to FCA President Mike Dey at 206-661-0673 or msdey50@aol.com.



Restoring habitat for beach grass is part of King County's maintenance of Cove Park. Photo courtesy Mardi Clements

CALL FOR SALMON WATCHERS

Coho spawners' coming into Fauntleroy Creek is always dependent on their having survived ocean conditions but, if they do come in, watchers need to be on duty to document them.

This year's watch is scheduled to start Oct. 15. It will continue until mid November or until no more spawners have come in for a week.

To experience why Fauntleroy people volunteer to get cold and wet to count fish, contact Judy Pickens at 206-938-4203 or judy_pickens@msn.com.

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BIRDS OF PREY, BIG AND SMALL, RETURNING TO FALL FESTIVAL

Last year, the Fauntleroy Fall Festival went for the birds - and will do so again this year. Festival-goers will be able to get up close and personal with a variety of raptors, from one of the largest owls in the world to one of the smallest falcons, thanks to The Falconer, a local company that specializes in introducing the public to birds of prey.



Owner John Prucich focused his love affair with raptors while a student at Evergreen State College, where he majored in biology with an emphasis on ornithology. He honed his speaking and public-relations skills at Woodland

Park Zoo and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park before deciding to take flight on his own.

A licensed falconer since 2010, he uses captive-born birds trained with positive reinforcement only to entertain and educate about raptors as well as their conservation. When approached last year to be in the festival, he dove at the chance.

"This great community and event created a perfect opportunity to share our passion about birds of prey with people of all ages," he said.

While John's team will do their best to inform people

about the role of raptors in natural ecosystems and try to inspire them to help, "these amazing birds always upstage us!" he said.

Expect to see an assortment of raptors at the festival. No doubt the stars will be the Eurasian eagle-owl with its wingspan of 6 feet or more, contrasted with the 8-inch wingspan of the delicate Taita falcon.



COMMENT SOON ON FERRIES DRAFT LONG-RANGE PLAN

By Gary Dawson

The long-range plan being developed by Washington State Ferries has reached the point of soliciting public comment on the draft. The final version of the plan to guide the ferry system through 2040 is to go to the Legislature January 1.

A series of open houses will enable public input from communities served by the system. The open house in Fauntleroy is scheduled for **Monday, Sept. 17, 5 to 7 pm** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. Watch for any change on the *West Seattle Blog* or at www.fauntleroy.net.

The materials to be presented will pertain to the entire ferry system. However, details published in the June issue of this newsletter are of particular interest to Fauntleroy and other West Seattle communities. They bare summarizing:

In 2017, traffic through the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal from Vashon totaled 1,090,108 vehicles and 315,564 foot passengers. That same year, traffic through here from Southworth totaled 566,174 vehicles and 132,379 foot passengers. State planners project that, by 2040, traffic through this terminal will increase 19% from Vashon and 37% from Southworth.

Also of note in the draft plan is reworking or replacing the Fauntleroy terminal because of deterioration and safety issues.

Both of these topics are of importance to residents

concerned about traffic in the neighborhood, as well as those who routinely face congestion when they use the high bridge to get out of West Seattle.

That's why I encourage a strong attendance at the Fauntleroy open house. And do bring your comments and questions.

For more information on the long-range plan, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/long-range-plan/the-plan. If you can't get to the open house, submit comments online Sept. 10 - Oct. 25 at <https://wsflongrangeplan.com/>.

In other news, the Triangle Task Force continues to meet monthly (except in September because of the open house). The panel is studying options for changing the ferry schedule to make vessel loading more efficient at Fauntleroy during the afternoon commute. A priority is to have boats depart on time and fully loaded. The goal is to have changes ready to implement next summer.

Task force meetings are open to the public, with time on the agenda for comment. For details and meeting dates, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/outreach/triangle.



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FESTIVAL FOOD VENDORS PREPARING TO SERVE HUGE CROWD

By Judy Pickens

What would a festival be without food? And what would a festival in Seattle be without coffee?

The steering committee is still building the list of vendors but those we were able to contact for this issue are eager to be on it for the big Oct. 21 community bash. Here's a glimpse of who they are and what you can look forward to at their stands:

TUXEDOS AND TENNIS SHOES CATERING has been part of the festival since before its inception. Co-owner David Haggerty helped get it started in 2002 and the company has been a food vendor ever since.



This year look for its popular curried butternut squash soup, plus soft pretzels with mustard and a new cheese sauce. Assuming a dry weather, the stand will be on the east lawn of the schoolhouse, right outside The Hall @ Fauntleroy.

