

## **Belltown Community Council**

### **General Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 20, 2011**

1. Call to Order

Motion to call to order was made and seconded. President Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:08.

2. Introductions

3. Neighborhood Reports

a. Christa Dumpys, Department of Neighborhoods:

- i. The Washington State Liquor Control Board renewed the Alcohol Impact Area for Belltown and Downtown. Thanks to BCC for letter of support.
- ii. Food cart legislation passed this week.
- iii. The Bell Street Park Boulevard is progressing. It is still expected to be completed this fall.
- iv. The Belltown Community Center is still on schedule to open by the end of 2011. The lease negotiations are almost complete.
- v. There will be a public-safety roundtable with stakeholders. The BBA is participating. Contact Christa if interested.

b. Elizabeth Campbell for P-Patch:

- i. There will be a yard sale this Saturday to benefit the P-Patch. Talk to Judy Ness if you have items to donate.
- ii. Lead mitigation on the cottages is continuing. The abatement should start in late July, then 3 weeks later volunteers will be needed to paint the cottages. The cottages date from 1916.

c. David Levinson for BCOP:

The BCOP continues to have weekly walks. They have started having early morning and late night walks in addition to walks in the evening. Check the Facebook page or the BCC online calendar for the walk schedule.

d. Darryl for PBR:

Nothing to report. They could always use more people for their Sunday evening clean-ups.

e. Founder's Day Festival:

Unfortunately the 2011 festival had to be cancelled because they could not get 501(c)(3) status in time. There might be a fundraiser in November. They will continue to have meetings and plan a festival for 2012.

4. Brian Dougherty, Seattle Department of Transportation

- a. Couple changes should be implemented by end of summer.
  - b. Implementation of Bicycle Master Plan.
  - c. Proposed facilities connect Elliott Bay trail to PPM.
  - d. Elliott lane will be on left side. Street is wide, does not require reduction in parking.
  - e. Western will have mostly sharrows.
  - f. Adding dedicated turn lanes at Battery Street. Requires removal of some on-street parking, but other parking spaces will be created elsewhere on Western.
  - g. Funded by Bridging the Gap.
  - h. Matt suggested better signage at Battery Street to prevent drivers from driving wrong way up the off-ramp from the Battery Street Tunnel.
  - i. There were questions about improvements to on-ramps in area. There will probably not be changes due to Viaduct's imminent demise.
  - j. Elizabeth was approached about putting trees on Cedar between 3rd and 4th. Brian suggested an application for a grant from the Neighborhood Street Fund.
  - k. There was a question with respect to new construction. There is not really any requirement for developers to put trees in in Belltown.
  - l. David asked about sidewalk repairs. Brian suggested contacting Liz Ellis, who is in charge of sidewalk repair program. Contact her with specific locations where repair needed. Technically adjacent property owners are responsible for sidewalk, but the City does help.
5. Announcements
- a. Food trucks: new food truck/cart legislation has passed the City Council. There was a question on trash issues and funding for enforcement. Vendors must obtain permits from the City and provide adequate trash disposal. Residents can contact SDOT with complaints if vendors do not follow policy.
  - b. There was a question as to whether the City could install more publish trash cans. Response that this can be difficult, and they aren't always emptied on a timely basis.
  - c. OPA: The City Council is looking for three members for the Police Department's Office of Professional Accountability Review Board. Those interested should send cover letter, resume, and references to Tim Burgess by email.
6. Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.