

SDCC 2017-05-16 AGM Notes

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 6:30 PM

Meeting opened at 18:34 with about fifty people attending at Bellevue Church of Christ. Steve Hall took us through the annual election of the board members. The slate proposed was:

President: Scott Lampe

First Vice-President: Ken Rosenow

Secretary: David Slight

Treasurer: Charles Fisher

A motion was made, seconded and carried with no-one opposed.

Scott Lampe as President then proposed the following slate and asked for any other nominations for Vice President.

Vice-Presidents: Rossen Atanassov, Mary Hoole, Tim Horsfall, Leonard Marino, Beth Muller, Steve Hall, Rich Strophy, Jim Tran, Keith Zhang. A motion was made, seconded and carried with no-one opposed.

NB: Scott Lampe has since indicated he will no longer be resident in Surrey Downs and so at a meeting of the Board on August 1st, Scott nominated that Ken Rosenow take on the duties of President effective Sept 1st. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Charles provided an overview of the financial status of the club; outgoings have been much lower and so the balance remains healthy.

Revenue from dues and donations: \$1710

Expenses: \$ 436

Balance: \$1591

Expenses were much reduced in 2016-2017 as the annual picnic was very inexpensive this year at \$259 and the Holiday party was also inexpensive (Church Rental only). No change in amount of expenses foreseen

Park Redevelopment

Secretary provided an update on the plans for the park. The court house has been demolished and we are still expecting work to begin in March or April 2018. Secretary moderated a discussion and answered questions. Access to the new smaller parking lot will be from SE 4th Street; how many car park spaces will be available? What is the plan to deal with any overflow parking - discussion on permit parking deferred to late in the meeting, however noted that this is another reason to have the current permit system enforced. Can anyone use the park? Yes it is a public park. Walking paths have been pulled away from residents property lines. What about dogs off leash? Bellevue Park Byelaws apply. We know of one child that was bitten so these need to be enforced alongside pick-up as the area will be mainly laid to grass. Note the park will be downgraded to a neighborhood park and will no longer host scheduled games. "pick-up" games are suggested although the definition and boundary of this term is not clear. At this time there is no plan for access from 112th Ave SE other than through the new small, second park at Main St. There will be several structures for picnics, etc. throughout the park and there will be a central building with restrooms. We will find out answers to questions about video surveillance, opening hours and if the restrooms will be locked at night. There were comments about key card controlled access for residents only. There were concerns about the duration of construction and if the park will be closed or made partially available during construction, especially if that occurs during the summer months. City hiring a contractor for the Surrey Downs Park Master Plan. The Parks Dept. will publicly bid SD Park in about January 2018 (2-3 months prior to construction start) for Council's with a contract complete sometime in March prior to the April construction start. In the meantime city staff also be working with other contractor's (small works roster per City standard procurement procedures) to construct new perimeter fencing once the scope of work is finalized (scope will be dependent upon neighbor's agreement on fence type and if encroachment issues can be addressed). Beth continues to represent SD with the Parks Planning teams.

A related question was asked about how to apply for resident permit parking and what to do they look like; apply in person at City Hall or online at the City of Bellevue website, they are green stickers for residents and green hangers for guests.

Light Rail

Jason Hampton, responsible for Community Outreach for the south section from the I-90 to the East Main Station Area provided a comprehensive presentation and provided some key updates. A wide range of points were raised and discussed. These minutes will not repeat the slide presentation content. Points discussed included the following, some of which are already being followed by SDCC with Sound Transit.

Jason discussed the plans for passenger pickup at East Main and then announced that as a result of ST3 requirements for affordable housing (80% of surplus land must be made available for affordable housing although the approach to making such land affordable is not clear yet) the properties adjacent to 112th AVE SE will be demolished sooner rather than later, starting in June 2017. The discussion cover land use change, the lack of a reason to demolish sooner rather than later (as the houses provide an effective sound, visual and dust barrier to construction), why the affordable housing policy is taking so long to draft, who voted and approved the new approach and has the City of Bellevue issued demolition permits.

