

Whittier Heights Community Council

Meeting Date: February 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Ballard Church, 1460 NW 73rd Street
Meeting Purpose: General Meeting

Meeting Summary

Ballard's new tool library is open!

- JB Harmon of Sustainable Ballard provided information about Ballard's new tool library located at 7549 15th Ave NW. Annual membership fees are \$35/individual and \$60/household. Waivers are available.
- They are looking for a librarian.
- For more information, contact JB, who is managing the tool library:
jbharmon@sustainableballard.org

New, local radio station, KBFG 107.3

- Brent Lackey, WHCC president, mentioned there's a new, local radio station, KBFG 107.3, www.kbfgseattle.org.
- KBFG serves Ballard, Fremont, Greenwood, Phinney, Magnolia, Queen Anne, U District, and Wallingford. Its "vision is to provide a forum for the creation of locally focused programs that give us the opportunity to dive deep into our community's arts, entertainment, and lifestyle offerings. Whether it's a new musical talent, a thought provoking art installation, community issues or our farmers' markets, KBFG is the platform for our North Seattle listeners to inform and share with our community."

2018 City of Seattle grants.

- Thomas Whittlemore, North Seattle's Community Engagement Coordinator, explained the "Your Voice, Your Choice" City grant available to neighborhoods. YVYC grants provide participatory funding for street and parks small projects (the 2019 Street Fund is for large projects). In January, 900+ ideas were submitted and then reviewed by SDOT and the Parks Department to determine which ideas are feasible.
- People can view the projects online, www.seattle.gov/yvyc and attend a Council District meeting to vote on projects.
- Thomas also shared that the Mayor wants to improve community engagement through the 10 District Councils across Seattle. Brent encourages Whittier Heights and Ballard residents to attend the Ballard District Council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at Merrill Gardens. Check the BDC website for updates: www.ballarddistrict.org

Major Ballard issues/projects update (Brent Lackey)

1. **Missing Link bike route in Ballard:** the route agreed upon and appealed.
2. **Ship Canal water quality project:** Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has undertaken its biggest project, which runs underground near the old Yankee Diner on Shilshole along the ship canal through Fremont to the Wallingford transfer station.

3. **Crown Hill Urban Village (CHUV):** The City is extending the Crown Hill Urban Village into Whittier Heights; 77th and 11th Ave NW is the southeast corner of the village. Properties in the urban village will be rezoned from single family 5000-square-foot lots (SF5000) to residential small lot development, which allows two homes with minimal parking. On Feb. 28th, there will be a city open house public meeting at Whitman Middle School. On March 12th, there will be a hearing/meeting at the Northgate Community Center. Visit the CHUV Committee for Smart Growth for information: <http://crownhillurbanvillage.org/>
4. **Sound Transit 3, West Seattle to Ballard.** Thomas said there will be an open house on Thursday, Feb. 15th, 6:30-8:30 at the Leif Erikson lodge. The current plan is to build a high bridge over the Ballard Bridge and ending near 15th Ave NW and NW Market St. See the Sound Transit 3 website for details: <http://soundtransit3.org/>

WHCC financial report.

WHCC Treasurer Hugh Kelso gave an update of WHCC's finances. As of Dec. 31, 2017, the bank account balance was \$26,451.48, which includes the the Safeway gas station mitigation funds.

Baker Park update, new totem pole.

- Andrea Faste, Whittier Heights resident, presented plans for Baker Park's new totem pole that will replace the one that was destroyed and removed. Andrea is submitting a matching fund grant application to the City in March.
- The proposed matching fund total grant is \$20,000, broken down to: 1) \$3,000 in community volunteer time (each hour of volunteer time equals \$20), 2) \$7,000 proposed cash match from WHCC funds 3) \$10,000 City match. \$14,000 will go toward paying for totem pole materials and time of the carver, Fred Lauth.
- Community members are needed to volunteer in order to secure the above grant. Please contact Andrea) amfaste@comcast.net with any questions and volunteer information.
- Tim Heitman put forth a motion for WHCC to provide a cash match of \$7,000 plus a 20% contingency fee (\$8,500 total) for the Baker Park totem pole project's City matching fund grant. Total funds are not to exceed \$23,000 to pay for the totem pole materials and fee of Fred Lauth, the totem pole carver. The motion was seconded and approved (12-0).

Proposed homeless women's tiny house encampment planned for 8030 15th Ave NW.

- George Scarola of Mayor Durkan's Office / Finance and Administrative Services and Lisa of Human Services attended the meeting as initial community engagement regarding the proposed homeless women's encampment opening this spring.
- Up to 20 homeless women and their pets will live in tiny houses on the site, which will be staffed by women. The site is owned by City Light. The encampment permit is for one year, but the City intends to renew the permit for at least a second year. Individuals can stay for up to 180 days.
- The site will have 24-hour security with restricted access, community kitchen, showers, running water (already exists on site), laundry, and case management providing access to medical services. Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) builds the City's tiny home encampments.
- For more information, contact George Scarola (George.Scarola@seattle.gov) and visit: www.seattle.gov/homelessness/sanctioned-encampments