

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Since its inception 34 years ago, the Fauntleroy Community Association has been bringing people together, standing up for the neighborhood, and enhancing the quality of life in Fauntleroy. To do so, we count on governmental agencies to provide information and assistance or to actively partner with us to get things done. This report highlights the city, county, state, and special agencies with which we interacted during 2014 to make it another productive year for this special place in West Seattle.



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY: The FCA Board started working more closely with the *Seattle Police Department* (SPD) to better understand public-safety concerns in the community and work together to resolve them. A representative from the South Precinct began

attending the board's monthly business meetings to hear from residents and provide information about current activities as SPD works to strengthen public-safety in the neighborhood.

TRAFFIC: In a continued response to traffic concerns voiced by residents in FCA's 2012 community survey, the FCA Board hosted a Nov. 6 community meeting to bring residents together with relevant city departments. the *Seattle Department of Transportation, SPD, Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen*, and the *mayor's office* were represented. Specific concerns raised by some of the three dozen people in attendance led to a walkaround with officials in early 2015, which resulted in the go-ahead for improvements at all locations.

HABITAT RESTORATION: In August, boots were finally on the ground to begin restoration of Kilbourne ravine in the heart of Fauntleroy. After two years of planning and permitting, the Fauntleroy Watershed Council welcomed crews from EarthCorps, an international conservation training program, to eradicate invasive plants in two-thirds of



FCA President Mike Dey directs questions at the community meeting on traffic concerns. Photo courtesy West Seattle Blog

the ravine and restore natural habitat with native species. **Seattle Parks and Recreation** is doing like work in Kilbourne Park, which makes up the remaining third. **Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen** assisted in securing the final permit so that work on the six-year project could get under way. The **King Conservation District** is the project's prime funder and FCA is the fiscal agent.

SCHOOLHOUSE: For many years, FCA's monthly business meetings have been in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center and for at least as many years, the board has recognized how central the schoolhouse is to Fauntleroy. In 2014, the board was especially attuned to the Fauntleroy Community Service Agency's decision to split into two governing bodies, one for the building (which the agency owns) and one for the Fauntleroy Children's Center (the oldest and largest tenant). FCA spread the word about how community residents might help fund building upgrades and has begun to publicize events associated with the building's centennial, in 2017.

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Phil Sweetland installs the project sign for the Kilbourne ravine. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

COVE PARK: FCA has long been involved with Cove Park, from its inception to its ongoing maintenance. As **King County** approached completion of its expanded and upgraded wastewater pump station adjacent to the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal, community volunteers ramped up plans for reopening the park (set for June). The site will restore public access to the beach for walkers and boaters with hand-carried craft and be replete with more art by Tom Jay.

COMMUNICATION

PRINT: Editor Judy Pickens produced FCA's quarterly *Neighbors* newsletter in March, June, September, and December. The mix of articles included a new occasional column, "Going Grey in Fauntleroy," and coverage of infrastructure and environmental projects that will impact the neighborhood for many years to come. Judy also produced FCA's 2013 *Annual Report* and kept FCA's "Upcoming Events" table tents at The Original Bakery up to date.

NEIGHBORS
FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



ELECTRONIC: Irene Stewart continued as FCA's webmaster and oversaw our presence on social media.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Nothing cultivates community like getting together, and FCA was instrumental in four major events in 2014.

On March 18, about 200 area residents of all ages reconnected with neighbors at FCA's annual **Fauntleroy Food Fest and Annual Membership Meeting**. Eight local eateries provided food samples and several area agencies and programs hosted information tables.



Jane Gibson, librarian at Seattle Public Library's Southwest Branch, helps book lovers at the annual Fauntleroy Food Fest and Annual Membership Meeting. Photo courtesy Gail Ann Photography

Hungry residents came together on May 6 for the annual **dine out at Endolyne Joe's** restaurant to raise \$1,872 for the annual **Fauntleroy Fall Festival**, co-sponsored by FCA. Perfect weather on Oct. 19 attracted more than 2,000 children, teens, and adults to the "triangle" (Fauntleroy Church, YMCA, and Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center) for an afternoon of fun.

To balance the year with another major community gathering, FCA got behind the first annual **Swing Into Summer dance** on June 13 at The Hall at Fauntleroy. More than 200 people came to dance to live music by the West Seattle Big Band or simply listen and watch the action. FCA will co-sponsor the dance again on June 19.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: In response to interest expressed in FCA's 2012 community survey, the FCA Board allied with Synergy Home Care to establish a "lending library" for durable medical equipment, which opened in the spring. Area residents may borrow equipment for free and may also donate equipment they no longer need. The Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center (where Synergy is a tenant) provides storage space for this enhancement.