What makes standing there for hours worth it? For Reed Haggerty (head honcho of the festival this year), it's seeing all the smiles, plus what other vendors are offering.

"Every year, something fun happens," he added.

"One year we had to throw it into overdrive to keep up with the pretzel demand." What better way to keep warm!

Check out the company's catering service, event venues, and restaurant at www.dsquaredcompany.com.

WILDWOOD MARKET will be back for its third year, having signed on shortly after opening. Last year's mac 'n cheese was so popular that it will again be on offer.

Co-owner Lonjina Verdugo said working the festival is a welcome break from the routine of being behind the counter at the market.

"I especially like seeing familiar faces and our own family members getting to enjoy the festivities," she said. "It's a great community event!"

Visit www.wildwoodwestseattle.com to check out market specials and the online menu.



THE TAMALES GUY will be back for the third year, not only with tamales but also with quesadillas. Owner Juan Garcia says talking with festival-goers makes his hours working the counter fly by.



In fact, he has a loyal customer to thank for his laptop. When ordering a tamale, the software engineer mentioned that he was looking for a home for a laptop he had just refurbished. Instant match!

"We have had amazing support from everyone and we love the festival!" Juan said. Look The Tamale Guy in the church parking lot and find him over the winter on Facebook or Instagram by searching [@tamaleguy206](https://www.instagram.com/tamaleguy206).

FAUNTLEROY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP members behind the big table of sweet goodies at the festival aren't from a business but they do mean business.



They're there to earn money to fund activities and projects. The group has been at the festival most years, most recently near the sanctuary doors.

Participating is well worth the effort, said youth director Kristen Almgren, and not only because of the money raised.

"The prep work brings us together," she said, from the baking and decorating to the wrapping and pricing the night before. Expect to find a wide assortment on offer, including cookies, cupcakes, and the ever-popular Rice Krispies treats.

"Living in such a big city can be so isolating," she added. "It's fun to see people come out in support of where they live!"

ENDOLYNE JOE'S has been serving food at the festival since the event's inception, in 2002. Eight years later, Rich Gantner transferred from the 5 Spot on Queen Anne and found himself managing not only the restaurant but also its booth at the well-established neighborhood bash.



"Participating in the festival is an opportunity to celebrate our AMAZING community," he said. Even though running the booth means hours on his feet, "It's an event I look forward to every year."

Rich most enjoys working side by side at the festival with his two boys, Elliot and Andy. Again this year, the three of them will be serving Joe's "world-famous" barbecued pulled pork sliders. Look for them in the church parking lot and reach the team at Joe's through www.chowfoods.com.



BIRD ON A WIRE ESPRESSO opened for business on SW Henderson near 35th Ave. SW just four months before the first Fauntleroy Fall Festival. It will be back in October for the umpteenth time.

The team will be serving the shop's signature Raven's Brew coffee and last year also offered homemade chai. Follow your nose during the festival to a warming cuppa.

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UPZONING APPEAL CONTINUES

By Kris Ilgenfritz

The City of Seattle is continuing with plans to roll out mandatory housing affordability (MHA) rezoning citywide, which will increase how high multi-family and commercial buildings can be. According to FCA's recent community survey, however, rezoning to increase building heights is the Number One concern of Fauntleroy residents.

The final public hearing for MHA was in early July in this part of town. Lisa Herbold was one of four City Council members there to hear public testimony from more than 50 individuals, including representatives of the Seattle Coalition for Affordability, Livability, & Equity (SCALE), which includes FCA.

Topics raised included impacts of increased density on infrastructure, steep slopes, and traffic; increased density near the Fauntleroy Ferry terminal; micro-unit construction; preservation of tree canopy; and the possibility that developers will pay fees to build affordable units elsewhere instead of in West Seattle.

Although one resident brought up the proposed redevelopment of the Joslin Building in the Endolyne triangle, Herbold and fellow councilmember Rob Johnson quickly moved away from it because of its quasi-judicial nature (the owners had already requested a "contract rezone" specific to the site).

In November 2017, SCALE appealed the MHA draft environmental impact statement (EIS). By the time you read this article, the city's hearing examiner will have completed three weeks or more of hearings on this appeal. A ruling is expected sometime in November. Any EIS amendments that might result would be put into action during the first quarter of 2019.

As was published in the June newsletter, FCA joined SCALE to work with the city to increase affordable housing through community-based planning, which would take into account the uniqueness of each neighborhood.

