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Neighborhood Planning to be Featured at March General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Eastlake Community Council will be on March 15 from 7 to 9 pm, at the Seward School library. At last we'll have the time to concentrate on an important ongoing issue, city-wide neighborhood planning, and examine how Eastlake might be involved and affected.

We'll explore how neighborhood planning should work for Eastlake. Can we prepare development guidelines or plans that will identify and preserve the character of our neighborhood? Do we want to explore ways to preserve our single-family house structures? Are there programs we'd like to pursue that require financial assistance from the City, such as street-tree planting, development of street-end parks or even a community center? Or are there human services we can begin to provide for Eastlakians?

City Councilmember **Jim Street** recently was instrumental in the success of our 2343 Eastlake appeal. Meanwhile, his neighborhood planning initiative has resulted in the creation of the Lake Union District Council. The meeting presents an opportunity to meet Jim and hear his thoughts on the significance of neighborhood planning to our neighborhood, our district and our city.

Also present will be neighborhood activists and businesspeople from Wallingford, Fremont, and the Floating Homes -- the communities that, with Eastlake, comprise the Lake Union District Council. They'll inform us of their issues and concerns.

We encourage all those who share in and contribute to the Eastlake neighborhood, residents and businesspeople alike, to join us for this meeting. We're hoping that neighborhood planning will become a major facilitator of future Eastlake efforts. More background on neighborhood planning follows on page 2.

Mark Your Calendars!

We usually hold our General Meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. Please note that the April meeting will be an exception: it'll be held on April 26. No, this isn't an April Fools joke. The featured topic will be announced in the next *Eastlake News*.

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Parking and Traffic Recap

The traffic revisions proposed in the Eastlake Area Transportation Study were reviewed at February's General Meeting. We divided into working groups representing four areas. The recommendations, by group, were as follows:

1. Franklin-Boylston, north of Seward School: maintain existing travel and parking patterns; construct an island at Franklin and Edgar.
2. Franklin-Boylston, south of Seward School: maintain existing travel and parking patterns; do not widen Lynn St. but do enforce "no parking" on the south side; install devices to slow down traffic (stop signs or planter islands) where Franklin intersects Boston and Newton.
3. Yale-Minor: maintain Minor's travel and parking pattern; make Yale one-way southbound from Roanoke to Boston for a 6-month trial period; consider an RPZ (residential permit zone) for Yale and other streets.
4. Fairview: maintain the travel pattern as is with no formalization of the "travelways," since the nature of Fairview is one of the jewels of the neighborhood; explore mechanisms for controlling traffic speeds.

The ECC has also received many letters commenting on the study's recommendations. Many thanks to those who wrote in. The Board will be considering these and future letters, together with the workshop recommendations, and will also continue discussions with the City's Joan Rosenstock. Its findings will be published in a future newsletter, to ensure that a consensus is reached before we make our final recommendations to the City.

Neighborhood Planning

Neighborhood planning will be the focus of our March General Meeting. ECC and Floating Homes representatives have been attending a number of meetings related to the City's recent efforts to establish a better partnership with the neighborhoods. A little background follows.

Responding to constant lobbying by the neighborhoods and strong support by City Councilmember Jim Street, the City created an "Office of Neighborhoods" during the 1987 budget process. The Office is scheduled to open this spring. In addition, Neighborhood District Councils, a City-wide Neighborhood Council and a self-help matching fund for neighborhoods were established. The City budgeted \$150,000 for the matching fund in 1988; \$1,500,000 is projected for 1989.

Since neighborhood planning is new to the City, there is some uncertainty about what will be accomplished by the newly created office and councils. The absence of comprehensive land-use planning on a neighborhood basis spearheaded the initial citizens' effort. Since then, the need to address human services at the neighborhood level has become equally important. Many hope that the District Councils will provide a vehicle for neighborhood groups to become more educated on and involved with the City budget process. Other expectations are for greater lobbying power with the City and increased cooperation between residential areas and small neighborhood business districts.

Most recently, Seattle's neighborhoods have been struggling to define the District Council boundaries. Eastlake proposed a Lake Union district that would include communities around the Lake. The basis for the Lake Union District is that these communities share a common interest in lake issues and have similar land use development patterns and concerns. As of today, the Lake Union District Council includes Eastlake, Fremont, Wallingford, and the Floating Homes Association (most Lake Union enclaves). Its first meeting will be held in April.

Eastlake has long awaited a community plan that addresses zoning, parking and other environmental and urban concerns as they relate specifically to our neighborhood. The effectiveness of the City's neighborhood planning efforts will, in large part, be measured by our ability to use this program to prepare an Eastlake community plan.

