

# Notes from NCHNA Sept 3 Board & Committee Chair Meeting

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Attending: President Michelle Kimihira, Pegeen Shean, Melinda De Lanoy, Nancy Brainard, Jeanne Peterson, Bonnie Pasek. Absent: Nancy Wessenberg, David Docter. *Notes submitted by Bonnie Pasek, Secretary, Sept. 6, 2016*

## **Topic 1: Suggested changes to bylaws to be presented for a vote at the next general neighborhood meeting.**

- 1.) Eliminate the stipulation that members must be dues-paying members in order to vote.
- 2.) Give institutions, as well as businesses, located within our geographic boundaries the right to each cast one vote.
- 3.) Set the quorum necessary for a vote at 15 members.
- 4.) Add a bylaw Article on non-discrimination.

Nancy B will draft these and additional changes for further review by the board. Bonnie will ask Art Brochette if he has a copy of Article 8, which is currently missing.

Members will receive access to any recommended bylaw changes for review prior to a vote.

## **Topic 2: Report from Jeanne Peterson, Chair of the School Relations Committee**

Seattle Prep

- 1.) Parking by students and drop-off/pick-up/waiting by parents cause traffic and parking congestion, block driveways and result in other infractions. We need a way to make Prep aware via license plates, so individual issues can be addressed with students and parents. Could Prep hire a traffic controller for drop-off and pick-up?
- 2.) Another issue is noise—students driving into the neighborhood with music blasting. Parents also present issues by waiting in cars in front of residences while playing music or talking loudly on speaker phones.
- 3.) Although the situation of litter on the streets has improved, it remains a concern.

Jeanne, Michelle and Pegeen will meet with Seattle Prep, September 14.

- 1.) Present a prioritized agenda of concerns.
- 2.) Ask for updated enrollment figures.
- 3.) Discuss the school's response plan for disaster and lockdown as it relates to notifying the neighborhood and ensuring resident safety.
- 4.) Discuss how the neighborhood can support the school regarding its Delmar traffic and safety and any other concerns.

Bertschi School: Jeanne will reach out to the school's new director to establish a relationship.

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## **Topic 3: Report from Nancy Brainard, Chair of the SR-520 Committee**

Construction on SR-520 between Montlake and I-5 is not expected to begin before 2020. But NCHNA, along with the community councils of Roanoke Park/Portage Bay, Montlake and Laurelhurst, is currently working to resolve several important issues *before* construction contracts are put out for bid, possibly early next year. Current concerns will be posted at nchna.com. A survey will go out via *Nextdoor* to assess members' priorities on design and construction choices affecting noise, lighting, landscaping, encampments, traffic and pollution.

## **Topic 4: Report from Melinda De Lanoy, Traffic Committee Chair**

Thirty-two members responded to the traffic survey available through *Nextdoor* May 17-June 15. Addressed were speeds, poorly paved streets, unsafe sidewalks, parking and more. Top concerns appear to be speeding on local streets (62 % of respondents) and poorly paved streets (50% of respondents). For details members may contact Melinda.

Board discussion of possible safety solutions included:

- 1.) More significant enforcement of the one-way section on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. adjacent to Prep's parking garage. Putting in a stop sign for uphill drivers at the south end of that section.
- 2.) Adding stop signs at the intersection of Federal Ave. E. and E. Miller St.
- 3.) Posting triangular "Neighborhood Street" signs that encourage drivers to slow down.

**The agenda for the next general meeting of all NCHNA members (now planned for October 26, 2016, 7 p.m.) will include:**

- 1.) Vote on recommended bylaw changes.
- 2.) Treasurer's report.
- 3.) Updates from the School Relations, SR-520 and Traffic Committees.
- 4.) Open floor for additional resident concerns.