

Minutes SPCC Board Meeting June 7, 2005

The SPCC board convened at 7:00 P.M. at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center on June 7 at 7:00 P.M. Present were board members Margaret Boddie, Susan Minogue, Anthippy Petras, Erik Roper, and Bill Zosel. Also present were Barb Biondo, Mike Slettern, Tom Teicher, Manuel Cawaling, and Chris Augustine. Ron Boddie, president of SPCC presided.

Chris Augustine of Sabey Corporation discussed several of the traffic calming requirements of the existing Providence Medical Center Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP) adopted in 1994. Specifically, the MIMP requires two traffic circles, one at 16th and Spruce the other at 17th and Spruce. Chris asked whether or not now, ten years later, these were still the preferred traffic calming measures, or if other similar measures might now thought to be more appropriate. Barb stated that she believes that traffic circles are not necessarily as effective as curb bulbs. Furthermore, Barb stated, the SPCC traffic committee has submitted a grant which would, among other things, pay for the hiring of a consultant who might be asked to look at issues regarding traffic calming devices and their most effective location.

Bill asked whether or not, if Sabey changed the location and nature of the traffic calming devices, an amendment to the MIMP would be required.

This prompted a more general discussion of a Citizens Advisory Committee for the Sabey/Swedish expansion. Chris stated that he "is not sure" about the need for a CAC to review the latest Master Use Permit (MUP) applications. Bill stated that SPCC would advocate that the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) not approve any outstanding or further MUP applications before a CAC review.

Chris stated that it is his understanding that the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) would send out letters recruiting new CAC members on June 8.

Anthippy suggested that SPCC board members get together with Sabey to discuss in more detail the present and future plans for development and expansion. Chris offered to meet as soon as next week.

Ron noted that the board should write a letter to DPD reminding it of the need for a CAC.

Anthippy asked about the proposed Sabey time line. Chris responded that Sabey was trying to start this summer. Sabey is trying to help DON get a CAC moving. (Upon preparing these minutes it's unclear to the note taker exactly what Sabey is trying to start this summer. No particular projects were mentioned in this context.)

Bill noted that the Providence MIMP Transportation Management Plan (TMP) has a goal that at least 50% of the staff on the campus commute to work by means other than a single-occupancy-vehicle. The TMP required Providence to provide various incentives to encourage people to leave their cars at home and to get to work by public transit, car pool, walking, or bicycling. Chris stated that he did not know what Sabey is or would be doing to meet this goal.

Susan stated that the community would not be satisfied merely with the addition of more parking spaces. There should be an effort to reduce the number of cars that come to the neighborhood. The problems will never be solved by simply building more parking.

Ron stated that the neighborhood would be better served by having more housing in the neighborhood for people who might work at the Swedish/Sabey/Providence campus.

Chris stated that the MIMP "runs its course" in 2009. Between now and 2009 there will be a need for more planning.

Anthippy urged Sabey to be more specific about its plans and to bring them to the Community Council in a more timely way.

Chris stated that he would be happy to go through Sabey's plans and the layers of priority.

Margaret asked about the limit, geographically, of possible expansion. Chris described the MIMP boundary.

Barb noted that less than two years ago in discussions with Chris Augustine and Ralph Hagle of Sabey it was stated by Sabey that the currently existing parking was more than adequate, now we are hearing about a MUP application to add two floors to the parking garage. This is a reason for suspicion. Susan noted that even as recently as three months ago when Chris came to the meeting there was not revelation that a parking garage addition was planned. Susan stated that we are concerned about the eyesore that the Providence parking garage is currently and are concerned that it will get worse.

Chris noted that Swedish is planning a health fair/grand opening of the James Tower on July 16. A booth is available for SPCC. 18th Avenue between Jefferson and Cherry will be closed for a couple of hours.

Tom offered to follow up on with an idea arising out of our discussion with Jim Diers at the last quarterly meeting and to **contact the director of the Delridge Neighborhood Development Association.** He asked who is interested in such a meeting. Ron and Bill stated they were.

There was a discussion about where to have the next quarterly meeting. Manuel Cawaling stated that Langston Hughes wants to be more of a center of neighborhood activity. He offered LHPFA as a site for the meeting. **It was decided to accept this offer and the quarterly meeting will be at LHPFA and the picnic will be on the LHPFA lawn.**

There was a discussion about a theme or guest for the quarterly meeting. Susan noted that Councilmember Nick Licata has proposed a bond measure to fund social services and more police foot patrols. This could be a good discussion. **It was decided to ask Licata to be the guest**

Erik brought up the need to make a concentrated effort to encourage more people to come to the quarterly meeting and to participate in SPCC so we will have a better capability to do the tasks we've decided need to be done.

Anthippy and Margaret suggested that a possible future topic of a quarterly meeting could be **animal control.**

Barb and Anthippy are working on the possibility of having a **City Repair presentation** or event in Seattle. (City Repair is a Portland-based community organization that works on issues best described, broadly, as “reclaiming the streets for the people.”)

There was further discussion about how to encourage more people to come to the annual potluck picnic. Manuel suggested that the event could be described/advertised as a block party. There could be music.

There was a discussion regarding the articles for the newsletter.