



EASTLAKE NEWS

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How Can City Government Make Eastlake Better and Safer?

General Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 7pm, Seward/Colman School Library

Carla Main, the director of the Lake Union area Community Service Center, has organized this special program. Representatives of the police and fire departments will talk about services they provide, and will exchange suggestions with you on how to make Eastlake a safer place to live and work. Andrew Lofton, the new director of the city Office of Management and Budget will talk about the city budget process and how Eastlake can get the funds it needs to remain a livable community. We will begin the meeting at 7 p.m. with a public discussion of Eastlake's priorities, for input into the ECC board's February submission to the city's annual budget process. In preparation for this segment of the meeting, please read the story below on budget priorities; if you cannot attend the meeting, please try to submit a written comment to the board.

Choose Eastlake's City Budget Priorities

The ECC Board will be writing soon to the City Office of Management and Budget with its recommended priorities for shaping the City's budget priorities. The list below was developed by a Board committee. We welcome your suggestions on budget items that should be included here but are not. If you are not able to attend the January 23 meeting at Seward School (see above), please mark your priorities on this list, and mail or turn in by January 23 to the ECC mailing address at 117 E. Louisa #1.

Immediate Consideration of a Residential Parking Zone Program. Although Eastlake has been repeatedly promised consideration for such a program (and some buildings were permitted by the city only under condition that such a program be in operation by 1989!), the Seattle Department of Engineering is not planning even to begin a study until 1991.

Acquisition of Olmsted-Fairview Park. The funds would be used for creation of a park that would include the present P-Patch at Fairview by the Shelby Street right of way, as proposed by the Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission.

Day Care Center. Eastlake's increasing number of infants and toddlers could support a day care center. [If you are interested in helping found the center, contact Langston Tabor (329-6279) or Mary Supe (325-5329)].

Traffic Circles. Unacceptable traffic levels and speeds are steadily increasing; a traffic circle would help maintain the area's residential character. The City Engineering Department tells us that prime candidates are the intersections of Boston and Franklin, and Boston and Minor. [If you would like to help, contact Lynn Poser at 323-9257 or 548-4317]. (also Newton and Franklin)

Feasibility Study for Community Center. Eastlake lacks a city facility with a meeting room. Possible services include a "little city hall," senior activity center, and branch library. Possible sites, including a portion of the Seward School building, would be explored.

Street Trees. Needed on planting strips on the northern and southern stretches of Eastlake, and on neighborhood streets (specify).

Union Harbor Public Access Improvement. Although this building along Fairview near Lynn has an agreement with the city guaranteeing public access to the lake, a large wooden dock has been removed, and present access is unsafe and unattractive.

Landscaping for Coolidge Propeller Monument at Garfield Street End. The Coolidge Propeller Company has donated a large bronze propeller manufactured in the historic plant that is now closed near Garfield and Fairview. The funds would be used to create a small street end park there.

Maintain Cobblestone Streets. The cobblestone of Boston, Louisa, and Hamlin streets give the neighborhood a historic charm, and also help moderate traffic levels and speeds to tolerable levels. These durable streets will last centuries if well maintained.

Winter Float Plane Takeoffs Increase

Float plane operations could become year-round operations if community action is not taken. If you would like to get involved in this issue, or to donate to the Sea Plane Environmental Coalition, contact Jules James or Chris Leman at the above ECC address.

City's Proposed Widening of Lynn Street

About forty neighborhood residents and seven employees of the Seattle Engineering Department (SED) met on January 9 regarding proposals for changes in Lynn Street. SED announced that it had dropped its proposal for a left turn lane eastbound from Lynn to Eastlake, and it promised to abide by the community's wishes regarding the rest of Lynn. Recognizing the strong opposition expressed at a September 12 meeting to adding a lane to Lynn between Eastlake and Boylston, SED unveiled "alternative 2" that would involve a left turn lane and signal improvements westbound from Lynn onto Eastlake; curb changes to protect parked cars on Lynn; and a divider on Lynn just west of Eastlake. In a vote taken at the meeting by SED coordinator Carroll Smith, there was not a single vote for the September proposals of adding a lane between Eastlake and Boylston. Those attending favored the alternative of making no lane changes over alternative 2 by a more than two to one margin. SED promised to repair the potholes and surface of Lynn Street if a final decision is made to have no lane changes. A strong recommendation of those in attendance was that, despite its expense, the origin and destination study promised at the last meeting be done to ascertain the current sources of traffic on Lynn. Those who were unable to attend the meeting, or would like to comment further, should contact ECC's Lynn Poser at 323-9257 or 548-4317.

Vote YES for Kids

At the February 6 special election the Seattle Schools will ask voters to pass two levies: A two year maintenance and operations levy of \$53 million for 1991 and \$58 million for 1992, and a one-year capital levy of \$14 million. These levies replace previously authorized funds and will only cause a slight increase in taxes.

Eastlake voters have been staunch supporters of the school budget, and this support is more important than ever as the School District contemplates the future of Seward School. Although the District has decided that Seward will no longer be an elementary school, other school uses of the building are being considered [to volunteer to help with Seward, call 322-5463].

For questions about the school levy, you may write to the School Levy "YES" Committee, Post Office Box 9831, Seattle, 98109. And be sure to vote--at Seward School!--on February 6. If you are not a registered voter, it is too late; but if you would like to register, you can do so at the local fire station, at Seward School, or at the King County Division of Elections, room 552 of the King County Administration Building, 500 Fourth Avenue.

Mallard Cove Proposals

On Jan. 16 an open meeting sponsored by the ECC Land Use Committee heard the proposals for the redevelopment of the Mallard Cove area. If you'd like to be kept posted on activities there, send your name and address to Mark Blatter at 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

Informational Meeting About Land Use in Eastlake, Feb. 1

An introductory meeting for people who would like to get involved in some of the interesting land use issues facing Eastlake will be held Thursday, February 1 at 85 E. Roanoke St., at 7 p.m. Background on past struggles and current trends will be provided. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: working with the city on a comprehensive neighborhood plan for Eastlake; a new use for the steam plant; the future of Seward School; encouragement of affordable housing; street end parks; paths for bicyclists and walkers; and individual building projects as they arise.

Olmsted-Fairview Commission Meets February 7

If you would like to help preserve the P-Patch and the northern stretch of Fairview, please attend a meeting Wednesday February 7, 7 p.m. at Roanoke House, 2601 Broadway E., at the corner of Roanoke and Broadway.

YES!!! I want to help take care of Eastlake. My dues are enclosed for membership in the Eastlake Community Council (1 year membership).

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