

NORTH CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES—GENERAL MEETING MARCH 6 2019

President Michelle Kimihira thanks Seattle Prep for hosting this meeting.

Treasury Report

NCHNA's account balance is \$1,403.00. Voluntary annual dues are \$10/individual and \$25/family.

Activity Update

- Direct contacts at Seattle Prep and Bertschi School are now posted on nchna.org
- Regarding SR-520, NCHNA continues to monitor WSDOT compliance with its Section 106 Historic Preservation Agreement. The Association has also joined forces with other community councils on issues surrounding the Montlake Market, night-time construction noise and Portage Bay pollution. Results are pending from a community survey on WSDOTs responsiveness to neighborhood concerns, and a request is in progress with the City Council for the creation of an oversight board of citizens to ensure protection of our health and environment.

Election Results

Proposals to extend officer and board-member terms to 2 years from 1 year and to reduce the minimum number of board meetings per year to 2 from 4 were both approved.

Board members and officers were elected:

Michelle Kimihira—President
Bryson Tillinghast—Vice President
Bonnie Pasek—Treasurer
Nancy Brainard—Secretary
Jeanne Peterson
Melinda DeLanoy
Kris Olson
Bill Wiesenbach

Crime and Safety

Bryson Tillinghast summarized tips from the Seattle Police Department for neighborhood safety, now posted at nchna.org

Up-Zoning

Kris Olson reviewed a pending City Council vote for up-zoning on the west edge of I-5 in Eastlake. Opposed by the Eastlake Community Council, this *Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) Amendment 4-18* would okay midrise buildings more than 80 feet high on Boylston Ave. E. The concerns of North Capitol Hill neighbors on the uphill side east of I-5 include:

- Increased road noise and pollution bouncing and blowing east off the tall buildings.
- Damage to lake, city and mountain views from Harvard Ave. E., a civic asset now enjoyed not only by residents but by pedestrians, cyclists and the general public as well, for example, the crowds that gather there on New Year's Eve and Fourth of July.
- Loss of the houses now on Boylston, some of the most affordable in the City, with tenants likely to be displaced by midrise development.

Kris urged everyone concerned to contact the Mayor and Council before the vote scheduled for the Council's 2 p.m. meeting 3/18.