

LSPNA Parks Committee Meeting Saturday April 23, 2016 10:00 am

Attendees: Jeannie O'Brien, Cole Eckerman (COLA), Marty Oppenheimer, Ion and Ashley Arai, Linda Finney (Coleman Park), Karen O'Brien, Betsy Buford (Columbia City), Virginia Tupper, John Zilavy, Aaron Evanson, Mercedes Elizalde (CM Juarez Office)

Minutes:

1. Lake Washington Boulevard (LWB) Issues
 - a) Heavy automobile and bicycle traffic impedes crossing safely
 - b) Reckless driving during off peak hours is dangerous and noisySolutions were discussed, group decided to propose raised crosswalks/speed humps at the following intersecting streets with LWB: S Juneau St, S Orcas St, S Dawson St, S Snoqualmie St, S Genesee Way, 50th Ave S, 46th Ave S, 43rd Ave S, S Horton St, S Lake Park Drive

2. Andrews Bay Issues
 - a) Large number of boats anchoring, paryting and toileting make it unsafe and unhealthy for swimmers, paddle boarders, rowers
 - b) Excessive noise from the few offenders is a nuisance to other boaters, park users, neighbors
 - c) Garbage from Andrews Bay is found at shorelineSolutions discussed included permits for anchoring overnight, restricting number of boats that can raft together. Group decided to suggest enforcement of existing noise ordinance with a community policing effort, possibly with unmarked boat and plain clothes officer with emphasis on warnings rather than citations. Presence of police officer(s) in Andrews Bay will improve rescue efforts for swimmers in trouble. Committee will invite members of Andrews Bay Yacht Club to engage in trash removal.

3. Briefing by Cole Eckerman, Citizens for Off-Leash Areas

4. Adams Street Parking Lot Issues
 - a) Illegal behavior: drug use, smoking, alcohol use, gunshots
 - b) Excessive noise: shouting, fighting, loud music
 - c) Second hand smoke
 - d) Garbage

The group brainstormed solutions, and they are ranked here in order of votes received by group members, each attendee having 3 votes. (Mercedes Elizalde and Cole Eckerman did not vote.)

6 Play Structure
5 Off Leash Dog Park
4 Permanent Bathroom
4 Volleyball
2 Reconfigure space, remove some parking spaces
2 Food Truck and picnic tables
2 Fishing Pier / Dock
2 Exercise Machines
2 Paddleboard Rentals
1 Self Operating Bollards, adjust closing times seasonally
0 Pickleball
0 Art Installation
0 Bocce Ball
0 Bar-b-qs
0 Climbing Wall
0 Tennis Court

5. LWB's public shoreline lacks adequate bathroom facilities for the increasing number of people fishing, swimming, picnicking and otherwise recreating in and near South Lake Washington. Cole Eckerman suggested urban composting toilets and possible funding from the Bullitt Foundation through grant opportunities. The Parks Committee will follow up on this.

6. Lakewood Moorage briefing by Jeannie O'Brien, including current strategy to persuade Parks to allow Peggy Tosdal and Paul Wilkinson to continue to manage Lakewood Moorage for the next five years, using moorage revenues to complete the long needed repairs in phases. The RFP would be for moorage repairs and dock construction without any management component. Phased construction means fewer permitting requirements and minimal tenant displacement, allowing for significant cost reductions without revenue interruption.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.