

**Belltown Community Council
General Meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2012**

1. Call to Order - 7:10
2. Vote to move Meeting to Second Wednesday - Unanimous
3. BBA - Jane Sevard
The Belltown Business Association is conducting a feasibility study on creating a Business Improvement Area in Belltown. The Metropolitan Improvement District downtown is the largest BIA in the City. The BBA is looking into either joining the MID or creating a separate BIA in Belltown. They will be holding focus groups - for more information, contact Elizabeth.
4. BCOP - walks on Wednesday nights in March, will be on Thursday in April
Running "See It? Say It!" campaign. Trying to get more into storefronts. Posters available at meeting.
5. LEAD - 3 units in West Precinct, Day and night bike patrols and Anti-Crime Team
 1. Slow start in December
 2. 35 referrals so far, 2 declined, 33 active participants
 3. one has completed 90 days of inpatient treatment
 4. biggest hurdle to date has been finding a place to put them
 5. burning through money on hotels
 6. NOT taxpayer funded - funded by private foundations
 7. pilot project to see if results in lower recidivism and lowers costs
 8. Some participants have expressed desire to not be placed in Belltown because of temptations, others have neighborhood connection and want to stay. case-by-case
 9. Rigorous evaluation in 3rd year.
 10. If successful, will lobby to transition to public funding after that
6. Disaster Planning
The Disaster Planning committee is restarting its efforts. They have established a regular meeting on the first Thursday of each month, 7 PM at the the Uptown Espresso at 4th & Wall.
7. BHLUS
Efforts to restart the Belltown Housing and Land Use Subcommittee hinge on finding an architect/urban planner willing to participate.
8. Elizabeth has a new email: lizabethe204@gmail.com
9. Dianne R. Smith - Director of Human Service, City of Seattle
Ms. Smith talked at length about efforts to reform human services provision in the city. A major change in the way provider are contracted will be announced next month. Ms. Smith has promised to return at a future meeting to talk about those changes.
10. Announcements
 1. Belltown Covenant - transition from enabling to transforming is happening with many providers
 2. August 7 Neighbors Night Out - need folks to help
 3. Would like Belltown Community Development training annually
 4. Stand against racism - April 27
 5. Belltown Local newsletter - please sign up
11. Adjourn - 8:45