

## Minutes SPCC Board Meeting September 6, 2005

The SPCC board convened at 7:00 P.M. at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center on September 6 at 7:00 P.M. Present were board members Lottie Cross, John Jeannot, Gail Williams, Willie Woods, and Bill Zosel. Also present were S.P. residents Tom Teicher, and Barb Biondo. and from Seattle U. Michel George and Kateri Schlessman , and from Sabey, Chris Augustine.

**Sabey/Swedish campus CAC** Chris Augustine stated that since the last SPCC board meeting in August additional persons had expressed interest in membership on the Citizens Advisory Committee. He believes that approximately 18 to 23 persons have contacted Steve Sheppard of DON. Interviews of interested persons will be held by the Dept. of Neighborhoods (DON) and Sabey in the week of September 12 and September 21. Tom asked about the criteria for selection; Chris stated that he did not know the specific criteria to be used.

Chris stated that the previously approved project for the expansion of the surgery portion of the hospital is expected to break ground in October and be completed in about 14 months. Barb stated that it's important for the construction workers to pay attention to the pedestrian traffic and try to minimize adverse effects.

**Parking/Traffic/Make the Streets Attractive and Safe Committee** Barb stated that the next step for the committee is to hold a meeting with all who expressed an interest in the committee. The Deadline for applying to DON for a neighborhood matching grant is October and all SPCC board members are asked to pledge time as a match. In the successful Washington Insurance Council application we said that we would do a City Repair workshop this fall to educate neighbors about "non-traditional" methods to calm traffic. Now it appears that such a workshop may be in January or February.

**October Quarterly General Meeting** We discussed the topic for the October meeting. It was suggested that we begin the discussion regarding envisioning the future of the Central Area by looking at key physical developments. George Staggers of CADA was suggested as the "key guest". We discussed that it will be important that we make it clear that what we have in mind is a brainstorming session and not an informational session. We want, that is, to talk about ways real estate development could bring people together.

Michel suggested that whoever is invited as a guest be given a list of specific questions in advance; questions that help frame the discussion. Tom asked if providing questions in advance might be too limiting. Michel expanded: The discussion of how to create dynamic communities is one that developers and persons of that ilk have thought about. They could provide examples of ideas that work. The community could provide details about what is needed/wanted in our specific neighborhood. Tom asked whether or not the order should be reversed. That is, should community members speak first? Michel suggested that we should engage a skilled moderator who is able to spur a creative vision of the neighborhood and to spru questions about how we accomplish the vision. The moderator could be an architect or planner. Gail observed that the average person living in the neighborhood may not feel in control of the issues we are proposing to discuss and it will be important to "hook" people by showing them that they have some control. Otherwise they won't be inclined to participate. Barb stated that she agrees that a lot of people feel they can't effect change, but we know from past experience that it can be done; we might use examples of past successes.

Tom suggested that we use the October meeting as a starting point for a more expansive conversation later. John stated that the issue we are considering really requires a series of meetings; more of a continuing conversation than a one-shot attempt. The board agreed with John's point.

Michel stated that, in addition to setting forth success stories, it would be useful to recount a failure.

**Land Use Committee** Gail stated that the "single family character" name was one that people seemed to misinterpret. A new name was settled upon. The committee discussed the advisability of trying to work on design guidelines for the Central Area.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.**

Minutes submitted by Bill Zosel, secretary