

Squire Park Community Council Board Meeting, February 3, 2004

Minutes

The Squire Park C.C. Board convened in the Logan Room at Providence/Swedish Medical Center on February 3, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Present were: Ron Boddie, Lottie Cross, John Jeannot, Margaret Jeffrey, Rob Lee, Susan Minogue, Anthippy Petras, Julia Schumacher, Willie Woods, and Bill Zosel, board members, and community council members Mary Pat DiLeva and Tom Teicher.

Emily Samet of the Seattle Parks Foundation joined the meeting to describe the **Parks Foundation project to improve the Bailey Gatzert School campus**. The Parks Foundation will lead a community effort to replace the play equipment and possibly to redesign the campus. If the Neighborhood Matching Fund is available this year Emily will write an application for a small and simple grant to hire a landscape architect to meet with stakeholders and others to come up with a new design for the campus.

Members discussed this proposal favorably. Emily passed a sign up sheet to get names of people willing to support the project and/or volunteer time for a matching grant effort. The board indicated it would support a grant application if one is made.

Lottie Cross described her participation in a **focus group of the Weed and Seed Council**. Lottie stated that most of those present in the focus group spoke in favor of more social service programs to increase the "weed" portion of Weed and Seed.

Several board members, Lottie, John, and Bill have attended one or more meetings of the **East Precinct Crime Prevention Council**. At its last meeting the EPCPC heard a presentation from City staff and Seattle Neighborhood Group staff regarding possible ways to spend money that could be legislated by the Seattle Council for what is being called the "**East Precinct Public Safety Initiative**" (EPPSI). The EPPSI arose out of lobbying by many people inspired by those concerned about the safety of Cal Anderson Park and surrounding areas. Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata sponsored legislation to allocate approximately \$400,000 for a police bike patrol. The City Council decided that that amount would be tentatively set aside with the exact programs receiving those funds to be decided by community meetings led by the Seattle Neighborhood Group.

The "put three dots" on your favorite ideas (38 ideas were in the running) resulted in strong support for spending the money to support block watches, to fund community picnics or gatherings, to fund a bike patrol, and to hire a grant writer who would work to raise money for a more expensive solution. (At the meeting it was stated by City staff that \$400,000 would support a police bike patrol for a period of less than nine months.)

Lottie Cross was the chief organizer of the **Black Dollar Day Task Force/Buy Local Coalition** dinner attended by board members John, Tom, and Bill. The dinner was the kick-off for an ongoing effort to encourage Central Area residents to support local businesses. To publicize this there will be a walk on February 7 from Cherry/Martin Luther King to 16th/Madison. Lottie and Margaret have written a list of most of the businesses on the walk route. There'll be further events in this effort, including the Central Area walk and jazz festival this summer.

Active Seattle/Feet First have named the Central Area as one of the neighborhoods of focus in its major effort to increase walking. On February 28 Feet First will lead all interested

community members in a “purposeful walk” to identify problems and solutions to increase the safety and attractiveness of walking in a specific Squire Park location.

Board election of officers: The following were elected unanimously:

President: Ronald Boddie

Vice-President: Lottie Cross

Treasurer: Rob Lee

Secretary: Bill Zosel

Rob stated his time is extremely limited for the foreseeable future and agreed to be treasurer is that job included keeping the books and making the monthly report, but did not include collecting payments from Newsletter advertisers. We will have to identify another person to do that- no definite resolution of that issue.

It was decided to hold a **special board meeting** to orient new board members and discuss board priorities for the next year. The meeting will be on February 28 at John Jeannot’s house following the Feet First “walkabout”.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Bill Zosel (the secretary was not present at the meeting.)