



JACKSON PLACE

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* ELECTIONS EDITION *

Jackson Place Community Council Board Elections Will Be Held June 8 at the Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting & BBQ!

Being on the Board is a great way to work on issues that concern you, learn more about our City and get to know the people who live and work around you. The Board includes 7 to 10 members and is guided by bylaws that were put in place when our community non-profit organization was formed. The Board meets once per month, organizes committee work and facilitates quarterly neighborhood-wide meetings. There are four officers on the Board: two co-chairs, secretary and treasurer. Being on the Board requires a volunteer commitment to attending monthly meetings, following through on mutually agreed upon actions, and working constructively with a variety of people. The Board and committees are only as effective as their dedicated volunteers!

To participate in the election, just fill out the questionnaire available at www.jacksonplace.org by June 6. The information you provide about yourself and your interests in Jackson Place will be distributed at the June 8 meeting so that neighbors can get to know you before the election.



YOUR STREETS

By John Schroeder

Legacy Partners received hard-won approval from the City to replace the crosswalk on Jackson at 18th Ave. with textured concrete. They also secured approval from Metro to remove two of the old wooden poles on Jackson that support the electric bus lines with structure-mounted anchors. This should help clear up the sidewalk and make for a more enjoyable pedestrian experience along Jackson in front of the Legacy development.

The crosswalk should be completed and open by mid-June and an onsite pre-leasing office will open in early July.

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LAND USE

By Jill Moe

Goodwill Update

In April, the developer of the Dearborn Street Project (Goodwill site) canceled the project due to the economic downturn. This means that the Community Benefits Agreement with the developer will not be implemented. That agreement does represent a new legally binding model for making development accountable to the community, however. The Community Alliance for Responsible Development (CARD), supported by some Jackson Place neighbors, continues to work with local architects and planners to

prepare alternatives for the site that would serve the community's needs while preserving its character.

Business Improvement Area on Jackson Street

Major land and business owners along S Jackson St, including CADA, Promenade 23, Legacy Partners, Harbour Properties (Pratt site), Franz/Gai's Bakery and Welch Properties, have been working together to establish a business improvement area (BIA). The main concern of the BIA is cleaning up streets (graffiti and litter) and hiring a patrol officer for the area between 24th Ave S and 14th Ave S. The officer would patrol daily from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight. If other land/

business owners agree with the BIA, it may be established as soon as September 2009. The JPCC Board will be writing a letter of support for the BIA.

Donations to Improve the Neighborhood

Kawabe House (elderly assisted living home on 18th Ave S north of S Jackson St) has generously donated \$5,000 to CADA for use in our community. CMAR construction (the builder for the new CADA property at 18th Ave S and S Jackson St) also made a small donation. CADA has asked for suggestions on how best to use their donations and the JPCC Board will be responding with a list of priorities.

A Look Back on the Year: 2008-2009

The JPCC Board and committees have worked hard over the past year on many fronts and they've done so with a "skeleton crew." It's amazing what a handful can do. We'd love to see what more we could achieve with increased involvement. Sign on!!

Board

The Board has met monthly to hear committee reports, discuss neighborhood issues and identify committee action, and plan quarterly meetings. The issues of focus this past year have been: the Dearborn project and associated Community Benefits Agreement, the neighborhood traffic plan, area crime and police response, community outreach (including four newsletters), and coordination with other neighborhood groups and City of Seattle departments.

Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee, which currently includes three active members (all of whom are currently also serving on the Board), followed the Dearborn Street development process, Jackson Street developments, and citywide neighborhood planning.

Traffic Committee

The Traffic Committee, which currently includes one active member, worked with the city to successfully implement the first phase of the neighborhood traffic plan (narrowing 18th Ave South between Dearborn and King) and on upcoming construction of a chicane on S Charles St and a choker on S Lane St. The Traffic Committee also organized periodic traffic circle clean ups and worked with Legacy Partners to gain city support for an improved crossing at 18th Ave S.

Crime Committee

The Crime Committee, which includes four active members (two of whom are also Board members), has attended East Precinct monthly meetings to listen and to voice Jackson Place concerns, followed crime issues in the Central District, written letters to the City in support of maintaining a police presence in our area, and monitored illegal activities at the Shell station on Rainier.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee, which has four active members (all of whom are on the Board), published four newsletters, sought and received funding through ad sales and grants, installed kid art traffic signs, and developed and maintained the neighborhood web page.

@ Jackson Place Cohousing, 800 Hiawatha Place South

Monday, June 8 6 p.m. Quarterly Meeting Summer BBQ Board Elections

Jackson Place Community Council
Box 22621, Seattle, WA 98122

Time-sensitive materials—please deliver promptly.

Quarterly Meeting Monday June 8 6 p.m.

BBQ

Burgers (salmon, veggie, beef) and more

Board Elections Water Conservation

Presented by Tracey Rowland, Seattle Public Utilities (water source, water conservation, drain stenciling, conservation tips and kits)

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