

Jackson Place Quarterly Meeting Notes  
June 6, 2011 @ 7 pm  
Jackson Place Cohousing

Agenda:

- I. Nick Licata presents issues to the council
- II. Summer Events
- III. Parking lot on Rainier and Charles
- IV. Meeting of the new board

About 30 people in attendance including then current board members Ryan Curran, Ryan Morgan, Margo Robb, Alexandra Wakeman, and Paul Byron Crane.

I. Nick Licata

Happy to be back at the Cohousing site. He was involved in 1998 with its creation, as well as other cohousing projects and artist lofts. He feels residential development is very important.

Announced that Peter Hahn, SDOT, signed the Environmental Impact Statement to go ahead with partnering with the state on tunnel. This is breaking news that will be in the newspaper tomorrow.

Federal money getting cut back on transportation. Burden on cities. 40% drop off of federal funding. Potholes a huge issue in Seattle. Very interested in seeing bus routes put back in our neighborhood. 9000 hours have been cut from this area. While he supports light rail, he sees continuing to support the buses very important.

He is very excited to support art and culture. He was a big support of the Jackson Place Music History Project, which memorializes local musicians and the many R&B clubs along Jackson. He believes that youth and creative energy contributes to the local economy and keeps cities alive

Affordable housing is big on his priorities. He wants to see more rental assistance and non-profit developers.

Re: crime. There is now an ordinance that allows for fines to be given for loudness. He is concerned that the police be held accountable for their behavior. He wants to make sure that everyone is treated equally. He said that currently police officers aren't filling out the Use of Force reports and that the police aren't turning on the cameras in their cars. He feels both of these things should be mandatory.

Someone asked about Rainier being more pedestrian friendly. That in Columbia City, the side of street parking increases walkability and slows down traffic. Licata said it is tricky further north as it is an arterial and cars need to be able to move.

Someone expressed concern that there are no crosswalks at light rails. Licata will check with Peter Han on this.

Paul Byron Crane asked about the impact of tolling on 520 on increased I-90 traffic. Since we live in a canyon we get a lot of diesel fumes and carbon loading. He is interested in having a EIS (Environmental

Impact Statement) done. Licata said it is possible that I-90 may also be tolled, though there was an agreement when it was built that after an initial fee there would never be more tolling.

## II. Summer Events

Year long Jackson Street Music History Project starts June 24. Good Vibe Festival July 16 (Music, Poetry, Hip Hop). Shakespeare in the Park – both at Blanche Lavizzal Park and Judkins.

## III. Vacant Lot @ Charles and Hiawatha

Source of crime and dumping ground. Initiate a vacant lot park? Sculpture garden? A nice entry to the neighborhood? Pocket Park?

Steps: 1. Notify owner that lot is a nuisance 2. Start up Nuisance Abatement Process.

Recycling Depot across Rainier at Charles attracts people who res=sell metal and congregate on that lot.

16<sup>th</sup> and Jackson lot: owner willing to have a P-Patch on it.

## IV. New Board Members

The new board members are: Guy Johnstone, Kristin Wall (Co-Chair), Ryan Curran, Oksana Winstead, Margo Robb, Emily Clark, Ryan Morgan (Treasurer), Judith Levine, Paul Byron Crane (Co-Chair), and Scott Crain (Secretary)

Next board meeting is August 8. Next Quarterly meeting is September 12.