

Admiral Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

President Katy Walum called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Attendance:

- 16 were in attendance. See attendance sheet.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Secretary's report:

- July 12, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report:

- We have \$3100 total. Some of it is not at DNDA.
- Katy Walum encouraged those who haven't paid their dues to do so.

SWDC:

- Sylvia Rolle reported. There have been two meetings since our last meeting.
- July 20 was a joint meeting with Delridge Neighborhoods District Council.
- September 7 meeting: Waste Management presented their contest in which neighborhoods compete for \$50,000 by increasing percentage of waste that is recycled. Code for America presented their website which facilitates neighborhood project identification and organization. Josh Stepherson reported on the upcoming Fauntleroy Expressway Seismic Retrofit Project.

Presentations:

Representatives for the upcoming Families and Education Levy. The representatives were unable to attend.

Josh Stepherson, Stepherson Associates – Fauntleroy Expressway Seismic Retrofit Project. The area where the work is being done is the elevated portion between Delridge and Avalon/Harbor. This is being done to withstand a 500 year earthquake (not “The Big One”). This structure was built in 1963 and partially retrofitted in 1994. There will be lane restrictions and nighttime/weekend short-term closures starting in October. This road corridor is used by over 60,000 vehicle trips a day. The work will consist of steel jackets on the columns, strengthened footings and replacement of bridge bearing pads between the support columns and the support girders for the bridge deck. Work is already underway.

There were a number of questions and comments about the closures. The closures are necessary because the bridge deck is going to be lifted in order to replace the pads. The method of doing this has not been identified yet. This will have to be done 25 times and will be done between November and June. Evening closures will be between 7 PM and 5 AM. Weekend daytime closures are possible. There will be no closures in the October 21-31 period when the Alaskan Way viaduct is closed. There will be provision for emergency vehicle access to and from West Seattle during the closures.

The closure will be both the Expressway and Spokane Street. The bicycle/pedestrian path, to the north, will remain open at all times. During the closure, access to and from the west end of both high and low bridges will be Delridge Way. The detour route to get to Delridge will be Genesee Street between Avalon Way and Delridge Way. The detour from Admiral will be south to Oregon

Street, then east to Fauntleroy to Avalon rather than Admiral Way or Harbor Ave to Avalon and left turn on Genesee.

There were several unofficial requests: not to start the closure until 8 PM and not to have weekend daytime closures. Stepherson said he would forward those concerns. He also said that Metro bus reroutes haven't been determined.

Committee/Planning Reports

- Admiral Business Engagement Committee – David Whiting
 - 127 businesses were identified. 34 responded.
 - There will be a meeting to go over the survey and have a discussion of concerns of the businesses on 9/19 at The Porterhouse.
- Candidates Forum – Karl DeJong
 - 150 people attended. Karl thanked Sylvia Rolle and the Kiwanis for support and the West Seattle Blog for archiving the forum. Karl pointed out that this was the only public forum for school board candidates in the primary election.
 - \$200 was raised for West Seattle Food Bank from the ice cream social.
 - There were no incidents to report. The event was strictly nonpartisan. King County elections was there to register voters. Language translators were available. The school worked with the organizers.
 - There is interest in forums on Congressional and Legislative redistricting and general election candidates.
- Summer Concerts – Katy Walum
 - There was discussion of the future of the series since this year made it a “big deal”. The quality of this year’s performers was praised.

New Business/Announcements

- Hiawatha Park Centennial is 9/17 11am to 5pm. Katy and Karl will staff a table from 11AM to 1PM.
- Delridge Days is 9/17.
- Adopt-a-Street cleanup is scheduled for 9/24 9am meeting at Metropolitan Market.
- Sylvia announced a Candidates Forum for the general election to be held 10/26 6-9 PM at Youngstown Cultural Arts Center.
- Sylvia announced a Communication Drill 10/29 9AM to 12PM. It is unlikely that the hub at Hiawatha will be activated.
- Admiral Neighborhood Halloween is 10/31 3-6 PM. We will have a table as we did last year. We will be donating \$25. Beth Wright will be donating candy for us to hand out.
- Ann announced that the Lafayette Playground has opened.

Next meeting is October 11, 2011 at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM