

COMMUNITY NEWS

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING and SLATE OF 2017 CANDIDATES

I, Aaron Evanson, being the President of the Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood Association, hereby announce the Annual Meeting of its membership.

Place of Meeting: Lakewood Seward Park Community Clubhouse
4916 S. Angeline Street, Seattle, WA 98118

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

The business of the meeting shall be as follows:

Election of Officers and Board of Directors to serve in 2017

Treasurer's Report

Executive Director's Report

Slate of Candidates:

President: Aaron Evanson

Vice Pres: Bill Muse

Secretary: to be announced

Treasurer: John Charles

Board of Directors: Scott McCormick, Jeannie O'Brien, Marty Oppenheimer,
Sheri Richardson, John Zilavy, Sabranie Coyne and Katy Wiswall

Italian Dinner provided by Pizzuto's. Please bring your own refreshments.

"Drawing the Line" Lake Washington Historic Shoreline Project Dec. 13 - 7:00 pm guest speaker Mikala Woodward @ the LSPNA Annual Meeting

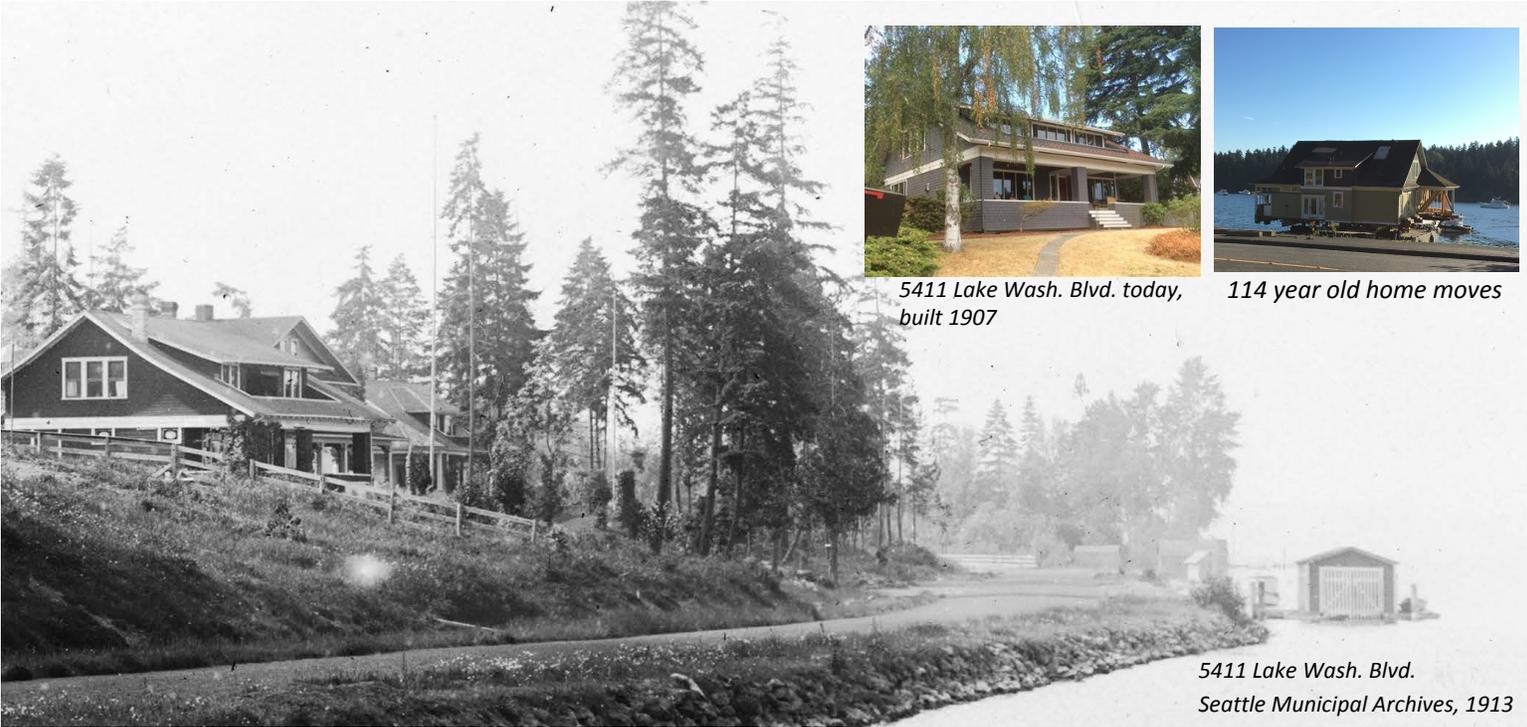


Mikala Woodward drawing historic shoreline

Did you see the curvy chalk line running east and west across Lake Washington Boulevard? The opening of the Montlake Cut lowered the lake by 9 feet in the summer of 1916. Mikala Woodward, local writer, artist, and historian, led a project drawing a temporary tracing of Lake Washington's historic shoreline from Genesee Park to Seward Park. "Drawing the Line" gives us a glimpse of the vanished landscape. Lowering the lake left sawmills and boat docks high and dry, displaced Native farmers at the south end of the lake, acres of wetland disappeared, and 1800 acres of new shoreline property emerged. Come to the annual meeting to hear about how the lowering of the lake affected the Lakewood Seward Park neighborhood. Dinner provided by Pizzuto's at the meeting, please RSVP @ lspccmanager@gmail.com or 206.722.9696 so we know how many people will attend.

