

Alki Community Council
Draft Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Alki United Church of Christ
6115 SW Hinds St, Seattle WA 98116
October 20, 2011

Meeting Called to Order by Vice President Randie Stone at 7:05 pm with approximately 25 people present. She introduced a new member. Terry Zerngast gave the treasurer's report. The minutes were corrected and approved.

Announcements

- If you haven't already, sign petition asking city to form a Task Force to address landslides. These are to reinforce the letter sent to city on same subject (see below).
- Next month's regular meeting (November 17) will be the Annual Meeting and include election of officers. Alki Community Council needs two trustees and a secretary.

Changes at Community Centers

By Kathy Nyland (kathy.nyland@seattle.gov, 206-684-8801), Legislative Assistant to Seattle City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw. On the City Council, Sally Bagshaw oversees the Department of Parks and Recreation. Kathy is here as her representative for information, questions, and feedback.

Alki Community Center is one of five centers that became limited-use effective Jan. 1, 2011. The Department of Parks and Recreation did this with six weeks notice, but has now spent the last nine months evaluating the use (by whom and how) of community centers. Based on their analysis, Alki will have 25 hours/week, about half of what they used to have. For more information, attend a community engagement meeting at Alki Community Center, November 9, 7:00 pm (5817 SW Stevens). They will be discussing hours and activities.

Families and Education Bill

By Drew Atkins. This is renewal of an expiring levy and raises the level slightly. We need the education levy as more workers are required with technical knowledge. Only one in four degree-holders who live here are originally from here; we need more local people educated and staying here. This levy is for 27¢/\$1000 of home value. It keeps our education system strong and is a 7-year levy. Further information is available at www.seattle.gov/edlevy, www.familiesandeducationlevy.org, or FamiliesAndEd@gmail.com.

Alki Art Fair Organizing Committee

By Fred Madrid fmadrid@comcast.net and Mike Galvin, of the Alki Art Fair Organizing Committee. In 2011, this fair was the third weekend of July, with an estimated 20,000 people attending.

In 2010 and before, there were no fees to hold this Festival. However, in 2011 Seattle Parks Department started charging fees for use of the beach, tent, tables, chairs, banners, and the like. It's possible that the lost fees totaled as much as \$20,000, though it is hard to break them out.

Now, for example, there is a fee of \$100/day just for a banner to hang (not including installation). Last year, this fair just about broke even because the Parks Department waived some of the fees. Next year, however, the Fair will be on its own, so a new nonprofit has been formed: The Alki Art Fair Organizing Committee, a 501(3c) company. Corporate sponsors will be needed to help cover much of the expense.

The 2012 Fair is scheduled for the fourth weekend in July (the third weekend was unavailable), and planning will begin in January. The planning committee will keep ACC posted. Any help from the community will be greatly appreciated.

Landslide Mitigation Committee

By Jerry (or Gerald) Smith gsmith@eskimo.com. As a lifetime resident of West Seattle, he has observed many hill slides. This year we are expecting a wet and cold winter, with, probably, an increased number of slides. To be proactive, the landslide committee has been meeting weekly, and has composed a letter to the Mayor, the City Council, Seattle Public Utilities, and the Departments of Transportation, Parks and Recreation, and Planning and Development. The letter requests that the city establish a task force to develop and plan to mitigate the risk of slides on Alki and Harbor Avenues. As a result of the letter, there has been a call back from Richard Conlin, Seattle City Council President that he will follow up when he returns from Korea.

A petition of support will also be sent to these people/agencies. The petitions are available for signing tonight. No one is asking for money, consciously getting together and planning for mitigation “next steps” will help our community be better prepared in case something does happen. The landslide committee continues to meet on Thursday mornings at CondoManagements, 1661 Harbor Ave SW 9am.

Report from Seattle Police Department, Southwest Precinct Advisory Committee

By Judy Townsend

1. There is currently a hiring freeze; those retiring are not being replaced. Previous levels need to be maintained. For example, a junction shop owner's life was recently threatened. The response may not be as quick as the year progresses since there may be less officers available.
2. Each precinct used to have a liaison attorney; these are to be discontinued. For example the vacuum cleaner store on Delridge that was a problem for years, was shut down through that office's efforts.

All residents are encouraged to write to the city regarding this year's budget cut proposals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.