The one-size-fits-all approach of MHA does not do that. For example, the draft EIS does not address the impact of the ferry terminal on Fauntleroy, the Morgan Junction, Westwood Village, and the Alaska Junction.

Find public testimony and additional information on the SCALE website, www.scaleseattle.org.

ABOUT THE JOSLIN BUILDING

Last October, the owners of the Joslin Building in the Endolyne business area (9250 45th Ave. SW) confirmed their plan to redevelop the site into a five-story mixed-use structure, with retail, efficiency apartments, and no off-street parking. The owners requested a contract rezone to increase allowable height by the 10 feet added under MHA upzoning, plus an additional 10 feet.

Project documents filed with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (Project #3029937) are available at <https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/>.

As a "person of interest," FCA continues to monitor this project. No additional documents have been filed nor public meetings scheduled since the June issue of this newsletter.



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RAVINE MAINTENANCE CONTINUING

The Kilbourne ravine restoration project will continue in late fall when an EarthCorps crew will plant more beneficial natives and check plant survival. After extensive weeding of invasive species, crews began planting in 2015, adding more than 1,600 trees, shrubs, and groundcovers to date. Trainees have also broadcast seeds, including pollinator and wetland species.

The six-year, grant-funded project along the middle reach of Fautleroy Creek will end in December 2019 but maintaining the \$75,000 investment will not. Donations to the Fautleroy Watershed Stewardship Fund, now totaling \$6,875, will enable EarthCorps to return yearly to keep the pressure on invasives and replace plants that don't make it. Read about the fund at www.fautleroywatershed.org.



Tessa Yoder, an EarthCorps trainee from Indiana, checks plant species during a late-spring workday in the Kilbourne ravine. Photo courtesy Lindsey Falkenburg, EarthCorps

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WHAT ARE RULES FOR PARKING BIKES IN NEIGHBORHOODS?

By Alexis Zolner

Seattle's dockless bike-share program has been active since July 2017 in the Fautleroy neighborhood and could be more so with the City Council's recent decision to double the number of bikes starting in the fall.

Here as elsewhere, the talk of the town hasn't been about how these bikes are being used; it's been about where they are being parked.

A city study of shared-bike parking during the first six months of the pilot project found that for a couple of reasons, only 35 percent of bike users followed the rules for parking in the residential neighborhood surveyed.

So what are the rules?

The city encourages bike parking in the "landscaping/furniture" zone between the street and sidewalk (what I grew up calling the "parking strip"), as long as this space is more than three feet wide. However, according to Joel Miller, bike-share program manager for the Seattle Department of Transportation, the bike must be parked on a hard surface, not on grass or dirt.

Problem #1: Many parking strips in Fautleroy are exactly that - grass or dirt.

Where the parking strip is not a hard surface, a bike may be parked on a sidewalk IF 6 feet are left clear for pedestrians to pass.

Problem #2: Many housing developments went in years ago without sidewalks and, where sidewalks were built, they're just 6 feet wide (or less). The combination of no or narrow sidewalks makes lack of hard surfaces the highest hurdle for following the parking rules when users leave these bikes in single-family zones.

So where else could a shared bike be parked? According to the city, not on a corner, curb ramp, or driveway, nor where they block access to buildings, benches, parking pay stations, bus stops, hydrants, etc.

For the 2018-19 permit year, a portion of permit fees for the city's four bike-share vendors will fund a designated parking area program. Through this program, the city will specify key spots around town for parking the bikes. Vendors will direct bike customers to these locations and also stage bikes there while they await customers.

So what should you do if you see a parked bike encroaching on the sidewalk or perched on a grassy strip?

If it's a LimeBike, call 1-888-LIME-345 to request that the bike be picked up. To phone other vendors who may join the program, go to www.seattle.gov/transportation and search for bike share.

City rules say pick-up should occur within 2 hours of notification on weekdays and 10 hours on evenings, weekends, and holidays

According to Miller, the city is working toward a centralized reporting system for all vendors. Contact him at joel.miller@seattle.gov if pick-up takes longer or you have other concerns.

RESIDENT SURVEY

BUILDING HEIGHT, DENSITY TOP CONCERNS IN NEIGHBORHOOD

By Bill Wellington

Every two years, FCA conducts a community survey and 447 residents responded to the 2018 edition. The top-line finding: Concern is strongest around building height and other density- and development-related issues, followed by parking and transportation/traffic.

Crime and public safety came in third, environmental stewardship fourth, and community events fifth.

Following is a summary of quantifiable responses. We're still combing through the many comments and will summarize those online.

