

Admiral Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Notes
Tuesday, July 12, 2011

President Katy Walum called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Attendance:

- 20 were in attendance. See attendance sheet.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Secretary's report:

- June 14, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report:

- We have \$8400 at DNDA and \$10,500 total. \$8000 in expenses are coming. We netted \$1200 at the 4th of July Kids parade.

SWDC:

- There has not been a meeting since our last meeting. The next meeting will be July 20, 7 PM at Neighborhood House – 6400 Sylvan Way SW. It will be a joint meeting with Delridge Neighborhoods District Council.

Presentations:

Cindi Barker from West Seattle Be Prepared. She spoke about the Neighborhood Emergency Communication Hubs. These are gathering places with radio communication service, first aid and where people can come together to help each other without waiting for government disaster response. The group drills twice a year in West Seattle and meets with other similar groups in the region. Cindi handed out a hub site organization map and a diagram of information flow at a hub. They are applying for a grant for the hub equipment bag at Hiawatha. Additional volunteers were solicited and Kathy and Gary volunteered.

Seattle City Council Candidates for Position 3: Bruce Harrell (incumbent) and Brad Meacham. The candidates spoke of their backgrounds.

Bruce Harrell is chair of Energy, Technology and Civil Rights. He spoke of City Light replacing street lights with LED and the money savings. He also spoke of the problems balancing society with the rights of ex-offenders and the huge number of incarcerated people.

Brad Meacham lives in Columbia City and talked of the infrastructure challenges, such as lack of sidewalks. There are similar challenges all over the city. Our police department is under investigation. We need leadership. People should be able to live in Seattle and not own a car.

We then had a question and answer period.

- Paid sick leave:
 - Meacham says that this is a step in the right direction and will make Seattle a better place.
 - Harrell made some remarks clarifying Meacham's statements about utility rate increases. He also said that the police investigation is a good thing and mentioned his proposal for body cameras for the police. On the subject of paid sick leave, he thinks it is a good thing, but he wants to hear what small business owners have to say before making a blanket endorsement.
- How to insure that neighborhoods have a voice, particularly West Seattle:
 - Meacham said the key thing was for Council members to be out in the community.
 - Harrell said that the City Council are the policy leaders. The Council sets the budget for and asks the questions of city departments.
- How to re-open the Southwest Service Center:
 - Harrell said that the Mayor can find the money if he wants to. The Mayor misapplies priorities.

- Meacham said that community support will push the issue.
- Both candidates are in favor of reopening the center.
- The Deep Bore Tunnel:
 - Meacham said he is opposed to the tunnel. This plan originated in 2009 and it doesn't solve transportation problems. If the referendum passes, he'd have to make it work. Seattle is a big part of the state, the state money isn't going to be lost if the tunnel is killed.
 - Harrell supports moving forward on the tunnel. State money is coming to us for the tunnel. There is no funding for any other alternative.
- How can we improve mobility between West Seattle and the rest of the city:
 - Harrell said that West Seattle has needs. More transit is needed. There should be flexibility in funding. Transportation dollars are in silos.
 - Meacham said that geography is a challenge. We must be committed to strong neighborhoods and better mobility. We need alternatives to roads for automobiles.

Committee/Planning Reports

- Admiral Business Engagement Committee – Katy Walum
 - The letter with the link to the survey was mailed on 7/9 to 120 Admiral businesses. Katy recognized David Whiting for getting the address by walking and recording them. There will be a meeting at the Porterhouse (date and time to be determined). This meeting will review the results of the survey and discuss how businesses can collaborate. Safeway is interested in participating. Email info@admiralneighborhood.org to get information.
- Summer Concerts – Katy Walum
 - Dave Weitzel was thanked for doing a great job securing sponsors.
 - The 8/4 show will benefit West Seattle Food Bank. The 8/25 show will benefit WestSide Baby.
 - There will be face painters/balloon artists at the 8/4 and 8/25 shows.
 - The 8/11 show will be at Alki.
 - Volunteers to staff the ANA table were solicited.
 - Posters were handed out to hang.
 - There will be banners for the sides of the stage made by the teens and the kids at Hiawatha summer program. These will replace the helium balloons.

New Business/Announcements

- Concert kickoff at Mission (mezzanine) 7/21 at 7pm.
- Karl and Sylvia spoke about the Candidate Education Forum to be held 7/28 6:30 to 9pm at South Seattle Community College. There will be an ice cream social pre-event (ice cream by Husky Deli) to benefit West Seattle Food Bank serving. The candidates will serve the ice cream. Candidates for city, county, port and school board will participate in moderated debate. Free childcare and translating services will be provided. Although this forum conflicts with the first concert, Karl said that it's important to have it when the voters get their ballots.
- Night Out Against Crime is 8/2.
- Admiral Safeway Re-Opening is 8/12.
- Hiawatha Park Centennial is 9/17 11am to 5pm.
- Adopt-a-Street cleanup is scheduled for 9/17 9am meeting at Metropolitan Market. This may be rescheduled due to the Hiawatha Centennial.

Next meeting is September 13, 2011 at 7 PM. There will be no August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM