

MINUTES OF THE March 4, 2003 SQUIRE PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

Submitted by Scotia MacKay, Board Secretary

The Squire Park Community Council Board of Directors' monthly meeting convened at Providence/Swedish Hospital at 7:00 P.M., led by Bill Zosel, President of the Board. Present were Board members Rob Lee, Barb Biondo, John Jeannot, Tom Teicher, Lottie Cross, Jason Meininger, Eric Roper and Scotia MacKay. Margaret Jeffrey and Paul Pemberton also attended as members of the community.

1. Feet First--David Luvinger spoke about this Puget Sound pedestrian advocacy non-profit organization of about 200 members with an 8-person board that has been in existence since 1996. Their website is www.scn.org/feetfirst. They expect to increase their membership to 500 by the end of the year. They participate in a variety of community council boards in the region. Pedestrian amenities improve property value and safety. They have produced pedestrian maps of Ballard and the University District, and are working with the Queen Anne neighborhood through April. One possibility would be to create a pedestrian map of the Central Area, including the Central Area Trail. These could be made available on local buses. Feet First could also assist us in creating a pedestrian mall if we wished to do so. We invited David to speak at the April membership meeting.
2. Open Space Committee will report at the next meeting.
3. Board officers--Lottie Cross accepted the nomination for Vice President. Scotia will continue as Secretary, and Jason will take the minutes at the general membership meetings.
4. Planning newsletter and membership meeting April—we plan to have a guest speaker from the Police Department as well as the presentation from Feet First. Barb will draft an article on racial profiling with collaboration from Tom. Jason will write an article on the website and on Seattle U. Lottie will write an article about the African American Business Directory. Bill will write an article about the Swedish/Providence expansion. John will write an article on June Teenth. Barb will get an update on Richland's and the Coleman building. Articles are due Monday, March 10.
5. SPCC website—Jason has set it up at www.squirepark.net.
6. Community Council outreach to other organizations/groups—Bill encouraged everyone to continue visiting other organizations. Lottie announced that the African American Business Reception will be taking place on March 25 at 6:30 PM at the Esquire Club. Bill will go to Langston Hughes. Urban League is the other organization that is concerned about assisting low-income home buyers. Tom, Lottie and John will contact them.
7. Follow-up to February "special" meeting—we agreed to revisit our mission statement.
8. Swedish/Providence expansion—there was a public meeting last week with light attendance. There was a request for another meeting to address the transportation management plan. The hospital (i.e. Sabey) has offered to attend all of our board meetings this year. We need to be clear about what we want from the hospital as mitigation for the changes they are making. If we wish to affect hospital policy on non-compensated care we may need to get different representation of the hospital involved, and ensure that their time on the agenda is contained.
9. Cumulative Reserve Fund project identification—by March 28th, we need to recommend our highest priority within the neighborhood plan. There are no street funds available this year. John will host a subcommittee meeting on Friday March 14 at 6 PM.
10. Development on King County DYS site/whale fin/Harborview replacement housing—the whale fin will stay as is.
11. Seattle University alley vacations—there is a meeting on March 5 at 6 PM. They declined to build the \$450K arts incubator space we requested, but offered to build two plazas on the Jefferson and Cherry St corners of the athletic field.
12. Design Review Committee vacancies—Annie Han will represent us.
13. District Council update—topics of focus are the high increase in utility rates and neighborhood matching grants.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting is planned for 7:00 PM on April 1, 2003, at the Swedish/Providence cafeteria Casey conference room.