A motion was proposed by WHO and seconded that Surrey Downs residents, particularly those living opposite the properties in question do not agree with the need for early demolition. SDCC and the adjacent residents have always advocated late demolition of these properties and were under the impression that ST had given such assurances.

Asked repeatedly why the position has changed, Jason referred to safety concerns. Comments indicated that such a u-turn does not support the working relationship and community outreach goals everyone aspires to.

A concern was raised about squatters on the empty land even though it will be fenced and marked as private property,.

Jason also announced that SE 4th Street will be closed in early June and there will be no access even for pedestrians or cyclists.

Several comments were made about what the SDCC board had known about prior to this meeting (since ST made SDCC aware of this a few days prior and hence the reason why ST and CoB were invited to speak at the AGM) and that the board just elected should be "recalled"; however no motion was proposed and those people left the meeting early.

Discussion moved to what mitigation plans might be in place and Jason was asked about the level of noise expected. Work will only be during normal hours. Both the covenants and the City of Bellevue have code regulations about the level of noise permitted. Any concerns can be raised directly with the City of Bellevue (Mike Bremner, Planning Director)

Jason outlined various construction updates. There will be closures to 112th AVE SE using a 3-R pattern - two lanes in one direction at peak times which is then reversed. There will also be a by-pass road in 2018 while the road over rail overpass is built.

Finally, all to note that South Bellevue Park'n'Ride will close May 30th, most people seemed aware of this.

Traffic Mitigation

The city of Bellevue also attended the meeting. Marie Jensen, East Link Outreach for the City of Bellevue introduced John Murphy, Associate Planner in the Transportation Department who has been working with a committee of local representatives, since April 2016, referred to as the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Committee (NTMC). Surrey Downs are represented by Kerri Patterson and Ed Nugent who were not present. Recently a revised draft plan amended the original goals to be less restrictive than original draft plan but still discourage commuter traffic and speeding while monitoring and responding to actual traffic impacts. Not clear what the trigger levels were or the process for responding. The positioning of new Residential Area signs was outlined. Several people asked about how the scheme will be monitored and John indicated there will be several traffic counting monitors (rubber tubes). General concern that there was no enforcement; the issue of the left turn signal at Main St and 108th was raised again and John explained clearly that in Washington State, only red light, turn on red light and school zone violations can be monitored by video cameras at present, So this option is not allowed by state law. The only option is to request police officer enforcement.

Some discussion about a safer-sidewalk approach where a portion of the road is delineated by additional kerb stones as one approach to increase safety of residents. A resident reminded everyone to ensure you walk on the correct side of the road so you are facing on-coming traffic. There will be a revised pedestrian crossing at roughly SE3rd and 108th. For all comments please email or call John at 425-452-6967, jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov

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City website (<http://bellevuewa.gov/>) or request assistance <http://assist.bellevuewa.gov/>

Calendar of Activities

The Secretary outlined the calendar of activities, reminded attendees about the 2016 Directory project and talked about the need for further Zone Captains to support Emergency preparedness. These topics were curtailed due to time constraints and will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

Any other business

The Secretary asked if there was any other business? A question was asked about the latest information on the Red Lion development that referred back to last year's AGM where there was a proposal to have a subcommittee focus on the building heights for the Red Lion development. A call for members was issued last year but no-one came forward to volunteer to work as a sub-committee. Comments about the inclusion in the report of illustrations showing a 200-300' foot tower directly on the corner of Main St and 112th AVE SE. While final design has not been agreed or submitted for planning approval, the expectation of high rise, high density development remains a concern for Surrey Downs residents. There appears to be no indication of setbacks or grading of structure height. Secretary offered to communicate again with Charles McIntyre and Leonard Marino and others in preparation for expected more-detailed planning submissions later this year (September 2017). The proposed process is to draft a motion, register support, present to the SDCC Board for approval and then submit to the CAC and City. See minutes of the final CAC meeting for sentiments expressed.

After a short round of applause to express their thanks to the volunteer board members, the meeting closed at 8:32pm.