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Lake Union Water Quality

A City-Metro public hearing on combined sewer overflows (CSOs) will be held Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Municipal Building (note that this meeting is scheduled for the same time as the ECC general meeting).

CSOs are major contributors to the pollution in Lake Union. According to the city's draft environmental impact statement (EIS), more than 100 million gallons of sewage are discharged into Lake Union each year. About 98 million gallons come from 10 City CSOs, 5 of which are in Eastlake. Another 12 million gallons are discharged from one Metro CSO located in Westlake. The EIS states that on the basis of these figures, "immediate initiation" of control projects (1991-95) is required. Upon completion of the projects, the City's effort will result in a 94-percent reduction in outfall volume and Metro's effort an 8-percent decrease.

In addition to the pollution of Lake Union, CSOs discharge raw sewage into Portage Bay. The largest polluters are two Metro CSOs, which together discharge 251 million gallons annually. Five City CSOs add another 7 million gallons annually to the Bay. The EIS states that there would be little benefit from the City controlling its overflows earlier than planned (1996-2005), unless Metro also moves up plans to reduce CSO pollution of the Bay. Recent lobbying by Portage Bay residents has resulted in some reevaluation by Metro and the City with regard to Metro's Portage Bay CSO timetable.

Those interested in water quality who cannot attend the hearing should write letters encouraging Metro to initiate immediate control of Portage Bay's CSOs, and requesting that the city act accordingly. Letters should be mailed by March 21 to Laura Wharton, Metro Mail Stop 81, 821 2nd Ave., 98104; or Claudia Corson, Drainage and Wastewater Utility, Seattle Engineering Department, Rm. 650, Dexter Horton Bldg., 710 2nd Ave., 98104.

Land Use Project Updates

Fairview Condominiums. There's nothing new to report this month on the project at 2048 Fairview (the corner of Fairview and Boston; the original proposal has been reduced, after opposition from the ECC and the Floating Homes Association, to 2 buildings with 25 units). The developers, Shelter Ventures, are still reviewing the exterior design proposals that we arranged to have done by local architect and professor Folke Nyberg. We hope this design will mitigate some of the effects of an otherwise massive project.

2044 Eastlake (MUP #8703782). The Balloonist site: Three floors of condos (six units) over one floor of retail in an NC-1/30' zone. In an effort to address ECC concerns about a building 40 ft. high in a 30-ft. zone, the architect redesigned the top floor somewhat and reduced the "massing" of the building. At one point the City was prepared to require additional setbacks for the top floor. However, we now understand that the DCLU may have revised its decision based on the architect's changes.

2228 Eastlake (MUP #8705730). Three floors of apartments (nine units) over two floors of retail space (6,400 square feet) has been proposed for this NC-2/40' lot. The lower level of retail is recessed below street grade. 29 surface parking spaces are proposed for the adjoining L-2/RC lot. The proposal requires two curb cuts. The ECC Board expressed concern to the City that although the mixed-use concept, the number of residential units and the amount of retail were all compatible with the neighborhood, the site design is contrary to ECC efforts to create a "pedestrian-friendly" streetscape. The ECC hopes to begin immediate discussions with the developer and the City to remedy this situation. The DCLU comment file is already fat with letters about this project, but more are welcome; the address can be found on the white board.

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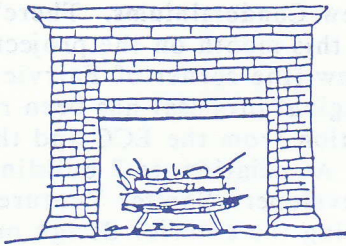
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A 3425-Mile Bike Ride

Eastlake resident Donna Bernstein will take part this summer in the biggest fundraiser ever organized by the Washington branch of the American Lung Association. Donna will be one of 300 cyclists who will depart from Pier 70 on June 6 for a cross-country bike ride of 3425 miles, ending in Atlantic City on July 22.

Each participant has to raise \$5,000 before they can take part. Donna also needs a two-person tent with a rain-proof fly, and a pad for her sleeping bag.

