

BCC General Meeting Minutes 9.11.2013

- Note: Minutes start at 7pm, as Secretary was unable to arrive at the proper start of the meeting.
- SPD Briefing – Sgt. Gracy
 - Bus driver shot, stable, ok. Grazed on cheek
 - Members requested advice on what to do in a similar situation. Gracy states that the best advice is to try to evacuate from area
 - SPD will be posting extra officers at sporting events, looking into whether fans from other teams are being attacked as rumored
 - Questions from members
 - Seafair Pirates??
 - Marijuana use
 - Still against the law to smoke in public
 - Officers will probably not enforce at this time
 - Currently advised to warn about it, not currently giving citations.
 - Lowest priority for SPD, and has been for a while
 - Are there any changes with the dynamic of the Bell Street Park?
 - Too early to tell
 - Members have seen public urination and drug sales offers, but no clear correlation, no increase
 - Lights were recently not functional due to a blown fuse, this has been fixed
 - PSE&G had to dig up and fix a gas main under the street. This was a danger to the Acquabar, has been fixed
 - MID ambassadors have been finding needles
 - DUI Modifications?
 - No changes he has heard of. Continuing DUI patrols as usual
 - Training officers to determine how affected someone is by marijuana
 - Technology was already available/in place, but not everyone was trained
 - Any staffing changes?
 - 89 officers a year > hiring goal for the next three years (increase in addition to maintenance hiring)
 - Last time they ran the test, only 100 people passed, so there's a small pool
 - Takes over a year for an applicant who has passed the test to be on the streets
- Booked community center for mayoral debate.
 - Cost \$305
 - \$66 in personal money spend by President for handbills, uncertain at this time whether she will request reimbursement
 - Tom Graff from Ewing and Clark donated \$
 - Kroll Maps donated the flyers

- Matthew has been filing for 501c4 status (\$18)
- DSA wanted to make a \$50 P-Patch
 - We wrote a check, DSA sent us a check as reimbursement
- Important that we self sustain – donations will be accepted at the forum/debate
- Proposed: fundraisers per year for community center w/ goal of raising \$500. Contract not finalized yet
- Jeff Manson > 36th district democrats > fair elections Seattle
 - Nationally the cost of elections continues to rise
 - Double what it was a decade ago, running for office in Seattle currently costs approx. \$250,000
 - Wealthier donors always have more access to candidates, even with well-intentioned candidates
 - Proposition 1 > candidates can raise between \$10-50 from up to 600 people living in Seattle, then can have that matched up to 6x
 - Would be about 1/10th the cost of running Real Change
 - NY, ABQ, many other places have this implemented already
 - Fewer uncontested races, and results are often closer, more competitive
 - More women and people of color run, lower income backgrounds who run, not just the wealthy, business owners, lawyers, etc.
 - Less than 1% of Seattle voters currently give money to a city council candidate right now. This gets more people involved
 - Had this in the 80's, and in 1992 we banned public financing
 - 2008 citizen led lobbying to remove the ban, now we're asking to bring back public financing
 - There is currently a pro campaign, (including all 9 council members and both mayoral candidates), Seattle Times and The Stranger are in favor among many others, currently no campaign against it
 - Questions?
 - Which offices would be eligible?
 - First round would be just city council
 - Interested in expanding, but would just start w/ city council
 - Mayoral, county, port, all have some interest
 - Long term goal is congress, some day
 - Caps on how much you can raise?
 - Current law > money is speech, so caps would not be lawful
 - This would require an agreement that you do not spend more than 245,000 on your campaign/election
 - Other places implemented have about 90-95% participation rate
 - Allows more focus on the issues, news doesn't cover who raised more money
 - Separate ballot measure > districts amendment would work with public financing > if both pass, the number would just be lower
 - If there is a surplus, what happens to that money?

- They have the authority to raise this much money, but they would simply not raise as much money
 - 50 cents per median household of \$400,000
 - Numbers can be changed if proposed numbers are not working
- Erik Likkel - nominating committee
 - Betsy Graff > seat 2
 - Experience:
 - health care administration 20+years
 - Serves on board of ID health center and friends of the seattle public library
 - Worked as chief policy aid for ***
 - Consulted w/ the center for youth justice
 - 8 year resident
 - Became acting director of community police ***
 - Motion to suspend attendance voting rules
 - assed by board unanimously
 - Elected unanimously
 - Erik Likkel > pastor at New Horizons, resident for 12-13 years
 - Bingo and blues party proposal
 - Holidays can be difficult for many singles and seniors in the area
 - Looking for volunteers to both plan and crew
 - Probably going to happen in November, not compete with December festivities
- Closing Notes
 - Anyone who is willing to help out with Mayoral Forum tomorrow, please contact Elizabeth Campbell
 - Starts at 7:30, please show up at 7 to help
 - Does anyone have a question for the candidates?
 - Please discuss plans for putting in place a permanent chief of police
 - What are they looking for that they consider to be most critical?
 - What do they think about the Pirates during SeaFair and their “energy”?
- Adjourned