

**Belltown Community Council**  
**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Neighborhood Reports

a. WestPAC - Dean McColgan

The meeting was postponed until next week, so nothing to report.

b. Jane Savard - mybelltown.com

i. MyBelltown.com is being launched as a site for citizen journalism

ii. The soft launch is May 15th.

iii. This project came out of the ABCD training many members of the community participated in a few months ago.

iv. They are looking for people to contribute stories.

c. BCOP - Gina

i. There have been changes in the neighborhood.

ii. The MID renewal has passed, and Belltown will be part of the MID.

iii. BCOP leaders are proud of what they've accomplished.

iv. Given the services that will be provided by the MID, BCOP needs to redefine its mission.

v. They are suspending their weekly patrols for now, and will instead have a monthly hanging of the See It Say It posters.

vi. The next session is next Tuesday at 7 PM. Meet at Seattle Heights.

vii. Gina and Ann Marie have put in a lot of effort.

viii. They are looking at events and want to do National Night Out this year.

d. Eric Likkel

i. New Horizons is doing their annual Walk-a-thon on Saturday June 8.

There will be live music and free food.

ii. A lot of new relationships were built out of ABCD. Introduced to Antioch.

iii. Have been meeting with Antioch student Ron Baum regularly at Street Bean.

e. PBR - Keith Kentop

i. PBR continues to meet for an hour each Sunday to clean.

ii. It has been going 5 years now.

iii. On occasion they do "guerrilla gardening" as well.

f. Metropolitan Improvement District - Elizabeth Campbell and Brian Scott

i. The BCC did a survey months ago that indicated support for Belltown

- joining the MID.
  - ii. They spent a lot of time considering options and speaking with condo boards and business owners.
  - iii. The City Council approved the MID renewal with an expansion into Belltown on Monday.
  - iv. Services begin July 1st.
- 5. Elections
  - a. The nominating committee was composed of Eric Likkel, Keith Kentop and Justin Rush
  - b. Since Elizabeth is up for re-election, Dean will preside over the election.
  - c. President
    - i. The Nominating Committee nominates Elizabeth Campbell.
    - ii. There are no floor nominations.
    - iii. Elizabeth Campbell
      - 1. Active in the 36th District Democrats.
      - 2. Has a degree in psychology.
      - 3. She has been doing community organizing for a long time.
      - 4. Represented BCC in the Neighborhood Action Team Seattle effort that led to numerous improvements.
      - 5. As a side note, Christa Dumpys is awesome.
    - iv. Elizabeth Campbell elected by voice vote.
  - d. Secretary
    - i. The Nominating Committee nominates Cara Stanfield.
    - ii. There are no floor nominations.
    - iii. Cara Stanfield
      - 1. Been in Belltown since 2009
      - 2. Got involved with BCC through Elizabeth
      - 3. Happy to find great people interested in community
    - iv. Cara Stanfield elected by voice vote.
- 6. Bylaws
  - a. There was a motion at last meeting to add three non-officer positions to the BCC Board.
  - b. As a result, the quorum for board meetings changed to 4 members.
  - c. The non-officer positions will be referred to as Positions 1, 2, and 3.
  - d. The President, Secretary, Position 1 and Position 3 will be elected in odd-numbered years. The Vice President, Treasurer, and Position 2 will be elected in even-numbered years.
  - e. The section defining a standing committee chair was struck from the section, as a standing committee chair is not a board position.
  - f. Question: Will the first person elected to Position 2 serve for only 1 year? Yes.
  - g. Question: Is there a salary for board members? Ha, no.
  - h. The bylaws revisions were approved by voice vote.
- 7. Linda Mitchell and LMN architects - Hedreen Development

- a. This project is outside Belltown at 9th and Stewart.
- b. This is a Hedreen Development project.
- c. Hedreen owns the Seattle Hilton and Crowne Plaza and built the Renaissance, Grand Hyatt, and Hyatt at Olive 8.
- d. This will be a convention hotel, the first of its kind in Seattle.
- e. It will have 1620 rooms.
- f. It will also include 150,000 square feet of meeting space. In comparison, the Convention Center has 240,000 square feet.
- g. It will also have a 40,000 square foot main ballroom and a second ballroom of 29,000 square feet.
- h. There will be 160 units of affordable housing located on-site.
- i. There will 45,000 square feet of retail space at street level.
- j. It will have a 12-bay loading dock below grade.
- k. There will also be a 700-stall parking garage below grade.
- l. It will occupy a full city block.
- m. All the meeting rooms will have windows.
- n. There are currently 7 curb cuts on that block.
- o. 9th Ave is a green street and currently doesn't align correctly across Stewart.
- p. The affordable housing will be through the city program. People making 30% of 80% of Area Median Income are eligible.
- q. There will be studios, 1 and 2 bedrooms.
- r. This is "workforce housing."
- s. They will enter into a covenant with the city to maintain the affordable housing for 50 years.
- t. The Seattle Department of Housing administers the program.
- u. Question: what about condos? No. They built Olive 8 and ended up not making any money on it.
- v. 4-year timeline, construction would start in April 2014
- w. Traffic analysis will be performed as part of the approval process.
- x. Question: Early Design Guidance started? Yes, first meeting complete, second meeting in June.
- y. Question: Size of retail spaces? Considering a lot of options.
- z. Question: Name? None yet.
- aa. Question: Why so much demand for conventions in Seattle? Our temperate climate has a lot to do with it. Convention Center turned away \$692m in business last year because there were not enough hotel rooms.

8. Center City Transit Connector - Tony Mizella and Alison Schwartz, SDOT

- a. Included in updated Transit Master Plan, and started study in Fall.
- b. Two alignments are under consideration - 1st Ave from King St to Westlake, and a couplet on 4th and 5th Avenues.
- c. Will also study 1st Ave from Westlake to Seattle Center, but that segment would likely be a later phase.
- d. Question: free? No, assuming current fare structure.

- e. Question: what about connecting Belltown to SLU? East-west transit! TMP includes a “priority bus corridor” on Denny Way.
- f. Question: will traffic study include SR 99 diversion? They are evaluating this based on the “no tolls” scenario.
- g. Question: exclusive lanes? The South Lake Union Streetcar and First Hill Streetcar include a lot of shared lanes. Whether the downtown connector will include exclusive lanes is a big open question.

9. New Business

- a. People said last month they wanted to hear more about Hempfest. The organizers are willing to come talk to us.
- b. Founders Day Festival - the organizers of the previous festivals are no longer going to do it. It could still be picked up by someone else.
- c. Bell Street Park
  - i. 45 working days per block.
  - ii. Small delay on 1st & 2nd due to an adjacent business wanting to make improvements of their own during construction.
  - iii. There will be a community picnic for the opening which should be the 3rd week of June.
  - iv. There will be a design charette for the muralization of the intersections.
- d. Question: what is the status of the MOA with Parks about the community center? Thought it was done, but then it wasn't. They are going to broaden the conversation.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.