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Next ECC General Meeting June 16th

7:00 p.m., at A Small Cafe (Eastlake Ave., just south of Lynn Street)

Featured Topic: Looking at our Next Year

The Community Council officers for 1987-88 will be elected at the June meeting (see page 2). The outgoing officers have done a great job this past year, and you'll still see many of the old faces around. But here's your chance to let the ECC know what you think its officers and board members should focus on in the next 12 months, and what the directions of the ECC should be.

Be thinking about themes like this for discussion at the General Meeting:

- What local issues would you like the Community Council to address?
- What do you think the ECC's primary areas of activity should be in the future?
- What neighborhood improvements should we seek to attain?
- Should we continue spending thousands of dollars each year dealing with land-use issues and specific neighborhood projects?
- What general meeting topics are of interest to you?
- Should the ECC be reorganized, or its activity structure changed?
- Should we change our system of newsletter distribution?

And more. In effect, this will be an Eastlake "Town Meeting" that should provide the officers and the Council as a whole with some practical, workable guidelines for the next twelve months.

See you on the 16th. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. Remember that you can combine the meeting with dinner (soup, pasta, pastries) at A Small Cafe; if you're interested in dinner, plan to come a little ahead of time.

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ECC Elections for 1987-88

The elections to decide the 1987-88 officers and board of directors for the Eastlake Community Council will be held June 16th, at the General Meeting. Official ballots have been enclosed in the copies of this newsletter sent to members who were registered as of June 1st.

Mail-in ballots and ballots received at the meeting will be counted for the election of five officers and two at-large directors. As specified in the bylaws, more at-large directors will be appointed by the president later.

The election results will be announced at the meeting and in the July issue of the Eastlake News.

Time's Up! A Review of the Past Year from the Outgoing ECC Officers

The last 12 months have been very busy for the Eastlake Community Council. Much remains to be done, but the hard work has paid off in many respects.

The ECC successfully negotiated three land-use settlements. The proposed office building at 2825 Eastlake was reduced to three stories. The proposed office building at 3110 Fairview was converted to residential with a maximum of 35 units. The Ackerley billboard proposed for 2707 Eastlake was abandoned. In addition, the Fairview street vacation adjacent to the NOAA site was defeated outright.

Neighborhood-Commercial Zoning was finally adopted in June of last year, and the first two Eastlake developments proposed under the new code have received strong community support. The neighborhood's first new single-family homes in many years are under construction at 2240 Fairview.

Outside of development-related issues, the ECC, in conjunction with the Eastlake Business Association, led a successful drive for a major street-tree planting for Eastlake Ave. In May, the PCB operation at the Lake Union Steam Plant concluded with \$11,000 donated to the Seward School for the removal of asbestos.

In December, local residents and small businesses combined efforts to continue the tradition of the Eastlake "Holiday Merriment" party. The auction held at the party raised more than \$1,500. The Firewood Coop was again a success, coordinating the delivery of more than 25 cords of wood to Eastlake residents.

Membership in the Eastlake Community Council continues to grow. Just two years ago, in June 1985, the membership of the organization was 50 people. Now, paid membership in the ECC is approaching 300. This alone testifies to the concern of local residents about what's happening in their neighborhood, and the extent to which these residents wish to see some organized effort to shape and influence local development.

Inevitably, there are some negatives to report. Our "multi-family" zoning remains, we feel, very inappropriate for the neighborhood. Two residential developments that we opposed (2228 Yale, 2727 Franklin) are now under construction. We are also embroiled in two expensive land-use legal battles (2343 Eastlake, 2048 Fairview), which have increased the ECC debt to nearly \$5,000.

On the brighter side, the next 12 months should provide an abundance of opportunities for the community: the extension of the street-tree program, the potential for formally integrating neighborhood planning into the City planning process, the surplus of the Steam Plant, and the 25th anniversary of the Floating Homes Association (Sept. 19th).

