

Notes from NCHNA Jan 29, 2017 Board Meeting

Attending: President Michelle Kimihira, VP Pegeen Shean, Secretary Bonnie Pasek, Traffic Chair Melinda De Lanoy, SR- 520 Chair Nancy Brainard, Seattle Prep/Bertschi Chair Jeanne Peterson, and Board Member Nancy Wessenberg

Absent: David Docter

Agenda

- 520 update from Nancy Brainard & neighborhood homelessness issues
- New Seattle Prep Agreement & other issues
- Future Meetings

520 Update:

Petition to the Shoreline Appeals Board

Nancy Brainard sent the board and committee members this petition recently signed by NCHNA, the Roanoke/Portage Bay, Montlake and Laurelhurst Community Councils. The councils are objecting to the lack of a rigorous analysis by the City of Seattle in granting WSDOT a revision to its original shoreline permit for demolition and construction connected with the yet-to-be-built segment of SR-520 extending to I-5. The design/build contract for that segment will be issued within the year, and we are asking that the concerns in our petition be addressed and remedied prior to its issuance.

In view of the contaminants found in the concrete of the old Floating Bridge when it was demolished in 2016, we are especially concerned that that the permit currently approved by the City for demolishing the rest of the old highway will have a major impact on the character of our shoreline, disturbing sediments and releasing contaminants into Union and Portage Bays.

A hearing is scheduled for May 8.

The councils have been working with Frank Chopp, 43rd Legislative District Representative and Speaker of the House to get an ombudsman appointed who would work with the communities, WASHDOT and the governor.

Neighborhood Homelessness Issues

RV that is often parked for days on the overpass on 10th Ave E is thought to be a dealing drugs.

There was a fire set in the wooded, fences off area behind the coffee shop and Federal Ave dead end.

People who were camping back in the area moved into a vacant house back behind the coffee shop and are squatting on the property. They have been removed.

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Seattle Prep

We started the process to draft a new neighborhood agreement with Seattle Prep. This will replace the original agreement signed in 1996. We still have a few years left on the old contract.

Michelle Kimihira, Jean Peterson, Melinda De Lanoy and Pegeen Shean have been meeting and working with Kent Hickey at Prep. He is in charge of traffic, security, safety and student behavior for the school.

Rich Stearns, Dean of Students, submitted a first draft of a new 2-page agreement he worked up. The board and committee members now need to review this, compare it to the old agreement and come up with suggested additions and changes. The Seattle Prep Board of Directors will all have to review it as well.

Once a new agreement is agreed upon, we will present it to the neighborhood.

Student parking in the neighborhood, parent pickup and drop off continue to present issues. Bus drivers coming from other schools need to be informed of the parking and drop off rules. We don't believe this is being communicated well.

The calendar of events on Prep's website seems to be sketchy in terms of times and additional info. Special events at the school continue to cause a flood of street parking for many hours.

We discussed possibly petitioning the city to make 11th and Federal one-way streets from East Miller to Boston.

Future Meetings:

Board Meeting: Sunday, May 26, 1 pm

General Community Meeting: TBD – depends on when Prep agreement is final