

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Business Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

Board:

PRESENT		ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT	
X			Catherine Bailey	Zoom		Frank Immel
X			Bruce Butterfield	X		Susan Lantz-Dey
X			Mike Dey	X		Meredith Sciarrio
X			Alan Grainger	Zoom		Diana Spence
		X	David Haggerty		X	Nils von Veh
		X	Amber Heinemann	X		Bill Wellington
		X	Kris Ilgenfritz	X		Marty Westerman

Guests:

Tracy Record - WS Blog
 Hadley Rodero - WSF
 Mark Bandy - Consultant WSF Traffic expert
 Charlie Torres - WSF
 Leah Atkinson Bilinski - Fautleroy Church
 Greg Dirks - Fautleroy Church
 Cleveland King - Fautleroy YMCA
 Chris Lampkin - Deputy Chief of Staff for Teresa Mosqueda
 Susan Zarnick - neighbor
 Sandra Scatena - neighbor
 Gary Necci - neighbor
 Steve Zarnick - neighbor

Mary Rose Blatner - neighbor
 Linda Liddell - neighbor
 Laura Miller - neighbor via zoom
 Mardi Clements - neighbor via zoom
 Sarah Chadd - neighbor via zoom

Mike Dey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Introductions were made.

Minutes:

The January 9, 2024 minutes had one correction to update length of the survey - 10/24 - 12/5. Bill Wellington moved to approve the Minutes with the correction. Catherine Bailey seconded. The Minutes were approved.

SPD Update:

SPD did not attend the meeting

Fautleroy Y and Fautleroy Church:

Leah Atkinson Bilinski, Senior Pastor at Fautleroy Church, began the discussion with a brief introduction of the importance of the YMCA in Fautleroy. The YMCA has been a part of the Fautleroy community since 1924 and will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary this Fall.

Cleveland King, West Seattle/Fautleroy YMCA (“Fautleroy Y”) branch executive, followed Leah to outline some of the challenges facing the Fautleroy Y. This Y is the only branch in the Greater Seattle YMCA that is not owned by the YMCA, creating a fixed lease/rental expense that exists regardless of level of operation. The Fautleroy Y is committed to honoring the lease expense that continues through 2026. Cleveland said a level of 5500 membership units is needed for financial feasibility and the Fautleroy Y currently has 4000. West Seattle Y is not operating at pre-covid levels. The West Seattle Y is covering a portion of the Fautleroy Y expenses.

The Fautleroy Y is open for nine hours a week. The staff salaries and utilities have continued to increase. The current operating schedule is not sustainable in Cleveland’s opinion.

He and the Fautleroy Y held a community listening meeting to find out how best to meet the community needs and the financial challenges the Fautleroy Y is facing. A survey has been sent out to interested community members to gauge the interests as to how better to serve the community. He will update the results of the survey at a later date.

The Fautleroy Y will be holding a fundraiser and information session on February 29, 2024 from 6:30-8 in the Church Fellowship Hall. Cleveland encouraged all to attend. Bill will add the fundraiser poster to the FCA website. Catherine will add it to the newsletter, as the fundraiser will run through April 2024.

Celebrations for the 100 anniversary of the Fautleroy Y will be held in the Fall.

Comments -

Gary Necci mentioned that the neighbors are “getting used” to the new reality of the Fautleroy Y’s finances. Gary questioned the decision to only be open nine hours a week. Gary feels that this is not enough time to serve the community members. Per Cleveland, this decision had been made prior to Cleveland joining Fautleroy Y.

Susan Zarnick asked about the number of staff required. Two people at the front desk, the Kids’ Zone staffing is dependent on the number of participants, personal trainers and instructors are also needed. Susan asked if any of the positions could be staffed by volunteers. Cleveland mentioned the front desk operation.

Catherine asked what FCA could do to help the Fautleroy Y. Cleveland mentioned to keep a positive attitude about the Fautleroy Y as well as attend the fundraiser.

Washington State Ferry Update:

Hadley Rodero and Charles Torres from WSF and Mark Bandy, consultant, led the discussion. A short description of the need to update the Fautleroy Dock began the discussion. The dock is the lowest dock in the WSF system, the wood pilings are over 70 years old and are deteriorating, with the sea level projections of rising sea levels, the dock will be underwater in the future. The dock holds 80 cars and the ferries carry 124 cars causing a delay in loading of the ferries to process 44 cars.

WSF is considering seven options to replace and update the current ferry dock, terminal and fare processing system. The slide deck showed the renderings of the seven options from various points. The goal is to select the preferred option in 2025 with construction taking place in 27-29.

Mark Bandy presented a proposed addition of a traffic signal at the corner of Fauntleroy and the Dock to aid in the movement of cars off and onto the Dock. The traffic light proposal is in the early stages.

Mike delivered a strong response to the presentation that the Fauntleroy community will not accept a larger dock. Mike stated that none of the seven options presented by WSF represent the wishes of the Fauntleroy community even though representatives from Fauntleroy, with support by local officials and other West Seattle neighborhood associations, have been consistent in their position that the dock should remain the same size.

The next CAG meeting will be March 20, from 6 - 8 pm. Pre-registration is required. The link to register is on the FCA website.

Pickleball in Lincoln Park - pro

The pro Pickleball in Lincoln Park group did not show up to the meeting.

Annual Meeting March 19, 2024:

David Haggerty was not at the meeting. Catherine gave the FCA Board a review of a smaller Annual Meeting planning meeting held January 25. Kris, Mike and Susan Lantz-Dey will be out of town and not at the meeting. Catherine will MC the event with David's help.

The Annual Meeting will be held, Tuesday March 19, 2024 from 6 - 8 pm at the Fauntleroy School House. Board Members are encouraged to arrive between 5 and 5:30 to assist with set up.

Reception table - Bill, Meredith Sciarrio, Frank Immel and Diana Spence will be available to help check in members. Square readers to be supplied by Kris. Mike has brought name tags - both printed and blank, Kris will bring extra Sharpies.

Catherine will set up all banners and small yard signs before the meeting.

Diana Spence will make the centerpieces.

Susan will make the signs for the organizations and give Amber Heinemann the blank template should others join the meeting.

Mike brought thank you notes and postage to be completed at the end of the evening to thank all organizations and vendors for attending.

Please let David know if the vendors and organizations you have been asked to invite will be coming or not.

Newsletter Folding Party:

Judy Pickens would like the Newsletters and Annual Reports to be mailed by March 1. Bruce will update the Board on the date of the folding party, most likely the last week in February.

Pickle Ball Court - Lincoln Park

Marty Westerman asked if the FCA Board could vote about the pickle ball court use in Lincoln Park. Alan moved that FCA did not support PickleBall Courts in Lincoln Park. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Fauntleroy YMCA Fundraiser is 2/29/2024. Board members are asked to attend if able and interested.

March 20, 2024 is the next WSF CAG meeting. It is 6-8 pm and preregistration is required. Members of the public can register to observe here.

Annual Meeting discussed above.

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, Chris Lampkin introduced himself as King County Council Member Teresa Mosqueda's deputy Chief of Staff. He is also a neighbor.

Alan requested a few minutes to speak. He emphasized that when the FCA Board has officials, representatives of organizations to present, the FCA Board should listen and treat the guests with respect.

The next meeting will be March 12, 2024 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Ilgenfritz

Board Secretary