Here is what the survey found about current issues and concerns:

Building height in Fauntleroy's business triangle (the intersection of SW Wildwood Pl., SW Brace Point Dr., and 45th Ave. SW):

- 66% of respondents felt that height should remain at the current 30'.
- 24% were in favor of increasing height to 40'.
- 4% felt that 50' was appropriate.
- 3% were in favor of allowing heights greater than 50'.

Parking for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and detached ADUs:

- 82% of respondents were in favor of requiring off-street parking for such units.
- 16% were in favor of not requiring it.

Parking near frequent transit

- 62% of respondents felt that off-street parking should be required for all the units in a building, despite its proximity to frequent transit service.
- 29% felt it should be required for half the units.
- 7% felt that off-street parking need not be required for any of the units.

On a scale of 1 to 5, community members ranked the following topics as most important, giving them a 4 or a 5:

Housing/parking

1. Parking and traffic-related issues (88%)
2. Building height allowances (77%)
3. Housing affordability (52%)

Crime/public safety

1. Burglaries and car prowls (87%)
2. Crime prevention, including block watches (76%)
3. Assault or crimes against persons (72%)
4. Emergency preparedness (63%)
5. Speeding (52%)
6. Motor vehicle noise (43%)

Environmental investments

1. Continuing stewardship of Fauntleroy Creek and Fauntleroy Park (84%)
2. Continuing support of Friends of Lincoln Park (81%)
3. Continuing maintenance of Cove Park (70%)
4. Continuing maintenance of planter boxes in the Triangle (56%)
5. Addressing dogs and leash laws in our parks (56%)

Traffic/transportation

1. Ferry-related issues (76%)
2. Visibility issues at intersections (75%)
3. Street parking (74%)
4. Bus-related issues (68%)
5. Bicycle-related issues (43%)

FCA-sponsored/co-sponsored events

1. Fauntleroy Fall Festival (60%)
2. Fauntleroy Food Fest (51%)

Lastly, when asked how people would like to receive *Neighbors*, 48% chose online and 37% chose US mail.

Full results of the survey, including a summary of all the comments, will be posted in September at www.fauntleroy.net/survey. If you have questions or concerns about any of the results, please come to discuss them at FCA's monthly business meeting on Sept. 11 at 7 pm in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.



UKE PLUNKERS UNITE!

Have you ever enjoyed listening to a ukulele band and thought, "I'd like to do that"? Well, you can, right here in Fauntleroy. All you need is a little time and one of those cute instruments!

The Duey Auringer Memorial Ukulele Band rehearses at Fauntleroy Church every other **Thursday at 6:30 pm**. Named for a fun-loving guy who took up the uke late in life, the band is open to all ages and experience levels, and participation is free.

The first rehearsal this fall with director Bronwyn Edwards will be **Sept. 13** in the sanctuary. Visit www.bronsongs.com/ukulele.html for details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AIM TO BRIGHTEN BEGINNING OF RAINY SEASON

FOR THE BIRDS: Bird lovers of all ages and knowledge levels are invited to join Audubon volunteers for the monthly bird survey in Lincoln Park on second Sundays (**Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11**), starting at **8 am** at the kiosk in the north parking lot. Details/enrollment at 360-317-4646 or kerstimuul@rocketmail.com.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS: The FCA Board invites residents to its monthly business meeting **on second Tuesdays (Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13)** at **7 pm** in the boardroom at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. Contact FCA President Mike Dey about the agenda at msdey50@aol.com or 206-661-0673.

FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL: Residents wanting to steward natural areas are welcome **Thursday, Sept. 13, and Nov. 8 at 7 pm** at Fauntleroy Church. Contact judy_pickens@msn.com or 206-938-4203.

24TH ANNUAL 2ND TIME SALE: Come to browse this popular community sale and leave with a treasure **Sept. 15-16** at Fauntleroy Church. Bargain pricing on almost anything you might need or want, all clean, culled, and organized. **Saturday 9 am - 4 pm; Sunday 11:30 am - 2 pm.** Bake sale, too. Cash or check only.



FERRY LONG-RANGE PLAN: Washington State Ferries will hear public comments on its draft long-range plan at an open house on **Monday, Sept. 17, 5 to 7 pm** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. In lieu of being there, submit comments online Sept. 10 - Oct. 25 at <https://wsflongrangeplan.com/>.

