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AN EXCITING FUTURE

by Jule Sugarman, President

There are exciting times ahead for the Alki Community Council. In the next few months we can expect to see extensive debates on the future of our community. In November we will be choosing new executives for the city and county governments as well as new members of the city and county councils, the school board and the port authority. I expect this will lead to vigorous debates on the future shape of public policies, programs and services, budgets and taxes.

The issues for ACC members will be what would we like to see preserved and what would we like to see changed. The opportunity exists for us to become much more proactive with elected officials. In recognition of these impending changes your Board of Directors is proposing By Law amendments to be voted on at

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Alki Homestead owner Tom Lin will be our special guest in September. Please attend to learn more about the status of the Alki Homestead.

Don't Forget to Renew Your ACC Membership!

Your address label (SEE PAGE 8) shows membership status above your name, e.g., "Exp May09" means renewal is due this month. A month/year prior to May09 means you are in arrears. To keep getting the Beacon by mail, use the form on Page 5 to join or renew your membership.

For more info email larry@alkinews.com or call 938-0887.

Upcoming Community Meetings:

*Held at the Alki Community Center
5817 SW Stevens Street at 7pm*

Thursday, Sept. 17th, 2009
Special Guest: Tom Lin
Owner of the Alki Homestead

Please come and bring a neighbor!

Next Meeting:
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www.alkinews.com for updates.

An Exciting Future

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he November meeting that would (a) direct the President to create task forces to study issues of concern to us and (b) provide for prompt consideration at our regular meetings, or if time pressures require, electronic voting on proposed ACC positions. Taken together I believe that we will become much more active on issues that you, as members, believe are important to the Council and Alki residents.

At the same time the Board is proposing to develop additional programs for our members to enhance or supplement our regular meetings. Under consideration are: (1) a potluck at the Bath House for members or perhaps the entire community; (2) An event for children and youth perhaps in cooperation with other youth serving organizations; (3) An annual event at the Statute of Liberty Plaza; (4) an enhanced Neighborhood Night Out incorporating crime prevention, health protection (e.g. against the H1N1 virus) and emergency preparedness; (5) promotion of Habitat and other community improvement efforts; (6) some form of athletic events geared to participation of community residents.

Please send me your suggestions on policy issues ACC should consider or new types of activities to supplement our regular meetings. (jule@comcast.net)

“The Story Behind the Brick”

By Libby & Paul Carr, ACC member, ACC Secretary and co-chairs of the SOL Plaza Project Committee

A Family Love Story


Judy Maus's mother Lorraine came out from Montana with a girl friend, where she met her future husband, Norm. He grew up in Roslyn and Black Diamond. They met at the West Seattle Bowling Alley. Love bloomed quickly, they married in 1950, and settled into the Alki Apartments at 57th and Alki Ave. SW. From there, they moved to 60th Ave SW, and never moved again.

Their brick was a gift from Judy to her mother. Her father died after they had been married for 56 years, and their brick expresses both their family name, Hope, and their feelings about each other and about this area. Judy feels the same way, so much so that several years ago she moved back into the home in which she grew up, and is still living there. Judy and her brothers went to Alki Elementary, Madison Middle School, and the West Seattle High School. Children and grandchildren are still feeding the birds at Alki Beach.

When Judy's mom joins her Dad, they have already arranged to have their ashes scattered in the area both of them loved so much, Alki Beach; a part of them will always be here.

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Alki Community Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2009

This are unapproved June meeting minutes. The full text of these minutes will be presented for approval at the September meeting. July minutes will also be approved at that time.

Meeting called to order by Vice-Pres. Randie Stone at 7:10 PM, June 18, 2009. President Jule Sugarman will be gone for several months, due to sustaining a serious injury to his right eye.

The chief topic was further discussion of the shooting in May at Alki Beach and what can be done to control youth violence and the carrying of guns at the beach. Investigation by Board members disclosed that the State Legislation has reserved to itself the right of control of all gun issues; essentially, the City and County cannot enforce any gun control ordinance more stringent than that imposed by the State.

ACC members and guests suggested the possibility of citizen patrols, putting up “code of conduct” signs to encourage the public to remember that this is not just a park area, but also a neighborhood, and to pay more attention to bike and pedestrian lanes.

ACC Board members will be meeting with local state legislators to discuss this issue further, **and to see what the potential is of getting a “no-guns” ordinance for public beaches where young children are present.** Members were also reminded that the police want us to call “911”

whenever we see suspicious activity (and particularly guns) in or around Alki Beach. The number of 911 calls is one major factor in how heavily certain areas of the city are patrolled.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by VP Stone at 8:35 PM.

Minutes by Paul Carr, Secretary

ALKI BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

by Jule Sugarman, President

Under our By Laws Officers and Trustees are elected at the November meeting. **I am sorry to report that Larry Carpenter has told us that he plans to travel extensively in 2010 and therefore does not wish to run as Treasurer.** *Larry has made extraordinary contributions to the Association and the entire Alki Community over many years. He is unrivaled in terms of his knowledge and work on behalf of the community.*

We will miss him deeply, but wish him the best in the future.

Laura Sue Hoover will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee and welcomes nominations for the Treasurer position as well as the President, Vice President, Secretary and three Trustees. The current officers and board member have agreed to accept nominations, but other nominations are welcome. Laura Sue can be reached at bbview@comcast.net.

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Proposed Bylaw Amendments

by Paul Carr, Secretary

Because the role of the ACC is expanding to meet community needs and because times are changing so rapidly, **the Board has been reviewing the Bylaws of the ACC to determine if some changes now need to be made.** Because we are bound by these Bylaws and can only be changed by a vote of the membership, we have consolidated these changes into one document. The changes will be presented to the membership at the September meeting, and voted upon at the November meeting for implementation. **The November meeting is also the election of officers for the 2010 year.**

Many of the changes are simply to adjust the Bylaws to changing conditions, correct grammatical errors, or to update the formatting of the document. However, the Board has also proposed a new Article X.

