



EASTLAKE NEWS

September 1984

First meeting of 1984-1985
TUESDAY, SEPT. 25, AT SEWARD
SCHOOL LUNCHROOM
6:00 POTLUCK
7:00 MEETING

After a beautiful summer of enjoying Eastlake, the community council is calling on everybody to come together for our first meeting of this year. Eastlake is a wonderful and very special place for all of us. If residents hadn't recognized that in the 1970's, we wouldn't have a neighborhood. We would have a freeway with a line of five-story apartments walling off the lake. We recognized this summer that if we don't take care of Eastlake, nobody else will, and so we have made that our theme for this year. It is not a neighborhood that can be taken for granted. It is time once again to recognize how much we love it and to join together to take care of it and improve it.

"Taking Care of Eastlake"

Our keynote speaker at the community council meeting will be one of our own, Beth Means. We can't think of anybody better to talk about what we should be doing for Eastlake. A past president of our community council, Beth has worked tirelessly for the benefit of our neighborhood and others for ten years. She has been active in the Central Seattle Community Council Federation of which we are members and worked with the National Association of Neighborhoods trying to get support for community projects. There are few people more knowledgeable or enthusiastic in the whole country. We are very lucky to have her in our own back yard.

Neighborhood Commercial Areas Policies

On September 4, the City Council voted to adopt the Neighborhood Commercial Areas Policies over the opposition of community groups across the city, including ours. Mrs. Virginia Galle was the sole vote on the Council against it. Many of you got our emergency memo on this, and we would like to thank you for turning out at the meeting (at 2 p.m. the day after Labor Day, the council hearing room was full) and calling the City Council. Even though they adopted the policies, they did promise to do a careful job of implementing them. We intend to hold them to that promise, particularly in Eastlake. This is critical to the future of our neighborhood and we will need your help with it now more than ever. We will have a report on what these policies are and what they mean at the meeting.

PCB LEAK

The City recently announced the startling news that they had accidentally spilled PCBs in Lake Union and burned them, sprinkling potentially dangerous difuorons around the south end of Eastlake neighborhood. The source was contaminated oil in the old City Light plant. A technical committee is studying the problem, and we are inviting them to the meeting to answer questions. Denny Vidmar has volunteered to serve on the technical committee for ECC. Denny lives here and also is an air pollution specialist. We are concerned that the City doesn't appear to be taking steps to measure the extent of the problem it has created, and we feel they should take these steps.

Don Beiss

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POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR

All these projects need work and people to help with them. Please take a moment to check off the ones that you care about and send it along with your membership.

PARKING STUDY: We all complain about the parking problem, but we can't do anything constructive or hope to appeal parking problems until we have a study. We want to get experts to help us design a study and volunteers to do the car-counting.

ALLEY TRAFFIC: It's getting bad. Everybody is complaining. We need a group to sit down and work up a list of options on what we can do about it.

WATER POLLUTION: From sewage overflows when it rains to the PCB and oil dumps, we are doing a real number on Lake Union. What can we do about cleaning it up?

NOISE, NOISE, NOISE: We need to do a study of noise levels in the neighborhood before we can begin to talk about how to reduce it. Again, there are experts who can help us plan the study. Then we can find volunteers to man the meters.

SERVICES: Our senior citizens really need a place that's open to them during the day. What can we do to get one?

NEWSLETTER: We need to work out a better system for writing and distributing the newsletter to make sure that everybody gets it on time.

LAND USE: We are being swamped in policies and white boards. What about those (big) new buildings? This is something we always have to watch. We need a land use committee with a plan of action and a neighborhood defense fund to help them with appeals.

LITTER CLEAN UP DAY: This place is a mess. Time to muck out. How about doing it in one day giving a prize to the most diligent mucker-outers?

HAMLIN STREET BUS SHELTER: We've been waiting for ten years. Maybe we should just build it ourselves. (?)

OTHER: (PLEASE SPECIFY)

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The Eastlake Community Council is a non-profit volunteer organization devoted to representing the residents of the Eastlake community. The 1984-1985 president is Dan Reiss (325-7379). ECC meets every third Tues. (except Sept.) at Seward School. There is a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The community council is not an official government body. It is all of us working for our own benefit. We need your help, particularly in these days when so many households have two people working full time. If you can volunteer a few hours a month to work on the newsletter to serve on a committee, or to help with our studies and surveys, we can do wonders! Call Dan Reiss.

YES! I want to help take care of Eastlake. My dues are enclosed.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____
 Interests: _____

DUES:
 Household (\$6.00) _____
 Senior Citizens (\$3.00) _____
 Business (\$25.00) _____

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