



Belltown Community Council General Meeting minutes.

May 10th, 2017.

Belltown Community Center, 415 Bell Street, Seattle, WA. 98121.

Meeting called to order by Dean McColgan, President, BCC. Everyone welcomed and talked about these meetings being a way to learn about what's going on in Belltown.

Keith Kentop, Vice President, BCC, introduced Ryan, new owner of Amber, a restaurant/bar. Ryan said he was happy to be involved tonight and explained Amber bar and restaurant is under new management. They also have a new Executive Chef, Amber Jorgensen. They described the food that was available at the meeting tonight: Jalapeno hush puppies, Meatloaf bites, Collard greens stuffed pastries and Triple battered chicken strips with honey mustard sauce.

Keith described the food as wonderful and invited everyone to try them.

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Introductions:

Dean McColgan, President; Keith Kentop, Vice-President; David Levinson, Non-Officer Position #2; Tracy Roberts, Secretary; Evan Clifhorne, Treasurer; Jane Savard, Chair, Parks and Arts Committee.

Dean: We have Fire Chief Scoggins and CEO of Seattle City Light here to speak tonight. We've never had the Chief come to talk to us before. We met at the Find It Fix It walk and walk to thank our speakers for being here.

Speaker: Harold Scoggins, Chief, Seattle Fire Department:

First of all, want to compliment Amber's Chef for the food. It's delicious.

I've been the Chief of the department for just over two years. It's been an exciting time. Going to give an overview of the department, challenges in the community. #2 Fire Station here in Belltown on 4th Avenue is very busy. There's a peak time of about 9/10am - 10/11pm where the call load spikes. So, instead of having an aid unit on duty for 24 hours, they tried something different and just have a unit available during the peak hours.

There are

33 Fire Stations

32 Engines

11 ladder trucks

7 medic units

5 Fire boats

2 Air trucks.

25 foot Rescue Boat.

All have different missions that they serve. There are specialised resources in some areas.

There was a rescue in Colman Docks recently where someone fell in the water. They got that person out and searched for a possible second person.

In our city, the 7 medic units are a source of pride. Seattle was the first of the group (Seattle, L.A., Pittsburgh, Miami) that started Medic/Paramedic units who respond to critical emergencies.

They have 2 medics that sit at Harborview. The paramedics training program is 10 months. They are trained by doctors at Harborview and UW. The medics are in class from 7am - 4pm, then they go to the station and ride in the rigs. In King County, all medics are trained here. If they are based in Bellevue, Kent, they come here. If they are wearing white smocks, they are in training. They graduate in July. There are 1005 uniformed personnel. They are down by about 75 positions. There are 85 civilians. They received 7200 applications. To get through recruit training it takes about 15 months. Each class costs \$1.9 million to train firefighters. When there's a festival, concert, event, the Sounders are playing, the Firefighters will be there. Operations components, Hazmat teams are there, around the stadium.

Tiered Response System: Firefighters are dispatched at the Fire Alarm Center. Who gets sent, depends on what is said during the 911 call.

A BLS incident - closest fire engine, aid car and/or ladder truck responds.

If Paramedics are attending, they will speak to the doctor at the hospital. There's about 6-8 people attending the scene.

If it's a ALS incident, the closest medic unit responds.

If someone tripped and fell, would get aid car only.

Station 2 is the second busiest in the USA. it has >8100 responses in one year. The number one was in Los Angeles, CA.

The dispatchers can ask additional questions. The brain starts to lose function in 6 - 8 minutes. Try to balance response times to 4 - 6 minutes. We need stations throughout the community. Between 8 - 10 minutes, a fire can really spread rapidly. You throw a lot of resources at it to prevent it from spreading. That's why we have so many stations.

Q: What's the difference between an EMT and a Paramedic.

A: EMT - Skills are splinting, AED. Paramedics have a box of drugs with them. They have a higher level of training, can intubate patients.

Q: In San Jose, each truck has an EMT. What does Seattle FD have?

A: Every Firefighter here is an EMT. There are 7 units staffed each day by paramedics. North Seattle teaches EMTs. They generally have to be sponsored or be a volunteer. In Seattle, last year, taught our first EMT class.

Battalion 3 - Medic One

World renowned program was established in 1970, through a joint effort with the Seattle Fire Department, UW and Harborview.

There are positive and negative effects of having medics. People call for everything.

In 2016, there were 97,000 calls to 911. 19,000 of them were ALS calls. 15,000 were fire related: Alarms, trash can fires, explosions.

In 2011, there were 78,613 calls. 5 years on, there are 97,043 calls. It's a huge growth.

Peak time call load is from 2pm - 6/7pm, then it goes down. They have an aid car sitting around the corner to meet this peak load. Trying to meet the challenge, it is financially feasible as they are not paying for 24 hr coverage, just the time to cover the peak period.

Station 2 was built in 1921 and is the oldest working fire station in Seattle. Fire facilities and Emergency Response levy upgrades were completed in 2010.

The levy was passed to refit and improve every station in the city. 35 in 15 years have been rebuilt, retrofitted seismically. They are on the last two. The Waterfront station was not included in the levy. Will start to do that one in 2018. The fire boats on the waterfront were displaced due to construction and the tunnel.

Q: Will the boat move or stay?

A: The fire boat will move back to the waterfront, it's natural home.

Aid 2, 5, 4. Busiest unit in 2016 with >8,000 responses. Aid 5 was relocated to Station 2.

They have a Low Acuity Program to address individuals who call 911 and access emergency services at a high rate. Added two positions in July 2016. Brought in a Social Worker. They had a 911 Nurse Line pilot at DESC facilities, buildings on 3rd Avenue and residents were encouraged to call.