Oldest Lake Washington Boulevard Home Moved to Bainbridge

Prior to the lowering of Lake Washington, homes along "Lakeside Avenue" at Andrews Bay were waterfront properties. Pictured here are homes each with a boat house and dock out front in 1913 just after Lake Washington Boulevard was completed. This past summer, the oldest home, pictured closest to the trees, was moved by barge to Bainbridge Island. Today, the restored 1907 home at 5411 LWB takes its place. A few years before the lake was lowered by 9 feet, the Parks Board purchased the shoreline through condemnation, following the recommendation of the Olmsted Brothers plan in creating a scenic drive from the University of Wash. to Seward Park along park property. Now, when the lake is low, you can look across the street from the moved home, 5241 LWB, and see one of the original dock piles standing in the water.



5411 Lake Wash. Blvd. today, built 1907

114 year old home moves

5411 Lake Wash. Blvd. Seattle Municipal Archives, 1913

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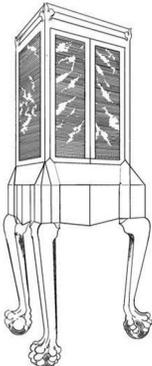
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Martha Washington Park and S. Warsaw Street End Up

After two years of sustained effort, the community has convinced Seattle’s Department of Transportation (SDOT) to restore the S. Warsaw Street End as natural habitat. With pressure from Seattle City Council President Bruce Harrell’s office, SDOT has agreed to treat this street end as a special condition. While street end improvements have created much appreciated waterfront access throughout Seattle, this project is different as it is located adjacent to a park with ample beach improvements. The community has suggested that the highest and best use for this land is as natural habitat, to be restored together with the habitat at the north end of Martha Washington Park.

We have received great support from the Duwamish Tribal Council, Friends of Seward Park, Seattle Audubon, Seattle Nature Alliance, City Fruit, Seattle Green Spaces Coalition, members of Friends of Street Ends, the Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood Association, King 5 and the Seattle Times. While we are pleased with the apparent outcome, this has been a long lesson in persistence.

Jon Jainga of Seattle Parks will bring the Green Seattle Partnership (GSP) in as the management authority on the restoration project. Friends of Martha Washington Park will help coordinate volunteer efforts. Funding will be through the SDOT Shoreline Street Ends Program.

SDOT will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 26, from 6-8pm at Seward Park’s Audubon Center. Please attend if you have any interest in urban natural habitat.

Tom Wolken, Friends of Martha Washington Park



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LSPNA Parks Committee Update

By Jeannie O'Brien, Parks Committee Chair

ADAMS STREET PARKING LOT

We met in April, May and July to talk about the ongoing criminal activity at Adams Street, and what we could do to encourage positive activity without displacing current users who may have nowhere else to recreate. One easy way to keep criminal activity from occurring, at least after closing time, is the installation of a retractable bollard system on a timer. Here is an excerpt from my letter to Council President Bruce Harrell and the Parks Committee:

Our diverse neighbors want to live in a peaceful community, without loud music, shots fired, shouting, assaults, and brazen drug and alcohol use. Our diverse neighbors also realize Black Lives Matter, and often choose not to call 911 when the illegal behavior occurs at Adams Street. The implementation of a retractable bollard system, on a timer, would close down Adams Street on time every night, eliminating the need to call 911 and jeopardize the lives of the youth that occupy the parking lot. While the implementation of a retractable bollard system to close the parking lot consistently is an expensive proposition, it is the most efficient solution. The number of 911 calls would be dramatically reduced and the Seward Park caretaker would have one less park gate to close at night. In the long run, it would be a lot less expensive to install retractable bollards than pay to police the riots that would occur if a young black youth was killed by SPD and to settle any wrongful death case that arose from it.

City budgeting is upon us, and there are many competing interests to be sure. And, while the implementation of this system would do nothing to improve this park during the day, the bollards would definitely make for more peaceful evenings after closing time.

PEOPLE, DOGS and PARKS

As one way to encourage positive use of the Adams Street parking lot, the Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood Association unanimously voted to support a new off leash area for dogs at the Adams Street parking lot along Lake Washington Boulevard (LWB). LSPNA President Aaron Evanson presented our position at the public hearing held on September 22, 2016, and I sent our written comments via email earlier this month. Why do we support an off leash area at Adams Street?