COMMUNITY SURVEY: The board began work on the 2015 edition of FCA's online community survey to learn about current neighborhood concerns and ideas. Findings are expected to guide board decisions and activities into 2017.

NEWCOMERS: Welcome-bag coordinator Susan Lantz-Dey assembled and saw to delivery of about 25 bags to new neighbors. Chockfull of brochures, gift certificates, and a homemade treat, these bags let new residents know that Fauntleroy is an alive and involved community.

ON OUR RADAR

The FCA Board's radar is never clear of issues, concerns, or opportunities. During 2014, we kept an eye on several, some of which may move to our front burner in 2015:

- the future of **Seattle City Light's** surplus substation in Fauntleroy.
- the introduction by **Washington State Ferries** of larger boats on the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth route and how their increased capacity may impact local traffic.
- methods for reducing early-morning motorcycle noise from ferry commuters.
- the possibility of a cell tower at 45th Ave. SW and SW Rose St.
- area-wide transportation issues.
- the introduction of micro-housing in West Seattle, especially how the lack of parking for these small units will impact neighborhoods.
- issues that come before the Southwest District Council, the deliberative body between neighborhood associations such as FCA and city government.

LEADERSHIP

MEETINGS: The FCA Board hosted business meetings on the second Tuesday evening of every month (except July, August, and December) in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: David Haggerty stepped down in March as president and Mike Dey became president. David continued on the board as vice president. Carolyn Duncan resigned from the board, as did Vlad Oustimovitch, one of the board's longest-serving members. Debbie Kerns joined the board and Shannon Ninburg joined as secretary of record. Long-serving board members Kathleen Dellplain

THANK YOU!

Thanks to these many FCA supporters for helping make 2014 such a successful year:

Business/Institution Partners

Amie Edmondson, Prospect Mortgage ▪ Bruce Butterfield, Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate ▪ Dance! West Seattle ▪ Devir Americas, LLC ▪ Endolyne Joe's Restaurant ▪ Fauntleroy Children's Center ▪ Fauntleroy Church, United Church of Christ ▪ Fauntleroy Community Service Agency ▪ Fauntleroy Massage ▪ Janet Keen, Mental Health Counselor ▪ Pilates At Fauntleroy ▪ Salon Fauntleroy ▪ Sheppard Bookkeeping Services ▪ Stuffed Cakes ▪ Synergy Home Care ▪ The Kenney Retirement Community ▪ Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering ▪ West Seattle & Fauntleroy YMCA ▪ *West Seattle Blog*

Fauntleroy Food Fest Vendors

Bird on a Wire Cafe ▪ Endolyne Joe's Restaurant ▪ Giannoni's Pizzeria ▪ Stuffed Cakes ▪ Guadalajara Restaurant ▪ The Kenney Catering, The Original Bakery ▪ Tuxedos and Tennis Catering

Other Contributors

Patrick Sand and Tracy Record at the *West Seattle Blog* for coverage of FCA business meetings and events. Gail Ann Wodzin, owner of Gail Ann Photography, for photos of FCA's Fauntleroy Food Fest and Annual Membership Meeting.

(secretary) and Phil Sweetland (treasurer) resigned but continue to serve until replaced. The board hosted a gathering in March to thank key volunteers and orient residents who might be candidates for board service.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS: We has 267 members as of Dec. 31.

FINANCES: FCA opened 2014 with \$14,210.86 in the bank. After income of \$5,570.00 and expenditures of \$4,068.39 (including a \$500 donation to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival), we closed the year with a balance of \$15,712.47.

The Business Support Fund generated by paid advertising opened with \$2,743.66. After income during the year of \$1,550 and expenditures of \$879.63, the closing balance in this account was \$3,414.03. Expenditures were \$379.63 for crossing flags and \$500.00 for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

FCA was fiscal agent for four community projects (with closing balances): Fauntleroy Fall Festival (\$1,404.34), Cove Park (\$1,955.47), Fauntleroy Watershed Council (\$1,446.40), and Fauntleroy documentary (\$41.50).

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| Community member..... | \$25 |
| Friend..... | \$50 |
| Supporter..... | \$100 |

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