

MINUTES – Queen Anne Community Council – 6 Sept 2006-09-17

7:30pm

Connie Buhl - recorder

Treasurers Report: \$581.51

\* Fire Station 20 – Valerie Pagenelli & Ross Button. Spoke about defeat of Fire Station 20 expansion. Read letter to QACC thanking for the support of “Friend of Firestation 20”. Will keep us informed about what is next. They plan on staying involved in levy oversight committee.

\* Parks Levy & Queen Anne Blvd: David Goldberg from Seattle Parks Dept spoke about what is planned for the “Queen Anne Boulevard Improvement Project”. (Pro-parks project, levy in 2000, \$198.2M). QA Blvd has \$500K budget. Mr. Goldberg noted that Parks owns fee-simple from lot to lot of the Boulevard and has an agreement with Seattle Transportation that SeaTran maintain the actual street(s).. Focus on proposal is to put a sidewalk on W. McGraw Pl. between 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave W. Safe pedestrian access is primary objective. Also want to put a sidewalk on one side of Bigelow where there is none. Cost will be the determination for which side of Bigelow. Preliminary evaluation indicates it will be on the west side. Public meeting is scheduled for 9/19/2006 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Queen Anne Community Center. Followed by 3 more public meetings. QACC wants Parks to focus on McGraw Place – make it special – more of a park like atmosphere, develop the triangle; art, seating. McGraw is a priority because it is an arterial.

\* QACC Elections (Kirk Robbins)– 9/20/2006. Starts at 7pm. Anyone can vote who lives/works/owns house on QA. 11 positions filled. Top 11 vote getters win. 9 of the 11 current are running again, plus 4 others as of 9/6.

\* Deadly car crash on QA – Intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave W and W. Blaine had a fatal car accident. An attendee ‘Tom’ at the meeting lives at the intersection and spoke. He said that along w/ this accident, there are many others that may go unreported. 2<sup>nd</sup> deadly accident at that intersection. SDOT will be doing a study.

\* Parks Committee –

- Said that 2 off leash areas are proposed for Queen Anne. The Parks Board will be having a public meeting on 10/12/06 to talk about the recommendations (lower Kinnear Park and \_\_\_\_\_). Kinnear Park is landmark park so off leash must be approved by Landmarks Board.

- Many trees have been removed from Kerry Park and Betty Bowen.

- Smith Cove – land swap. Larry Phillips involved. Wants to stop a potential idea of lower Smith Cove and West Yard land swap. Swap Smith Cove for 200’ of shoreline of West Yark. Put an athletic field up near NE corner of North Bay.

\* LURC – August meeting had a presentation by the owner of the Uptown QFC property. The owner would like a contract re-zone of the site as QFC, his tenant, is moving and

unless he can redevelop the property to higher zoning, his likely new tenant would be an office supply store or other box-type store. He wants to develop the site into mixed-use. Want to increase height by 20'. Generally speaking, the committee supports the contract re-zone to mixed use.