1. Dog owners in 98118 are less likely to have an outdoor space for their dogs to play than in wealthier areas of the city. Unhappy dogs who do not exercise are more likely to become vicious dogs.
2. There is only one beach designated as an off leash area in the city of Seattle, and it is located at the north end of Lake Washington at Magnuson Park. Accessibility is difficult for dog owners in South Seattle to get themselves and their dogs to a swim park on the other side of town.
3. Dogs are not allowed to be in a city park when not on leash, but we know and see that many dogs are off leash on park property along LWB and in Seward Park. To provide dog owners with a place to have their dogs off leash and an opportunity to swim in Lake Washington would decriminalize conduct in one part of the park, making enforcement easier and better tolerated throughout the rest of the park.
4. Seattle Audubon Society and Washington Environmental Council agree that Adams Street does not hold any critical habitat or features that would be attractive to salmon or ground nesting birds. Ground nesting birds prefer tall grasses along the shoreline that are not present at Adams Street, and there is not enough shelter or brush to construct a nest. The water at Adams Street is too shallow and without shade from trees, making the water too warm to be attractive for salmon.
5. The off leash area would take up less than half of the waterfront footage, allowing the beach to continue to be utilized for swimmers, paddle boarders, kayakers and other human powered water craft. Parking is ample, a bus stops one and a half blocks away, and many dog owners can walk to Adams Street.
6. The off leash area proposition does not exclude or prohibit the current users of the Adams Street parking lot.

There is ample opportunity for all park users to co-exist peaceably in one parking lot.

The draft plan provided for no new off leash areas in the city. On November 10, 2016, the Park Board of Commissioners will issue its recommendation to city council, and the People, Dogs, Parks plan should be finalized in December.

LSPNA Parks Committee Update

By Jeannie O'Brien, Parks Committee Chair



tent camping on shoreline, Lake Washington Boulevard at 50th

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION FOR UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS?

On October 1st, a friend from Lakewood Moorage told me about a woman who had asked him to open the gate so she could meet with an unnamed friend at the marina. When he said no, he saw her go into a tent set up just north of the marina entrance on park property along Lake Washington Blvd. (See photo of tent, above.) This tent stayed up for about a week. I had heard about pending city council legislation that would allow camping in public parks, so I started to look into Seattle Council Bill 118974.

Never before in Seattle's history has there been so much alignment against a single piece of legislation. An iPetition that began circulating on October 9 already had 6,000 signatures when I found it on October 10. At press time, it has over 21,500 signers. Because of the unprecedented opposition to allowing camping in public parks, Seattle's Human Services and Public Health Committee deferred taking a vote on October 14. Instead, they listened to hours of public comment and discussed a substitute ordinance submitted by Chair Sally Bagshaw providing "no camping on sidewalks or in parks." Seattle's residents had a unified voice and were heard.

LAKWOOD MOORAGE

There continues to be no public announcement from Parks regarding the future management of Seattle's public moorages. I will continue to hound Parks and the City Council to get answers, and will continue to update FriendsOfLakewoodMoorage.com. We do know that Parks is preparing a grant application to rebuild the breakwater at South Leschi, and this looks more like our city is planning to fund the much needed repairs, not Foss Waterways Management.

NEXT PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 pm @ LSPCClubhouse, 50th and Angeline

8th Annual Oktoberfest - Happy Hans German Band was a big hit!

Oktoberfest at the clubhouse was on a Friday this year, and Happy Hans was back by popular demand playing traditional German & Austrian music with singalong songs too. The three-piece band (accordion, guitar, and tuba) strolled the hall in lederhosen as neighbors enjoyed grilled bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, and two types of beer, with German chocolate cake for desert. Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit!

Thanks to our donors and volunteer servers! Potato Salad & Sauerkraut, by PCC Natural Markets, Sheri Richardson for Bob's Meats donation, and the night wouldn't have been the same without the Sierra Nevada kegs! To the LSPCC Board - well done!



Happy Hans and board member Bill Muse



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Clubhouse Calendar:

- Oct. 28
Family Movie Night, Hotel Transylvania 2, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 30
Halloween Ice Scream Social, 4-5:30 pm, free for members, costume party
- Nov. 16
Parks Committee Meeting, 7 pm
- Dec. 13
Annual Dinner Meeting, guest speaker Mikala Woodward, 7 pm

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Food & Drink

Christmas Ship Schedule

Sunday Dec.

- Rainier Youth Choirs*
- 3:20-3:40pm **Pritchard Island Beach**
- 3:55-4:15 pm **Seward Park**
- CHOIR: Seattle Girls' Choir*
- 7:40-8:00 **Ferdinand Street Park**
- 8:15-8:35 **Stan Sayres Memorial Park**
- 8:45-9:05 **Mt. Baker Park**



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