

**Jackson Place Community Council
Quarterly Meeting
September 17th, 2007, 7:00p-9:00p
Jackson Place Cohousing Dining Room**

Agenda

1. Intros
2. State Legislators – Eric Pettigrew, Adam Kline
3. Traffic
4. Land Use
5. Round Table

Meeting starts at 7:09

Intros

Steve opened meeting with the agenda and a request to go around the room for introductions and brief reason for coming to the meeting.

State Legislators

Senator Kline spoke about the DSCLN. Major components of the coalition includes neighborhoods, small business, and labor organizations. Talks about the all-for-one agenda. Explains where we are in the process.

Q: Crime legislation that might be coming up?

A: Head on collision coming up b/w civil liberties and gang legislation. AG has convened a task force to address gang violence and may be close to pushing legislation based on a California model, that would go after gangs in civil court. "Significant efforts to go after gangs ... SPD is doing a bang-up job without violating rights."

Representative Pettigrew gave some of his history. Mindful of: Doesn't want to hop on I-5 to go to work; go to a good restaurant in the neighborhood; family is safe; neighbors communicate toward the same goal. Taken this philosophy to the legislature. Trying to bring neighborhood concerns to legislation. Likes to get money for his District. #1 in the state.

Biggest themes: Grandmothers that are raising grandchildren. Housing. Really values the history of our District. Is protective. Has one of the richest districts and one of the poorest. The most number of restaurants and non-profits. The biggest issue right now is around housing. Elderly. People who need to move from their single family home and need supported housing. Trying to create a variety and broad base of housing. Give people a choice. Increase the housing trust fund. Starting to see a theme about neighborhood crime. There isn't a pot of money at the state level to help neighborhoods fight crime. Meeting with the city lobbyist tomorrow in an attempt to get the mayor to

help with financing for crime and other stuff. Jackson Place is number one neighborhood for being under stress. Saying that to offer any support that he can give, with the caveat that there is going to be push and pull.

Tom Im, from the Inter-Im Community Development Association (tomim@interimicda.org) says that the city is looking at upzoning to double the number of housing and jobs.

Kline said that there is a bill in the senate that would allow cities to slow down condo conversions. Quota. Kline says that Seattle would do that.

Jutta: What is the most effective way to reach the city council?

Adam: Any form is good, just don't use the computer generated forms. They don't carry weight. Handwritten letters and emails are respected.

Eric: Bunches of things can create a buzz.

Daniela: How do we create political will to get better planning for, for example, Jackson Street.

Deborah: Why are we allowing such bad, market only, development in this great city?

Adam: There is a housing trust fund at the state level, usually a small percentage (often the last bit that tips the project to viability).

Eric: Things are about presentation. Come with ideas. Suggests the green building movement might be hot. Pilot programs.

Wendy: We don't live in a vacuum. The development in our neighborhood will have an impact on other neighborhoods. More traffic on Rainier, harder to get on and off I-5.

Adam: Neighborhoods, if speaking together, could be heard. Agress that the Dearborn Street project will affect other neighborhoods.

Jennifer: Will ex-offender housing be placed in the Central Area.

Eric: Money was provided, not sure what current status. Let these people know that you want to be in the loop:

- Community and Economic Development
- DOC
- DSHS
- Dept of Juvenile Corrections

Ben: Lots of financial incentives for green building.

Rene: Make hard copy agenda items, and get on the city council agenda frequently. Consistent hammering.

Land Use

(by Bill Bradburd) Dearborn Coalition post cards of support were filled out and collected. We will also have a letter-writing campaign soon and possibly a potluck meeting to talk about the Goodwill project.

Traffic

(by John Schroeder) The Jackson Place Traffic plan is now finalized after meetings with Seattle DOT. The plan can be seen at www.jacksonplace.org. We have closed out the city grant we had, within budget and timeframe. What's next: We have applied for the Neighborhood Street Fund, "Bridging the gap," a \$365 million pot of money, 4.5 million of which will go to neighborhoods. Johnny is on the Large Project team for this grant. Forms were given out to fill out and show preference for the different projects applying for funds. There are two meetings left: 9/18 on Queen Anne and 9/19 in West Seattle. We think our project will score high and hopefully we'll be awarded the \$1 million+ we're asking for.

Round Table

Yesler Terrace: Information was presented about this upcoming HOPE VI redevelopment which will include subsidized housing side by side with market rate housing. It was said this would be a higher priced development than Holly Park or Rainier Vista because of the site's proximity to downtown and the views.

Condo conversion from apartments: Concern was expressed about this occurring in our area. It was said conversions are cheaper to do than new construction. Adam Kline gave his phone number if neighbors want to contact him: 206-625-0800

Wonder Bread project: It's moving along with Legacy as the developer. The Wonder Bread sign will be restored and go back up on the roof of the new structure and will be lit up. Legacy looked at the community input and is building retail and live-work spaces, with a restaurant in the main space.

Street Trees. We got 5 this year, for 18th and 20th Avenues South. The ash trees on 20th are very brittle and are on narrow planting strips. There is concern about them and we may want to replace them with other trees in the future. Gai's Bakery trucks routinely run over the trees on 20th.

Casa Latina: They are struggling to pull things together, and to sort out conditions under which Casa Latina comes into the neighborhood. We will have a presentation at the next quarterly JPCC meeting.

Sculpture Park at ArtSpace. This will be along the north side of Charles beside the ArtSpace building and up to Hiawatha Place. The RFQ for artists to design a public Kiosk and Public Art of some sort has gone out.

ArtSpace. They estimate February 15, 2008, to receive the certificate of occupancy and are looking at April 1st for the art installation and celebration.

Jimmy Hendrix House Site on Jackson: Housing/retail development will go in, a \$20-25 million project.

CADA Site: They broke ground with completion for the end of 2008. This is NC zoning for housing with retail.

Meeting ends at approximately 9:10