

## Minutes SPCC Board Meeting October 4, 2005

The SPCC board convened at 7:00 P.M. at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center on October 4. Present at the meeting were board members John Jeannot, Anthippy Petras, Willie Woods, and Bill Zosel. Also present were S.P. residents Tom Teicher, Miyako Sasakura, and Alex Zankich, and from Seattle U. Mike Sletten, and from Langston Hughes P.F.C., Manuel Cawaling, and from Sabey, Chris Augustine.

**Death of A Salesman at Langston Hughes** Manuel stated that L.H.P.F.C. would provide complimentary tickets to "Death of ..." for the first week of its run.

**Next Summer's Neighborhood Party** Manuel suggested that, if SPCC could raise \$1,000 Langston Hughes would contribute a similar amount towards producing a grand neighborhood party at L.H. next summer. This could be a greatly expanded version of the Squire Park summer potluck. There could be more publicity for the event, and entertainment at the event in addition to food. The board briefly discussed how we could take advantage of this excellent idea and generous offer.

**Sabey/Swedish campus CAC** Chris Augustine stated that Sabey and the Dept. of Neighborhoods (DON) have conducted interviews of prospective members of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Sabey/Swedish campus at Providence. Twelve (out of twenty-five) have been selected and letters will be sent by DON soon. Two of the twelve are active SPCC members. The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) staff person for the committee has not been selected. Perhaps it will be Michael Jenkins who has been the DPD staff person involved in the most recent development on the campus.

The surgery expansion may not start in October as previously planned, but may be postponed until November.

Sabey is conducting an effort to raise funds for Carol Allen, a neighborhood resident who tragically lost her home in a fire earlier this year. A 501(c)(3) corporation is being formed for this purpose.

The question of moving the 18<sup>th</sup> and Cherry house slated for demolition was raised. Chris stated that the house has been more or less gutted in preparation for abatement and that the house has asbestos siding, making saving it a problem. However, if there is serious interest in moving it, Sabey is willing to listen to proposals. (Following the meeting Alex Zankich discussed this further with Chris and the next day identified a number of possible sites to which the house might be relocated.)

**Planning for Quarterly Meeting** There was a discussion about how to encourage people to attend. No specific ideas were offered. Calling those on our list does not seem to be something that board members think is worthwhile. There was discussion that getting people to attend quarterly meetings might not be possible, or even worthwhile. Perhaps it's more important, and possible, to get people involved in other ways. For example people can be encouraged to get involved in specific projects of the Community Council such as the street reclaiming effort or the land use committee. It was discussed that some community groups have very few meetings but that participation is organized around sharing information on the group's website. Alex volunteered to meet with Jason and Bill to work on ways of "reactivating" the SPCC website and making it a more useful tool for the community.

How to structure the meeting so that the most relevant issues are covered in the limited time available? A renewed vow was made to more tightly control the agenda and to try to put time for residents to speak at a point in the meeting other than at the end. If possible, and where appropriate, guests will be scheduled near the end of the meeting.

Strategies for encouraging participation from all (which implies limiting speaking by some of the more outspoken) were discussed. No consensus on a strategy was reached, but there was a renewed commitment to working on ways of encouraging all, particularly new attendees, to speak if they wish. It was agreed that "going around the room" and seeking comments from all is a way of finding out what issues people are concerned about.

There was discussion about whether or not SPCC concentrates too much on land use issues to the exclusion of other kinds of issues. This remained an open question with no consensus. However, there was a resolve to continue to consider this question.

John stated that he would be unable to attend the meeting (and unable to bring coffee as he usually does.) It was discussed that Starbucks would provide coffee for free with two days notice, or coffee could be purchased from an independent coffee shop. No one present was in a position to arrange for coffee.

**Land Use/Housing Committee** The Committee continues to meet monthly at Gail's home. (Gail was ill tonight and not present to give an update.) It was discussed that the City is conducting a review of the Land Use Code as it relates to multifamily zones. This could give us an opportunity to address some of the issues raised on the Squire Park list serv by the residents who are concerned about incompatible infill development, particularly in Multifamily (L) zones where there are existing single-family houses. (These, for the most part, are not governed by design review.) It was suggested that the Land Use/Housing committee contact Jory Phillips of DPD in order to discuss strategy for this effort.

John stated that the committee, under Gail's guidance, is looking into implementation of design guidelines specific to the Central Area.

**Reclaiming the Streets Committee** Anthippy reported that the committee is becoming increasingly active. The committee is filing for a DON grant. Matching pledges are needed. David Engwicht, traffic calming and street reclaiming guru, is coming to Seattle later this month under the auspices of Feet First.

**Newsletter Delivery Process** It was impossible to tell from the information available at the meeting how we can have a more rational method of delivering newsletters. We'll try to assess this again in the future.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.**  
Minutes submitted by Bill Zosel, secretary