

**Belltown Community Council  
General Meeting  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
2. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Neighborhood Reports:
  - a. BCOP – David Anema
    - i. BCOP is now patrolling Wednesday nights, and meets at the Belltown Community Center at 7 PM.
    - ii. Now that long winter nights are here, BCOP is reporting streetlights that are out to City Light.
    - iii. There was a question about a bullet hole in the Chartreuse Modern building at 1st & Vine.. No one knew anything about it.
    - iv. James Manning is the new community outreach person at SPD, and is working on setting up “living room conversations.”
  - b. Belltown Covenant – Eric Likkel
    - i. The Asset-Based Community Development training was supposed to be in September, but was postponed. He is trying to find a new date in winter or early spring.
    - ii. The training focuses on assets instead of deficits, and will be open to anyone in Belltown.
  - c. Christa Dumpys, Department of Neighborhoods
    - i. The Mayor’s office is looking for people to be on the Community Police Commission. Applications are due November 21. This commission is being formed directly a result of the DOJ process. Members will need to make a 3-5 year commitment.
  - d. WestPAC – Dean McColgan:
    - i. Dean’s first meeting was this morning. The West Precinct Advisory Council discusses public safety issues in West Precinct with SPD leadership.
    - ii. Increased patrols for holiday season will start day after Thanksgiving. They will be financed through a combination of additional police hours, as well as off-duty and other security hired by the MID.
    - iii. There was a lot of discussion of I-502. The police are not yet sure what the impact will be, and are waiting for advice from the City Attorney.
    - iv. Problem establishments: Tia Lou’s and Empire Lounge have been linked to a lot of related crime. The police are working with the business owners to address problems.

- v. Westlake Park is now officially a park instead of part of Westlake Avenue. Police and park rangers can now issue exclusion notices to chronic troublemakers.
  - vi. SPD is working on documenting and responding to the feedback they received from the public safety meeting held at the Belltown Community Center.
  - vii. In his budget proposal, the Mayor asked for funding for 10 additional officers to be hired next year. The City Council wants to hire 20 over the next two years.
- e. Both BHLUS and the Emergency Preparedness committees are languishing. Elizabeth will call a BHLUS meeting after Thanksgiving. The Bell Street Park, Lake to Bay Loop, and Waterfront changes are coming up and should be discussed.
- 4. Lake to Bay Loop – Becca Aue, Seattle Parks Foundation:
  - a. This project has been in process for over a decade, and has finally gotten traction thanks to Sally Bagshaw.
  - b. The first project is the recently-completed Thomas Street Overpass. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is on the 18th at 2 PM. Wayfinding will be installed next, with pavement stamps and kiosks along the route. The project backers want to find additional funding to improve the pedestrian experience.
  - c. They are currently scoping two projects in Belltown. The first is Broad Street from the waterfront to Denny Way. The Belltown Business Association is applying for a Neighborhood Street Fund grant to install continuous planting strip and artistic elements as well as LED pedestrian-scale lighting. The application is due in December, and in January the Downtown District Council will weigh in. The Bridging the Gap Levy Oversight Committee will make the final recommendation. The project backers would like to have the BCC's support.
  - d. The other project is the 3rd/Broad/Denny triangle. They would like to expand it to include the currently closed northbound lanes on 3rd Avenue and to install pedestrian improvements, and perhaps a fountain.
- 5. Introduction: Alyson Clennon – Belltown Spine & Wellness
  - a. Ms. Clennon is a marketing events director who recently relocated from Portland.
- 6. Letters of Support
 

The Board has recently sent letters in support of joining the MID, a downtown elementary school, and hiring additional police officers.
- 7. Announcements
  - a. The Belltown Community Center is hosting a new knitting group Tuesdays 10-noon. This is not a class, but a social group. The drop-in fee is being waived through the end of the year.
  - b. Mark Kaufman from Parks is standing in for Kerrie while she is on vacation. The new Fall programming brochures are available tomorrow. Please like the Community Center's Facebook page.
- 8. Adjournment
 

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.