

## FAIRHAVEN NEIGHBORS BOARD MEETING

Friday, January 21, 2005

### MINUTES

Members Present: Migo Biciunas, Deborah Frost, Thom Prichard, Laura Smith,  
Ed Rowe, Ralph Thacker, Karl Thomas

Minutes of Prior Meeting Approved

Topics Covered:

#### 1. Distributing Meeting Announcements

Discussion:

- \* Use e-mail for all those who have it.
- \* Use yard signs like the ones used by the Edgemoor Neighborhood Association (ENA)

Decision:

- \*A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to spend a maximum of \$100 to buy two yard signs announcing FN meetings.
- \* Thom will place an order and report back if the cost for two is more than \$100.

#### 2. Displaying Signs to Welcome People to the Fairhaven Neighborhood

Discussion:

- \* Board members generally agreed that the Fairhaven Neighborhood should have one or more welcome signs like those displayed in other neighborhoods.

No Decision Made

#### 3. Small and Simple Grants

Discussion:

- \* A new round of Small and Simple Grants has been announced by the City with an application deadline of Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Board members agreed that FN should apply but did not identify a specific project

No Decision Made

#### 4. Clarifying our Vision for the Fairhaven Neighborhood

##### Discussion:

- \* We need to decide whether to focus our efforts on our immediate Fairhaven Neighborhood or the entire Southside?
- \* We need to get a better handle on Fairhaven's current zoning codes and the variances that have been granted and/or requested for new buildings. Some of the zoning codes are very much out of date.
- \* While Fairhaven is being viewed as the blueprint for "Urban Villages" around the City, Fairhaven does not have an up-to-date plan incorporating this concept.
- \* We need a realistic vision of what we want for Fairhaven going forward, e.g., housing for a broad range of income levels, commercial and industrial areas and social amenities, such as green spaces, meeting places, venues for cultural activities and better access to and from the water.
- \* We need examples of Urban Villages that work. Deborah will do some research, e.g., smartgrowth.com.
- \* We need an Urban Planner and an outside Consultant to lay out a basic plan for members to use as a jump-off point.
- \* A moratorium may be needed on new buildings permits in Fairhaven until a new master plan is in place.

##### Decisions:

- \* Jackie Lynch has been invited to our Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to present a map showing all the current, pending and proposed development projects in Fairhaven.
- \* All FN members will be invited to the Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> ENA meeting to hear a presentation by Jorge Vega and Chris Spens, Sr. Planner.
- \* The FN members meeting on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> will be devoted to the visioning process.

#### 5. Identifying Needed Information

- \* **Codes:** zoning, regulations, ordinances, variances
- \* **Key Players:** State Legislature, State Agencies, Mayor, Public Works Director, Planning Director, Planning Commission, Hearing Examiner, City Council, Fairhaven Land Owners and Developers, Ordinary Citizens, Courts
- \* **Plans:** Growth Management Act, Shoreline Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Neighborhood Plan, Growth Management Forum, Waterfront Futures Group.
- \* **Scenarios:** 1-Explain the steps involved in a new subdivision proposal (e.g., Chuckanut Ridge)

#### 6. Coalition of Southside Neighborhoods (CSN)

##### Discussion:

- \* Initial CSN meeting on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> with representatives from ENA, FN (Glenn Denkler,

Migo, Ralph, Thom and Sheryl Davis), Happy Valley, South and South Hill

\* Three critical concerns were identified:

- Creating a Fairhaven Urban Village Plan
- Conducting an area-wide traffic study
- Mitigating the impact of the proposed Chuckanut Ridge development

Decision:

- \* All FN members will be invited to attend the next CSN on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>
- \* CSN is expected to set up a joint committee on each of the three concerns with members being drawn from all five neighborhoods.

## 6. Sponsorship of Folk Dancing Performances During Ski to Sea

Discussion:

- \* Ralph announced that Ski to Sea has welcomed the idea of holding performances of international folk dancing on Village Green stage on Sunday afternoon, May 29<sup>th</sup> and that preliminary response from national groups has been very positive.
- \* Ralph invited FN to sponsor this new segment of Ski in order to Sea to enrich the event and to gain visibility for FN

Decision:

- \* The Board appropriated \$200 to reserve the Village Green stage for this activity.

## 7. Upcoming Events

\*Fri., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at Fairhaven Park Pavilion: Fairhaven Neighbors

**This meeting will focus on learning what's in the works for building within our neighborhood and learning about zoning options. It is intended to educate us so that we can be prepared for our visioning meeting February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

- Jackie Lynch from the Planning Dept. will tell us what is in the works and answer related questions
- Barbara Ryan, City Council Member, will discuss what actions our FN should take to determine our goals for Fairhaven and how to realize them
- Thom will ask Jackie to prepare handouts summarizing her presentation
- Ralph will offer to help Jackie meet this request
- Migo will post the draft of our visioning outline on the FN web site and ask members to come to the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting prepared to finalize it
- Migo will bring paper, easel, and writing supplies
- Thom will bring the aerial map
- Deborah will facilitate
- Members will be asked for their interest in serving on the SNC Visioning Committee

\* Wed., Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m. at Fairhaven Park Pavilion: Edgemoor Neighborhood with Jorge Vega and Chris Spens, Bellingham Planning Dept.

\* Wed., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at Fairhaven Park Pavilion: Southside Neighborhood Coalition

\* Fri., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at Fairhaven Park Pavilion: Fairhaven Neighbors

Note: Karl will contact Holly O'Neill from the Co-op about serving as facilitator for this meeting