LINCOLN LOVERS: Show your love of the park's urban forest by joining **Friends of Lincoln Park** for work parties on the **first Saturdays (Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1)** and/or **third Sundays (Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18)** of the month. Muster at the kiosk in the north parking lot at **9 am** with sturdy shoes, long pants, work gloves, and water. Contact Sharon Baker at 206-464-1068 or sabaker41@gmail.com.



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

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Sept. 23, 9 am - 3 pm in the church parking lot. See the long list of what to bring and the short list of what not to at www.fauntleroyucc.org/events/ or on the *West Seattle Blog*. Free; donation optional.

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL: Don't miss this annual fun-for-all community party on **Sunday, Oct. 21, 2 - 5 pm** in the church/YMCA/schoolhouse triangle. Free activities for everyone, plus food vendors. Come rain or shine.



SALMON DRUMMING: The Fauntleroy Watershed Council's annual drumming to call in coho spawners to Fauntleroy Creek will be **Sunday, Oct. 28, 5 pm** at the fish-ladder viewpoint (upper Fauntleroy Way SW and SW Director). Bring whatever

you consider a drum for drumming, singing, and free fun for all-ages.

FAUNTLEROY FINE ART & HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW: A wide variety of area artists and creative crafters will show, sell, and discuss their work during this 11th annual event **Nov. 9 - 11** hosted by Fauntleroy Church in Fellowship Hall. **Friday 5 - 8 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 11 am - 2 pm.** Watch www.fauntleroyucc.org or the *West Seattle Blog* for details.

SWEET, SWEET MUSIC: The fall edition of this popular music series will be **Friday, Nov. 16, at 7:30**



pm in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church featuring Trillium Soul (Sarah Ackers, Betsy Boyer, and Bronwyn Edwards). Admission at the door includes dessert and beverage.



GIVING THROUGH DONATING: On **Sunday, Dec. 2,** Fauntleroy Church will host the third-annual **West Seattle Alternative Giving Fair 11 am - 3 pm** in Fellowship Hall. A wide variety of projects and nonprofits will be on hand to explain their work and accept donations that you can give loved ones, coaches, hairdressers, and others for Christmas, Hanukkah, or other special days. Watch for details the *West Seattle Blog* or at www.fauntleroyucc.org



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RESOLVING GROWTH ISSUES REQUIRES CIVIL DISCOURSE

By FCA President Mike Dey

As summer begins to wind down and the sun sets farther to the south, I have been enjoying the consistent light and warmth of the season - truly Seattle at its best.

Despite the traffic (I try not to leave West Seattle before 10 am and return before 3 pm), driving to areas of the city where I haven't been in years has been a treat. And, my, how this city has grown!

Returning to West Seattle, I feel relief from the crowds and congestion that characterize "the city." Ahhh, home.

As I contemplate future growth, I wonder what living in the Emerald City will be like - and how emerald this place will still be. Many new residents will not know what it was like it will just be home, and many of us veteran residents will be gone and we won't miss what we have today.

So the cycle of growth goes. People who really don't like the growth will move to where the population and cost of living are less. Others will enjoy being in a big city.

I, too, enjoy a big city and have visited Manhattan many times. But as they say, "It's a fun place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there."

Growth in Seattle is tough to manage. On the one hand, it is good for the local economy, but on the other hand, the struggle to keep it affordable is daunting. To find a balance between a way of life and a quality of life is no easy task.

Our city officials have this task as their job and it's one I don't envy. In their own ways, they are doing what they

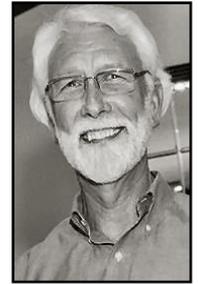
believe is best for the city and us residents. Our job is to keep them aware of what we want, what is important to us, and what we see as the right balance between growth and quality of life.

Sometimes these perspectives align and sometimes they don't. When they don't, one gets sacrificed for the other. But in all cases the ensuing discourse should be civil. We have lost that on the federal level but we need to do all we can to keep negative behavior there from trickling down to pervade local issues.

I was recently at a City Council meeting to hear more about the proposed Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) policy. I do not agree with MHA as it is proposed, in part because demolishing less-expensive homes in order to build more expensive multi-family apartments and condos is gentrifying Seattle.

One of the people objecting to MHA ruined the tenor of the meeting by insulting everyone with his accusatory rhetoric, to the point of drawing a parallel with Nazism. As a consequence of his taking up time to spew offensive speech, a woman who had something important to say about her own displacement was cut short.

I do hope that, whether at public meetings or in emails to city officials, we can maintain sanctuaries of civility, even in the fast pace of everyday life now in Seattle.



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