

JPCC Quarterly Meeting
September 20, 2010, 7-9 pm
Hiawatha Artist Lofts, 843 Hiawatha Pl S.

7:10 pm – Karen Sealander from the Office of Economic Development

- There are 7 BIAs in Seattle
- 60% of Assessment from businesses has to be positive for a Business Improvement Area to be implemented.
- Jackson Street BIA currently has 44% support. Promenade on 23rd and Jackson is a stumbling block as it may be in the process of being sold (closing may happen in October). Some thought given to moving the property boundary east to exclude Promenade.
- The way it works: Rate Payer Board meets yearly. BIA billed by the city – money is held and BIA is reimbursed from it. Money can be used for improvements, PR, beautification, etc. The BIA usually hires a manager. The money can be used to get matching grants. Seattle Public Utilities pitches in money.

Paul Krane made a minute-long pitch (7:35 pm) for the Carbon Neutrality meeting at which he presented.

7:36 pm – Michael Woo from LiHi

- Just closed on property at 20th and Jackson. Will be housing for low income seniors (60 units). Will later build workforce housing (another 50 units). Workforce may have retail on first floor.
- Encouraging community art on lots until the building starts in 3 years. Is currently fenced and edges have been landscaped.
- Matching fund has been granted to someone in Squire Park. They want to see more Central District art and may be willing to help.
- City has a cap on how much low income housing can be in a certain area. There have been concerns that our neighborhood has a disproportionate amount of lih, some are concerned about safety and the effect that low income people have on drawing retail to the neighborhood.

7:58 pm – Dave LaClergue (sp?) from DPD about trees

- Canopy cover has gone from 22.5% in 2003 to 22.9% in 2007. City wants to be at 30% by 2030.
- Want to use regulations, incentives and education to increase canopy.
- Exceptional Trees – usually 24” trunk diameter can’t be cut down. City considering modifying setbacks and other rules to accommodate building around exceptional trees. Hard and expensive to enforce the code. DPD would rather not make cutting trees permissible.
- City doing outreach through 10/31. They will draft legislation in 2011 and it will go the City Council for a decision.

8:18 pm – David Miller from Save Our Urban Forest Infrastructure (SOUFI)

- Trees are infrastructure with a hard dollar value
- DPD is not trying to change the code, they are trying to deregulate.
- Many cities have permitting process that is effective and not too expensive.

8:40 pm – Hailey from Ballot Initiative Network

- These are recommendations from this organization: No on 1053, No on 1082, No on 1100/1105, No on 1107, Yes on 1098, Yes on R-52. For summaries of the 2010 ballot measures, go to <http://www.pacificcountydemocrats.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/Ballot-Initiative-Network.pdf>