

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Zoning-related proposals that were on simmer in 2017 came to a boil this year. Seasoned with a heaping tablespoon of one-size-fits-all, they are sure to leave a lasting taste in every Seattle neighborhood, including Fauntleroy. This report highlights our collective response and much more during our 38th year of bringing people together, enhancing quality of life, and standing up for this unique neighborhood in West Seattle.



## ADVOCACY

**PARKING AND REZONING:** Resident concerns about parking and rezoning that were identified in FCA's 2017 community survey were key to our responses this year to proposed redevelopment in the neighborhood and to proposed zoning changes affecting residential and commercial properties.

In fall 2017, owners of the two-story Joslin building (currently zoned as three stories) in the Endolyne business area proposed replacing it with a five-story, mixed-use building with no on-site parking. Their plan would eliminate the on-site parking currently there and possibly remove some adjacent street parking.

The City Council proposed ordinances that would increase height limits on commercial properties, including in our business area, and rezone single-family parcels citywide to allow up to three dwelling units on each. None of these proposals requires on-site parking. In response, the FCA Board

- appointed a subcommittee to **monitor the Joslin redevelopment**, paying particular attention to when Board and/or public action would be timely.
- allied with the Seattle Coalition for Affordability, Livability, and Equity (SCALE) representing 29 neighborhoods in an **appeal of the environmental impact statement regarding zoning changes**. SCALE argued, unsuccessfully, that each neighborhood is unique and should have its own plan for increasing density.
- wrote to City Council members advocating they keep zoning that allows backyard cottages with on-site parking and owner occupancy, not upzone to three units per parcel without those requirements.
- initiated a **parking survey** of Endolyne businesses to understand customer preferences and the potential impact if development were to increase competition for on-street parking.
- worked with City Councilwoman Lisa Herbold to add Fauntleroy to **parking rules** for neighborhoods impacted by public attractions, requiring that new development within 1,320 feet of the ferry terminal have one on-site parking space per unit or one space for every two small accessory units. The mayor signed the rules in April.

**MORE ADVOCACY:** With support from FCA, the 2019 city budget provides more funding for inspectors to **monitor vacant buildings** so that they don't become a safety hazard or nuisance.

FCA's continuing attempt to improve **pedestrian safety** with a push-button crossing signal at Fauntleroy Way SW and SW Rose led to a Seattle Department of Transportation determination that the location did not meet its threshold for a light, based on pedestrian use.

Gary Dawson continued to represent Fauntleroy after the ferry system extended the timeline for its Triangle Task Force to suggest service improvements on the **Vashon/Southworth/Fauntleroy route**. Changes to improve loading efficiency here during the afternoon commute went into effect in the fall.

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

**INPUT:** FCA's biennial survey of residents elicited 447 responses. The three topics of greatest interest were building height and other density development-related concerns, parking/traffic, and crime/public safety. Many residents also responded with offers to volunteer.

A representative of the **Southwest Precinct** attended most FCA business meetings to brief the board on area crime and hear about specific concerns.



Tessa Yoder, an EarthCorps trainee from Indiana, worked on habitat improvement in the Kilbourne ravine. Photo courtesy EarthCorps

**ENVIRONMENT:** During the 5th year of the \$72,000, six-year project to restore native habitat in the **Kilbourne ravine**, EarthCorps trainees removed more invasive vegetation and maintained survival rings to discourage ivy from climbing the trees. They also assessed how best to spend the last year of grant funding.

A dearth of grant funding for Seattle's urban creeks led the Fauntleroy Watershed Council to collaborate with EarthCorps to launch the **Fauntleroy Watershed Stewardship Fund** in March. It accepts charitable donations toward maintaining restored areas and doing other



At the March 20 Food Fest and FCA Annual Membership Meeting, Judy Pickens promoted the new Fauntleroy Watershed Stewardship Fund. Photo courtesy West Seattle Blog

stewardship work. By year's end, the fund has grown to nearly \$10,000.

**Forest stewards** Peggy Cummings and Steve Hodson volunteered nearly 400 hours to maintain and enhance habitat in Fauntleroy Park and do public outreach. They also worked with Seattle Parks to improve pedestrian safety on boardwalks in the park.

**MORE IMPROVEMENTS:** In the spring, the Endolyne business area brightened with **planter boxes** overflowing with tulips and colorful foliage. FCA added nine to supplement those provided by the Seattle Department of Transportation as part of traffic and parking changes there. Volunteers kept the plants healthy all year.

FCA continued to improve safety for residents and visitors by installing bright orange **crossing flags** at eight additional intersections.

## COMMUNICATION

Bill Wellington was responsible for maintaining and improving FCA's website, listserv, social media presence, and our *Fauntleroy Flash* email alerts. Among his activities was moving the *Flash* to MailChimp to increase our ability to tailor electronic mailings to specific segments of the community.

Judy Pickens edited FCA's quarterly *Neighbors* newsletter and our annual report. She also kept FCA's "Upcoming Events" table tents at The Original Bakery up to date.

# CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

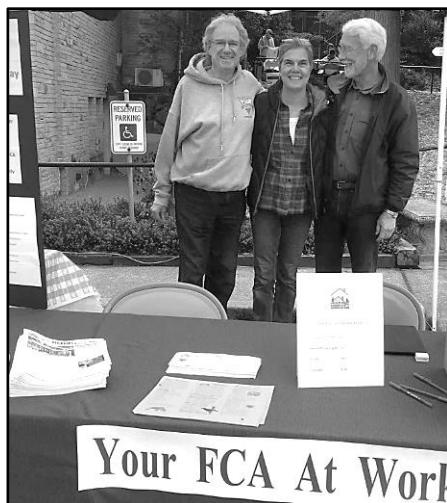
**EVENTS:** FCA's cultivation of community focused this year on three all-ages events:

- On March 20, the Hall @ Fauntleroy hosted the 12th annual **Fauntleroy Food Fest and FCA Annual Membership Meeting.** Local eateries provided food and beverage samples and information tables provided details about area programs and projects.



Wildwood Market owner Lonjina Verdugo dished samples for the 160 people attending this year's Food Fest and FCA Annual Membership Meeting. Photo courtesy West Seattle Blog

- Area residents were hungry again to **dine out** at Endolyne Joe's on April 24 in support of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Joe's percent of sales was \$1,554.31 and raffle items brought in another \$1,625. The 16th annual **Fauntleroy Fall Festival** brought an estimated 2,000 people out on Oct. 21 to connect over free fun and tasty food. In addition to dine out and individual donations, funding came from FCA, the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, John L. Scott Reality, Fauntleroy Church, and Little Pilgrim School.



FCA officials Bruce Butterfield, Kris Ilgenfritz, and Mike Dey talked with scores of people at FCA's booth during the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Photo courtesy Irene Stewart

In addition to three events FCA sponsored or co-sponsored, volunteers with the Fauntleroy Watershed Council hosted 662 students and 232 adults for spring **Salmon in the Schools releases** in Fauntleroy Park, including at least 100 children from this neighborhood. They also welcomed 340 students and other visitors to the lower creek during fall spawning season and enabled research projects for another 50 students.



A successful rearing season for Salmon in the Schools meant that many coho fry reared by volunteer Jack Lawless as back-up for schools were available for a community release on June 9. Photo courtesy Phil Sweetland

**WELCOME:** Newcomers to the neighborhood qualified for FCA's **welcome bag** full of information and enticements to try area businesses. Board member Susan Lantz-Dey saw to delivery of 15 this year.

## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

**MEMBERS:** As of Dec. 31, our paid membership stood at 193 households, 10 businesses, 4 organizations, and 18 government offices.

**FINANCES:** Funding support for FCA in 2018 totaled \$5,735 - \$4,210 from household renewals, \$1,075 from new memberships, and \$450 from business support.

Expenditures of \$9,959 included \$2,000 for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival; \$1,200 for the SCALE appeal; \$1,027 for printing and \$403 for mailing the newsletter; \$1,331 for planter-box materials; \$388 for crossing flags; \$924 for the food fest and annual-meeting expenses; \$975 for the community survey; \$1,019 for administrative costs; and \$692 for board development. Net cash as of Dec. 31 was \$15,675.

FCA was fiscal agent for two projects, with net cash as of Dec. 31 as follows:

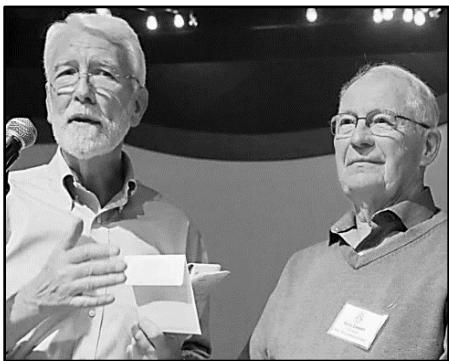
- The Fauntleroy Fall Festival received \$8,891 in donations and incurred expenses of \$9,882, closing the year with a negative balance of \$673. Not included was a \$4,000 Seattle Small Sparks grant received after the close of the year.

- The Fauntleroy Watershed Council received \$12,850 in grant funding for Kilbourne ravine restoration and closed the year with a \$0 balance.

Two other projects closed this year: Now that King County is maintaining Cove Park, \$1,136.98 in restoration funds remaining in the park account were allocated to support the business-area planter boxes. Also, Southwest Indoor Tennis requested we close its account.

**MEETINGS:** The FCA Board welcomed members to its business meeting on the second Tuesday evening of the month (except August and December) in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.

**LEADERSHIP:** The Board welcomed Nils von Veh, Catherine Bailey, and Alan Grainger and bid farewell to Gary Dawson and Shannon Ninburg. Bruce Butterfield took over from Vicki Schmitz as FCA's representative to the Southwest District Council, which interfaces between seven area neighborhoods and the city. Elliott Berkhisier



FCA President Mike Dey honored Gary Dawson's 26 years of service to the community during the Fauntleroy Food Fest. Photo courtesy West Seattle Blog

began supporting the Board as manager of FCA's membership database. Frank Immel took over from Gary as chairman of the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee; Bill Wellington and Chuck Sawyer also served on this committee.

## ON OUR RADAR

Major issues on the FCA Board's radar for 2019 include

- the Seattle City Council's **proposed upzoning** to allow taller buildings and **rezoning** to allow more dwelling units per single-family lot, either of which would significantly alter the character of Fauntleroy.
- Washington State Ferries' long-range plan to replace the **Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal**.

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