For the long term, the question remains unanswered whether the Eastlake neighborhood will be a commercial district, a vertical graveyard of security buildings for single adults and office workers, or a diverse, vibrant neighborhood effectively combining residences and businesses in a beautiful setting.

Good luck to the new officers and board members of the Eastlake Community Council. The challenges and the battles to be fought are many. But the rewards of all the hard work will be gratifying indeed, and will be appreciated by the whole community.

ECC and FHA Sued by Developers

On May 7th, Shelter Ventures and the Pryde Corporation filed suit in King County Superior Court against the Eastlake Community Council and the Floating Homes Association. The suit charges that the ECC and FHA have engaged in "a pattern of harrasment" and "have interfered with ... contractual relations," and asks for \$100,000 in damages.

On May 15th, the ECC/FHA Technical Advisory Committee, after consulting with attorney Peter Eglick, voted unanimously to continue all legal avenues that might offer relief to the community from this project.

Neighborhood Notes

Extra reading. The Lake Union pollution problems, focus of the ECC General Meeting in March, were the subject of the *Pacific Magazine* cover story in the Sunday, May 31st *Seattle Times*.

Carol Eychaner and Bill Keasler were both quoted by the writer of the story, who presented a rather dismal picture of the pollution in the lake. We hope the article will push the City to change its tune and actively do something about the problems. In the meantime, if you decide to swim in the lake regardless of the pollution, make sure there hasn't been a hard rain the past several days, don't go wading or stir up the bottom, and take a shower afterwards.

More extra reading. Thanks to a little bit of advertising for the Steam Plant party (May 13th — see the *May Eastlake News*), the *North Seattle Press* printed an extra thousand copies of its May 6 edition, which were distributed throughout our neighborhood.

The favorable response has prompted publisher Terry Denton to arrange for a few hundred copies of future issues to be spread among Pete's, the Quick Stop and some other local businesses.

The *North Seattle Press* is a recognized leader in the coverage of land use issues, and is published twice monthly.

Surprise to some. A representative of Creative Concept Restaurants said "it wasn't much of a surprise to anyone." But we were a little surprised (not that we could afford to go there very often anyway) to learn that the Lake Union Cafe closed its doors May 29th, and is up for sale or lease.

As one local restaurant closed, another opened its doors. The Orient Express on Fairview opened its doors June 2.



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Surprise to none. According to a recent Floating Homes Association newsletter, builder Tom Susor's proposal to use cedar logs as support for a new houseboat met with skepticism at City Hall. Never mind the dozens of existing houseboats afloat after 60 years of resting on cedar logs; Susor was required to spend \$3,000 for a consultant who proved conclusively that, yes, logs do float!!

Open wide. Our drawbridge on the University Bridge opens an average of 7,536 times a year, half those openings occurring during the summer season. The Montlake Bridge opens an average of 5,856 times; the Ballard Bridge, 8,688; the Fremont Bridge, 12,756.

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Seward School: \$11,000 better off

Seward School has been granted \$11,000 to remove PCBs and asbestos from its buildings. The money is part of the Environmental Protection Agency fine incurred by City Light for PCB contamination of the Steam Plant, which is now PCB-free. City Light, with help from the Eastlake Community Council, Eastlake Business Association and Floating Homes Association, took the opportunity to direct the EPA fine money into the Steam Plant's immediate neighborhood. The work of removing the asbestos will begin soon.

Land Use Update

2343 Eastlake (MUP# 8600448; four-story office building, "the Yates building"). The ECC appeal has been scheduled for a second hearing before the Hearing Examiner. The scope has been limited to irregularities in the proposed financing for the re-striping of Eastlake Ave. The issues of the project's curb cut and Transportation Management Program will not be subject to discussion.

2825 Eastlake (Phase II of the "Eastlake Center," a three-story office building). According to rumor, construction will begin in the very near future. During construction, some temporary traffic delays will occur along Eastlake Ave. north of Hamlin St.

2240 Eastlake (former site of Hal's Shell station). Rumor also has it that the construction project will soon be under way, even though the developer has yet to line up a major tenant.

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