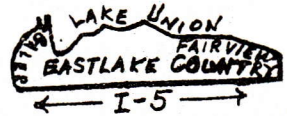




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AND NOW...

MANY LEGISLATIVE BATTLES

It must be spring: grass is long again, flowers are blooming, and bills are flooding legislative bodies. Many of the measures before our legislators would have direct impacts on the quality of life in Eastlake. However there are so many that there isn't room enough in this newsletter to summarize all of the important measures currently proposed.

Consequently, in this issue we chose to highlight a few measures which should be of special interest to our neighborhood. Two such measures, the Eastlake Residential Land Use Plan and the proposed amendments to the Housing Preservation Ordinance, are at the city level. Another, the Metro 1990 Transit Plan, was recently approved by the Metro Council. HB 264 (Rent Control) and SB 4122 (Anti-Discrimination) are before the state legislature. Here are short reports on the status of each of these measures and their significance to Eastlake:

Eastlake Plan. The Department of Community Development's recommended land uses prevailed in the final plan submitted to the Mayor on March 3. Two days later John Wall, our planner, presented the plan to the Seattle Design Commission, who almost entirely supported the recommendations of the Eastlake Technical Advisory Committee (ETAC). The Design Commission also recommended immediate city adoption of a moratorium on buildings over 37 feet high along Eastlake Avenue East, and they recommended a city study of traffic circulation and transportation to assess the impact of development under the plan.

The Seattle Planning Commission also lent strong support to ETAC's recommendations at their
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GARAGE SALE!!!

Come to the Seattle Center Coliseum on Saturday, March 28, and you'll find the most amazing garage sale you have ever seen. Come early -- the sale runs from 10 am to 6 pm, but it will take you hours to look at everything. Literally hundreds of non-profit groups will be there, and the Eastlake Community Council will be there too. Our booths are numbered 29 and 30, in roughly the northwest corner.

If you haven't yet heard from us but you have something to donate for the sale, Ed and Emily Upton at G & H Printing have offered to accept donations. If you would like us to pick up your sale items, please call Lynn at 324-6101 (days).

Legislative Measures (from p. 1)

March 12 meeting. Review by the Planning Commission is the final hurdle prior to the Mayor's formal submission of the Eastlake Plan to the City Council. The Planning Commission will discuss the plan once more on Thursday, March 26, at 2 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the 400 Yesler Building.

If you have questions about the plan itself or the adoption process, call John Wall in the Office of Neighborhood Planning at 625-4492, or write ETAC c/o the Eastlake Community Council.

Housing Preservation Ordinance (109220, last amended by Ordinance 109432). In 1980 Seattle took a significant step to preserve its housing stock and to reduce the shock of tenant displacement by passing an ordinance that established substantial demolition license fees and that provided relocation assistance for displaced tenants. The ordinance resulted from a long campaign by the Displacement Coalition, the Seattle Tenant's Union, and many other groups, and its passage was widely celebrated.

Now, less than one year later, Councilmember Michael Hildt has proposed several amendments to the ordinance, and three of them in particular could severely weaken it. One such amendment would affect the demolition license fee by allowing the Director of the Department of Construction and Land Use to adjust the basis for computing the Housing Cost Index if real estate interests advised him to do so. Two other amendments would exempt certain housing units from demolition license fees under the

ordinance, including all duplexes. In Eastlake, this could mean significant savings for developers who would like to demolish certain residences located in the Community Business (BC) and General Commercial (CG) zones along Eastlake and Fairview Avenues East. The net effect of these housing losses would run counter to Eastlake's Goals and Policies, which were recognized in 1979 by City Council Resolution 26072.

At a public hearing March 17 before the City Council's Urban Development and Housing (UDH) Committee, outraged community groups, tenant organizations, and housing activists complained bitterly about the proposed amendments. The UDH Committee has yet to vote on them; to register an opinion, call the committee members as soon as possible. They are Councilmembers Michael Hildt, Paul Kraabel, and Norm Rice, and their respective numbers are 625-2443, -2447, and -2436.