Article X is proposed to read as follows:

1. **Proposed Policy Statements** It is in the interests of the Alki community for its Council to present the Association's views to public officials including, as appropriate, the Mayor and City Council, the King County Executive and Council, the Seattle School Board, the Port Authority, the Governor and state legislators.
2. **Appointment of Task Forces** The President, for purposes of developing such views, may appoint Task Forces to develop recommendations for consideration and action by the Board or and/or the general membership.
3. **Action by the Board** The Board of Directors may accept, modify, or reject Task Force recommendations. If it feels it desirable to seek approval of proposed views by the general membership, the Board may use electronic means to submit proposed policy statements to the general membership.

The Board shall consider the responses to the policy statements and shall adopt or modify, proposed policies if (a) responders constitute more than 20% of the membership (b) have received affirmative support by a majority of the responders.

A full copy of the Bylaws, with proposed changes, will be available to the members at the September meeting.

Future of the Beacon

by Jule Sugarman, President

For the past two years, the ACC has been able to publish The Beacon through the devoted efforts of Cami MacNamara. We are all deeply indebted for the quality and timeliness she brought to publication of The Beacon. **Since Cami has informed the ACC Board that other duties now prevent her from continuing in this position, this September issue is the last one for which she can be responsible.** The Board needs to either (a) recruit a replacement for Cami or (b) find an alternative vehicle for informing the membership of ACC activities.

The Beacon is now distributed by mail to the membership and placed in a few community locations by Larry Carpenter. The Beacon's annual costs are about \$3,500 to print and about \$100 to mail The Beacon. This item alone currently exceeds the total collected for dues. One obvious avenue is all-electronic mailing; we are sure there are others.

This issue will be discussed briefly at the September meeting. If you wish to comment, please send your suggestions to jule@comcast.net or come to the meeting. Following that meeting, the Board will have to decide fairly quickly what the future of the Beacon will be.

In Memoriam: Hussein Khazaal

Owner of Phoenecea and beloved member of the Alki community. Mr. Khazaal passed away in early August. He will be greatly missed.



A community memorial was held for Mr. Khazaal on August 14th. A tribute to him is on display in the restaurant windows. Photo courtesy of Jackie Ramels.

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Statue of Liberty Maintenance Project

by Paul Carr, Secretary

The second phase of the Seattle Statue of Liberty Plaza Project—laying of additional bricks and plaques and placement of the Time Capsule by the Log House Museum—will be completed with the **celebration of the those events on Sept. 19 at Alki Beach.**

The second phase was very successful at raising funds to finish this work and also to collect funds for continuing maintenance by Parks of the Plaza. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Seattle Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the ACC is currently being completed which will outline the duties and responsibilities of that maintenance and the oversight activities of the ACC. **The ACC will take on this task, through a sub-group, because the Seattle Statue of Liberty Plaza Project, as an entity, will cease to exist at that time.** The SSLPP was only formed in response to a community need to raise the money to accomplish what the community had wished for years, but was never intended as an ongoing organization.

There are still eight plaques and several hundred bricks that can



be laid in the plaza in the future; however, although people still wish to contribute to this effort, they must do so currently knowing no charitable deduction is possible for their contributions. However, when the ACC finishes its application to become a 501(c)3 (see page 7), the community will then be able to donate the money for bricks and/or plaques, and to receive a tax deduction for doing so, as was the case during the first two project phases.

If you wish more information about donations, please call Libby Carr at 206-938-8721, or visit www.sealady.org, where the information will be available in the near future.

Editor's Note:

It has been a privilege to be the editor of the Alki News Beacon for the last two years.

I just wanted to thank my fellow board members, past board members, Tracy Record at West Seattle Blog, all the community members that have sent articles over the last two years, and my family, Brad and Buick, for supporting me in my efforts.

I have to give a special thank you to Mr. Larry Carpenter. I couldn't have completed a single issue without Larry. He and his wife Marge have been so generous in giving their time and efforts to our community. You are true friends.

Sincerely, Cami MacNamara

501(c)3 and the ACC

by Paul Carr, Secretary & Larry Carpenter, Treasurer

Because the ACC is a community non-profit organization, many people assume the ACC is also a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, like many organizations, the ACC has never gone through the formal steps of becoming a 501(c)3 organization. One consequence of this is that money donated to the ACC is not tax-deductible as a charitable donation.

The ACC has acted in the past as the “umbrella” organization for several other fledgling organizations to assist them in their activities, when it clearly was for the good of the community. The most visible one, lately, was the West Seattle Wildlife Habitat organization, which started as the Alki Wildlife Habitat organization. Because the ACC’s role is growing in this regard, and also because it appears dues may not be enough in the future to fund the activities of the organization without other fund-raising activities, becoming a formal 501(c)3 organization was thought by the Board to be the best solution.

Larry Carpenter and Paul Carr are currently reviewing the requirements for obtaining the 501(c)3 status from the IRA; they expect this to be completed by year’s end, or shortly thereafter, so the new Board can conduct operations as a 501(c)3 organization.




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Emergency Order Issued For Shoremont Apartment Building

An emergency order was issued by the City of Seattle to the owners of the Shoremont Apartments (Located at 2464 Alki Ave SW) in late August with a deadline to secure all points of entry into the building. The property is overgrown, covered in trash, and many doors and windows are open, posing a safety hazard to our community.

The emergency order has not been complied with as of September 1st. Check www.alkinews.com and www.westseattleblog.com for future updates.

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