They have a taxi voucher program, so when they find someone who needs help, but not the ER, can call someone in Mental Health and put them in a taxi to where they need to go. They are doing some innovative things.

Q: When do AMR vans get involved?

A: 32,000 people go to the hospital. Paramedics assess and AMR gets referred calls.

Q: Is that a financial decision?

A: It would overwhelms the system. AMR has 24 units on the street during the day.

Q: What's going to happen when the Franklin building is developed? The new structure will have 175 parking spaces underneath the building. How will it affect the fire trucks who need access to the alley.

A: It can affect the fire trucks going in and out. In Ballard, they have painted lines across the street and blocked a large space to maintain access in and out the fire station. If it comes to that, will do that.

Q: Advice to call/not call 911.

A: Before you call 911, if you find someone on the ground, shake them, talk to them. Maybe they will wake up and can assess them. Shake and shout, tell them to wake up, ask if they know where they are, ask if they are ok? Assess if they are inebriated or not. If you do all of this before the call, it will tell them something. The FD recommend doing this as it's what they do.

Dean thanked the Chief for coming, appreciate all the work.

Announcements:

1. Bloodworks Northwest is having a blood drive on June 15th, from 1230 - 6.30pm.

<https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/Default.aspx>

2. Looking for someone to be part of the Emergency Hub process. You need to be committed and be part of the team. Andy Peck has worked with the City.

Andy Peck - We are fully equipped. We had a meeting two weeks ago and now need someone to lead. Keith Kentop will do the outreach part. If Seattle has a bad day, Belltown will be in trouble. If you are interested in being the Hub Captain or part of the team, please let Andy Peck know. Just need a few hours of your time.

Q: Jane Savard asked when the meetings were scheduled.

A: There are no scheduled meetings until the Captain is in place.

Speaker: Larry Weis, CEO, Seattle City Light:

Dean introduced Calvin Goings, recognising him as being the former Chair of the Transportation Committee. Appreciate him being here and for his help.

Larry Weis was introduced by Dean.

Larry was born in Seattle and grew up in Central Washington. City Light has training with the Seattle Fire Dept. Seattle is one of a few large cities that own electric utility. It's the 5th or 6th largest city owned. The largest one is LA, then San Antonio, Austin Energy. As one of a larger company, it's a unique opportunity of being part of a city. The needs, skillset, training, the whole organisation. Work closely nationally with peer groups. There's 1800 employees. Shift mix around a lot, try to reduce desk and management people. The employee mix is unique.

They have hydroelectric projects. Skagit project has 120 plus employees there. This provides about 30% of all power needed for utilities.

60% of employees are in the north. 90% of power is clean hydroelectric. You buy power. Our own power doesn't come at the right time of year, so have to buy it. Remote hydroelectric projects are hard to get people up there to work.

Questions were answered.

In the late 70's, started adopting strategy. Instead of buying, want to reduce the footprint. Don't have to buy as much. Seattle has been leading energy efficiency program. No greenhouse emissions.

Traveling is offset - vehicles, travel. It's the greenest utility in the USA. A group keeps track of it. City light is the strongest environmental company.

Q: Asked how things are offset.

A: Wind energy, electric vehicles. There's a mathematical may to work it out so they know the numbers.

Q: SCL is funded by rate payers, land they own. Could they advocate a green space?

A: If they have surplus land, the first objective is to get fair market value. The parks can buy it, which has been done before. We do that with hydroelectric projects.

Operation Center was built in Ballard. The biggest project is the closest, Denny substation. Serves the downtown network - redundant.

Lines will run underground E. Pine on 23rd. Comes down to Denny, so won't be any overhead lines. Allow network to go up to Lake Union. Reacts to where growth goes. A lot of contractors work for SCL. Interesting work in technology. 4,000 - 26,000 volts. 4,000 was eliminated. Have gone to 26,000. Properties with small lots had 4,000.

Will build neighborhood grids. First project is in Rainier Valley. Will build battery storage with solar on it. Have engineers working on it. Have about 20 of these sites. Will serve Burien, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park and not just Seattle. It takes a lot of money for technology.

Seattle has one of the lowest electric rates in the US. When you buy LED's you lower our sales and we want that. Energy sufficiency has worked. 80% of lighting can be saved if all lights were changed to LED's. We don't have a hot air conditioning load.

Q: Asked about flyers in the bills referring to smart meters and security issues surrounding that.

A: Surprised it's not happened already. Security issues are unfounded. Data comes off in packets. Reading meter automatically. All new customers get one. Will start changing them out.

Q: Asked about street lights

A: 80% of the city has had street lights changed to LEDs. They don't go out. It's been a very successful standard industry practice.

Dean thanked Larry Weis for speaking.

Elections:

Keith Kentop, Vice President talked about eligibility for election voting and for standing for a position. To vote, you need to have attended the general meeting 4 times, including the day of voting.

The positions up for voting are:

President, Secretary, Non-Officer positions #1 and #3. Liam is currently holding #1 and will be running for the #3 position that Terique currently holds and he in turn will be running for #1 as it's vacated by Liam.

No need to attend meetings if you want to run for a position.

Keith asked those attending if anyone was interested in running for positions. There were no takers. There's enough members to have a quorum. Terique and Liam will switch their positions. Anyone opposed? Nobody opposed. In favor? Significant majority.

Members asked if everyone was in favor of Dean and Tracy continuing as President and Secretary respectively. All in favor, nobody against.

Dean McColgan was re-elected to President

Tracy Roberts was re-elected to Secretary

Terique Scott was elected to Non-Officer position #1

Liam Hallinan was elected to Non-Officer position #3

Dean thanked everyone for attending. Please visit the <https://waterfrontseattle.org/overview> and <https://belltowncc.org/>

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes taken by Tracy Roberts, Secretary.