Metro 1990 Transit Plan. On March 19 the Metro Council passed Resolution 3647 as amended, which gives Metro Transit the authority to institute billions of dollars worth of service and capital improvements over the next decade. Eastlake will feel the impact of transit changes in numerous ways, including higher taxes, higher fares, and trolley wires strung along Eastlake Avenue East. Service may improve marginally in our neighborhood, but hopefully it will be much better at our destinations.

The Seattle Transit Alliance, which includes our umbrella organization, the Central Seattle Community Council Federation, fought long and hard to get the Metro Council

to improve the 1990 Plan prior to its adoption. City Councilmember Jeanette Williams and County Councilmember Ruby Chow (Dist. #5) were strong allies in the fight, and with their help some significant improvements resulted. County Councilmember Scott Blair (dist. #2) voted against the 1990 Plan, citing its failure to address many important issues and its unrealistic assumptions about federal and state dollar support for transit.

Now that the 1990 Plan has passed, we should look to Mr. Blair, Ms. Chow, Ms. Williams, and other Metro Council members who share citizen concerns, to carry on the battle. A most important step in improving the plan will be to amend it to include priorities for the capital facilities and service elements. The Metro Council committed itself to take this step in the coming year, and we need to make sure this is done.

HB 264. A bill that gives the state sole authority over rent control is working its way through the House of Representatives. The bill would prohibit counties, cities, and towns from enacting rent control. In Eastlake, it would jeopardize the Houseboat Equity Ordinance, which provides a mechanism for floating home owners to oppose arbitrary moorage increases or evictions. The bill is now before the House Rules Committee. You may use the toll-free Legislative Hotline to contact state legislators about this or other bills: the number is 1-800-562-6000.

SB 4122. A bill now before the Senate Judiciary Committee would designate the Washington State Human Rights Commission as the sole non-federal agency to

pursue complaints alleging discrimination in employment and/or housing. This would take away Seattle's power to enforce anti-discrimination ordinances, which currently go beyond state law by making it unlawful to discriminate on the bases of sexual orientation, political ideology, age, religion, and/or ancestry. If you would prefer to see continued local enforcement of anti-discrimination ordinances, let your legislators know via the Hotline number.

Eastlake's Newest Pub

At an outside glance, it almost looks the same as it did a year ago. But a closer look reveals something quite different. It's J.C., Fox & Sons, Eastlake's new European styled pub, featuring a huge selection of imported beers, wine, and tasty bar snacks.

Formerly Skipper's Tavern, J.C. Fox & Sons has created a pleasing atmosphere that addresses itself not only to wine and beer buffs, but to music lovers, non-alcoholic consumers, and even champion dart throwers.

"We want to make this a happy, neighborhood pub that everyone can enjoy," says Darla Fox, the "Fox" of J.C., Fox & Sons. The "J.C." is her partner, John Crull; the "Sons" are Darla's, Dale and Darren Zecker. All are partners in the operation, trading off shifts at the bar and tending to other duties.

Jazz buffs have had reason to be pleased with the fine music heard here recently, and a spring dart league will have matches on alternate Tuesdays. A new soup-and-sandwich kitchen is in the works. Hours are 11:30 to 2 am.

Bits N' Pieces

A Dancing Carrot garnished the following Eastlake P-Patch report: On March 14, P-Patch gardeners shredded the last of the blackberries that were cleared from the site at Fairview Avenue East and East Shelby Street. Plowing will begin after March 20, and we start our gardens as soon as April 1. If anyone has unfertilized grass clippings, we would like to have the clippings for our compost. Call 324-1426 (eve.) for directions and -- Happy Gardening!

The sign above the former boat sales building at 2517 Eastlake Avenue East now says:

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Intrigued, we called agent Jim Owens to find out what this meant. He said that sale of the building is expected to close April 20, after which major expansion is planned. He spoke of adding another floor or two, with at least 15,000 square feet of high-quality retail and office space renting for \$14 per square foot. Currently the building is 10,500+ square feet with only seven off-street parking spaces, but it is zoned BC, and that could spell d-i-s-a-s-t-e-r. We'll have to keep an eye on this.

Another development: the State Department of Transportation plans to lease space under I-5 at Galer Street for recreation vehicle storage. Their letter which announces this intention is accompanied by a map, with "Galer" written on it in the location of East Newton Street. Let's hope that this is merely another case of confusion in bureaucracy, since the Newton site would be impossible.

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