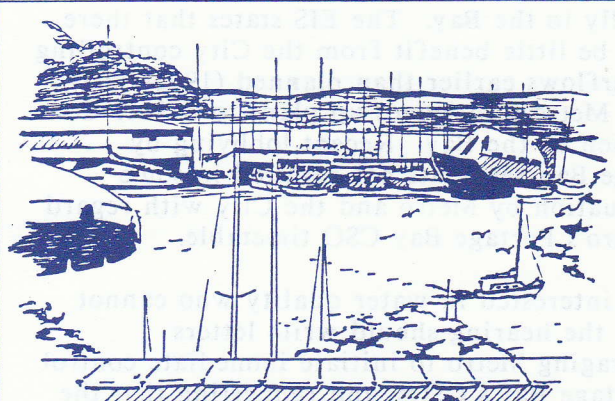
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Battle for Interim Zoning Controls

Much to our delight, several City Council members recently recognized that multi-family development in Seattle is out of control, and that immediate controls on development are needed.

Virginia Galle, working with various neighborhood representatives, initiated emergency legislation early this year. Jim Street and Paul Kraabel followed with similar ordinances of their own. An emotional public hearing on all the proposed ordinances was held at Council Chambers on February 29.

The controls would affect all multi-family-zoned land in Eastlake. They would reduce all L-3 zones to a 30-ft. height maximum (3 floors instead of 4), and would reduce bulk and impose density requirements in all zones. As an example, the recent construction at 2228 Yale would be one story less and have about 8 units instead of 14.

A number of City Councilmembers are in favor of the controls, but 7 of the 9 votes are required to get an emergency ordinance passed. Both sides, the neighborhood supporters of the measure and the opponents from the development community, packed into the Chambers at the hearing. Contrary to reports in the Times and P-I, opinion in the SRO crowd was divided about evenly between the pros and the cons. ECC President Carol Eychaner spoke on behalf of the Eastlake contingent.

On March 2, the Urban Redevelopment Committee prepared a compromise ordinance that was to be sent for full City Council approval on March 7. As we were going to press, the result was in doubt. Motivated by short-term financial gain, most developers were pushing hard to get the measure defeated. We

could only sympathize with them in one area: the retroactive clause in the proposed ordinances, which has since been deleted. Otherwise we applaud Virginia Galle for her proposal, and we hope the interim controls are in effect by the time this newsletter is distributed.

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Neighborhood Notes

ECC elections coming soon. The elections for the 1988-89 Board of the Eastlake Community Council will be held this spring. Current positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian and 4 at-large Board Members. The Board meets twice a month, attends general meetings and works on local projects. Those interested in serving on next year's board can call 324-1716.

Seward School. The School District's decisions on school closures in Seattle have been postponed until March. There seems some cause for optimism about Seward, but we're keeping our fingers crossed....

A good Eglick. Congratulations to the family of our invaluable land-use attorney Peter Eglick, on the birth in late February of Benjamin, who weighed in at 8 lb. 7 oz.

Fundraising. At press-time, our fundraising efforts were getting under way. Many thanks in advance for your contributions.

Good garnish. Subway Sandwiches has replaced its electronic reader board with a wooden board and balloons. The improvement is greatly appreciated -- as was Subway's contribution to our Christmas party/auction/raffle.

Lost Lotto. The state's Lottery Commission recently removed on-line Lotto machines from Pete's Grocery and the Lynn Street Deli because of "insufficient sales." We wonder if Eastlake residents are sending a message to Lotto or if Lotto is sending a message to Eastlake.

Step saver. Our thanks go to the person who provides continual maintenance of the Quick Stop stairway from the alley, and who recently repaired a dangerous broken step.

Who says it's hard to get good help these days? Last month's appeal for newsletter help brought gratifying results. Many thanks to the people who called. If you haven't been asked to help yet, don't worry -- you will!

Two people who helped with this issue did a great job. Thanks to the new advertising coordinator **Linda Phillips**, we have an increased number of advertisers. Thanks are due also to **Marty Jones**, who put his typing and editing skills to work. Welcome to both!

Steam Plant Gets Landmark Status

We've just heard that on March 2, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board designated the Lake Union Steam Plant's buildings, smokestacks and upland parcels (without the oil tank) as historical landmarks. This motion was unopposed. Congratulations to Susan Boyle, Mark Blatter and others who have worked hard for this result.

A couple of other motions didn't do so well. A motion to designate the plant's boilers and turbines as landmarks failed. Also, a motion to designate the submerged land parcels as landmarks did not receive a second. Still, the landmark designation for the buildings and the stacks is good news.

Meanwhile, you've probably noticed the petitions circulating in our local grocery stores. A group has been petitioning for the redevelopment of the Steam Plant into two floors of art studios and a ground floor for art sales. The proposal is apparently modeled after the "Torpedo Factory" in Alexandria, VA.

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