

Jackson Place Community Council Meeting Agenda

07-12-10 Mi La Cay (Corner of Dearborn and Rainier)

- 7:00 – 7:10 Introductions
- 7:10 – 7:30 Committee Chair Appointments
- Community Outreach
 - Crime
 - Land Use
 - Traffic
- 7:30 – 8:00 Discussion on Goals for this year
Potential Projects/Goals:
- Organizing a monthly neighborhood cleanup.
 - Organizing more neighborhood events in Judkins Park.
 - Develop a better relationship with businesses on Jackson Street and Hiawatha.
 - Work with SDOT on implementing more of our community traffic plan.
 - Work to increase the awareness of our community council to community participation.
- 8:00 – 8:15 Open

Meeting Minutes*:

*Action Items = **Name Highlighted in Yellow**

Those in Attendance: Susan Rose, Cary Davis, Ryan Curran, Ryan Morgan, Alex Wakeman, Margo Robb, and Maura Deering

Those Absent: Paul Krane

Committee Appointments

Newsletter – Cary Davis and Margo Robb
Community Improvement – Alex Wakeman
Land Use – Ryan Curran and Maura Deering
Traffic Circles – Susan Rose
Traffic Calming – Ryan Morgan
Crime – updates from Vince

Cary Davis said that he had put together a Jackson Place blog and that it is ready for content. He has connections to Stranger slog and we can talk to centraldistrictnews.org for ideas of how to best utilize blog.

Ryan Morgan noted that crime in the neighborhood is primarily panhandlers, with some drug use and thief of metal. Some discussion about the Recycle Depot and its purchase of scrap metal. Cary is going to call the recycling place to make sure they are following procedure and documenting who is getting reimbursed for the metal. Jenna at the Artist Lofts and Christa from Café Weekend concerned about this issue.

Goodwill is proposing demolition of buildings along Dearborn Ave. to make room for more trucks. The comment period has been extended. This is a temporary use of the space until a more comprehensive redevelopment plan materializes.

Cary Davis talked about Streets for All Campaign that supports walk, bike, ride public transportation and is working to push the city council to allocate funds to the endeavor. **Ryan Curran** is going to write an endorsement letter for the project for JPCC.

Business Association Initiative (BAI) in the works for Jackson from 20th to 23rd. Ryan Morgan would like to see the businesses from 14th to 20th added to this group. Seattle Vocational Institute still needs to sign the BAI. **Ryan Curran** is going to write a letter urging SVI to do so from the JPCC. BAIs helped the University District improve walkability – by cleaning up the streets and increasing police presence.

Susan Rose gave a history of the Traffic Calming efforts. SDOT shot down JP proposal for stop signs at 20th and Lane, and going down Charles, wouldn't block streets (worries about emergency personnel), or narrowing to a single lane. On Davis Place, people DYIed a traffic bump but SDOT ordered it removed. Ryan Curran suggested something a la the Intersection Repair, popular in Portland, where people create spaces that slow cars down – with big barrels, public art, community kiosks, benches, and in one place a solar-powered tea house. Some talk about the intersection at Jackson around 17th and 18th. Crosswalk but very little protections for pedestrians or bikers.

Discussion/Brainstorming about Goals for the following Year:

1. Monthly clean-ups: coordinated by Alex
2. Events in Judkins Park: **Alex** going to contact Seattle Department of Parks to find out usage of park currently. More events such as Shakespeare In the Park – both organizing and attracting events. Cary going to further investigate movies in the park.
3. Vacant Lot Revitalization: P-Patches – investigating how to get funding, etc. Ideas of where we could focus: 930 20th Ave, Weller @ Rainier, 20th where it turns into Judkins by the park, Hiawatha next to the Oil Company (owned by warehouse behind it).
4. Cleaning sidewalks – getting the blackberry bushes trimmed back throughout the neighborhood – walkability.
5. Tackling the Feral Cats problem...
6. Supporting Neighborhood Businesses – helping them get the word out about their business, offering support in ways that are helpful to them.

Tops priorities: Events in Judkins Park, Vacant Lot Revitalization, and Supporting businesses.

Next meeting: Monday, August 30th at 7 pm @ Co-housing.

Next Quarterly meeting: Monday, September 20th, speakers TBA.