



BCC Planning Meeting 3/16/2017.

Present: Dean McColgan, President; Keith Kentop, Vice-President; Evan Clifthorne, Treasurer; Tracy Roberts, Secretary; Liam Hallinan, N-O position #1; David Levinson, N-O position #2; Terique Scott, N-O position #3.

Dean:

Elections are in May. It will be a tight agenda as we also have two speakers. The Seattle Fire Chief is coming and has never been invited before. They will talk about their work. Also coming is the Seattle City Light CEO.

The positions up for election are:

President

Secretary

Non-Officer Position #1

Non-Officer Position #3

Liam is terming out. Liam and Terique can run for each other's positions. Need to put a call out to see if anyone is interested in running for the board. Will push it out six weeks in advance. Will talk about it again in April.

Keith will Chair the Elections Committee and organize everything. Plan on the beginning of April, which will be 6 weeks out. This board needs to reach out to others.

Keith asked about the by-laws, what happens if we wanted to add on a position? By-law update committee. The board has to approve any changes. Those interested can sit on the committee.

Dean likes new blood. Evan stated that we need to think of ways to re-engage if someone tries for positions and gets in or doesn't.

Evan: First Friday Wine Share will be at Makers in April.

Re-keeping people engaged, need to plug people into volunteer opportunities by use of an app. The plan is to get an app launched at the end of March, so by the time of the elections, it will have been used for about a month. Keith asked if the app could be used for the elections. Also, people can list events to promote.

David: Be good to have Historic Belltown talk/present once or twice a year. It was noted that Steve Hall would talk.

There's a lot of opportunities for people to get engaged with the BCC. We need to think about people to get involved with us. Everyone did a great job supporting and getting involved in the Project Belltown: 'Soul of Belltown' event. Collaboration between the BCC and Project Belltown. We talked about Adopt-A-Street. Tracy will look into that.

April Meeting:

1. Pike/Pine renaissance project - Aaron Tam.

2. Emergency Preparedness Office - Matt Auflick

Andy Peck purchased the lock box and has been working with the Office of Emergency Management. Anders Maul will be running it.

Evan may talk about the app at the end of the meeting if it's ready to go. If it's not, will push it out until May.

Keith questioned whether we can have something light, engaging on the agenda as well. Evan stated that at the 36th District meetings, they have a break mid-way to mingle/meet/talk. Keith said, maybe end on a lighter note.

Clever Bottle bar on 2nd Ave is closing. It was related to the lease.

Use of the sandwich board, once Tracy has finished renovating, will be for advertising the BCC and it's events. Tracy has a white board for the BCC meetings too. The board can be used to put post-its on, with questions/comments for speakers as well as suggestions. Keith talked of having a Suggestion box too within the community, Coasters to advertise and ask questions.

Evan: Do we have enough time to get someone from Tune, maybe the CEO, to talk? Maybe in June?

Dean: Be nice to give him more time to prepare. Do we have time for an artist to be at the April meeting?

Keith: Ethan Harrington, artist, could set up his easel at 6, work on a piece throughout the meeting and be finished by the end. ? auction it off at the next meeting.

Keith wants the community to be physically engaged with Belltown. Have someone come in and pitch their map store, etc. Belltown inspired.

Dean: What about musicians? Have them start playing at 6pm. Timeline is a week before, the agenda is set. Have until April 5th to lock things in.

Everyone on the board likes the social idea, musicians, artists and having a break between speakers.

Terique: Talked about the bicycle advisory board coming in to talk at either the June or July meeting.

Absinthe bar is new: <https://www.absinthebrasserie.com/>

Evan: Alec Baker of Tune has a girlfriend/fiance who is very interested in getting more involved in the community.

Keith: Will write up template which can be used for restaurants/bars bringing food in. Evan said we have dates for the next few meetings, so ask people which one they want to bring food to.

Evan: Western and Bell intersection has a parking lot. It's a space that could be used for Navigation Space or Community Center.

Dean: Where's the BCC going to meet in 2018? Evan - Invest time in meeting with the owner of the Community Center, ? do another short lease. The owner is in construction, in Texas. It seems the property owner is unwilling to do another lease.

Discussion about the City thinking about having one Community Center on Denny for Uptown, SLU, Denny Triangle and Belltown. This decision is not favored by anyone on the BCC board. Evan spoke about pushing for a Community Center by Western and Bell, any City buildings in Belltown (Tune, Antioch, Labor Temple).

Save the Community Center signs are best done when we have somewhere or someone to direct questions and concerns to. Hold off on doing signs for now.

Evan: Will talk to Ben regarding talking about the app at a meeting.

Terique: Talked about reaching out to candidates running for the City to come and talk. Evan - Best to do them after the primaries in September and maybe have just two candidates.

Evan: Helpful to have the community take part in brainstorming sessions. This Monday evening, March 20th, will have a small group discussion brainstorming about what the next event looks like. Storytelling and discussion panel came out of a brainstorming session.

The 3rd event will be a visual idea, a gallery show, with maps, plans and artists. The 4th event will be in May. This will have all the important things, including goals, priorities.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Tracy Roberts, Secretary, BCC.

