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Cornerstones Pledges Reach Goal

With a contribution from the Fairview-Olmsted Park Commission, the Cornerstones Art Project has reached the goal of raising \$5,000 in donations and pledges from neighborhood businesses and property owners. The donation by the Fairview-Olmsted group insures that two of artist Stacy Levy's Cornerstones will be placed in the sidewalk at the Eastlake Avenue entrance to the new park which is now being planned.

We again want to acknowledge and thank all of those who have donated or pledged to contribute to this project—Bruce Blume & Company, Northwest Administrators,

Robert Rudine, Ezra Teshome Insurance Agency, The Remi Building, Serafina's, 14 Carrot Cafe, Eastlake Zoo, Soules Properties, Inc., and the Fairview-Olmsted Park Commission.

The \$5,000 raised will be used to match a Neighborhood Matching Fund Small and Simple grant awarded earlier this year. The Cornerstones Art Project is funded by the Seattle Arts Commission, CSO Project 1% for Art, Department of Neighborhoods, and private donations; with support from the Eastlake Arts Commission and the Eastlake Community Council.

— Lynn Poser

Seward School Expansion Community Meeting on February 18

A community meeting on the Seward School/TOPS expansion project and bus loading/traffic analysis will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Seward School library (bottom floor of the brick building) on February 18. In addition to the community meeting, the City Department of Construction and Land Use will be establishing a period in February for the submittal of written public comments on the School District's Master Use Permit application, environmental analysis and Land Use Code departure requests. The project plans, bus loading/traffic analysis, Land Use Code departure advisory committee report and other project information can be

reviewed at the DCLU MUP counter located on the 1st floor of the Dexter Horton building, 710 2nd Ave. Information is also available for review at Lake Union Mail.

For more information about the project or public commenting opportunities, call DCLU staff Vince Lyons (233-3823) or Eastlake resident Carol Eychaner (324-1716).

In a related process, the City's Landmarks Preservation Board voted on January 15 to give preliminary approval to the major elements of the proposed school expansion, including the new gymnasium, building connectors/additions and parking lot. The LPB had concerns
(See "Seward" on page 6)

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President's Message

We need your help! With a resolution for the new year to continue its goal of neighborhood outreach, the Eastlake Community Council is sending out a "help wanted" notice.

We need one or more advertising sales reps for the *Eastlake News*. This work involves contacting businesses in the neighborhood to solicit their ads. Printing the *Eastlake News* is one of the bigger expenses for ECC. Ad sales are an important way to offset those costs. This is also a way for someone to get to know the Eastlake business community. The work involves at least four hours every two months and can be done as your schedule permits. Contact me at 325-6835 if you're interested in discussing this.

Also essential is having a member take over some accounting duties for ECC. Do you or someone you know have special skills that could help us out? Maybe one of our business neighbors? Contact Barb Zegar at 325-2139 to learn more.

The board is also seeking help in ongoing reviews of proposed land use actions. You may be especially interested in helping out if you discover new construction in a neighboring lot. Ted Fry at 325-1478 will be happy to discuss this with you.

Finally, we need help planning events that bring our community together in a social atmosphere — maybe for the first time. Find out who some of the great people in your neighborhood are. Call Mialee Jose at 720-0414 for details.

So what do you get out of doing this? Before I answer that, I'll tell you what my experience has been. First, work on activities such as those has given me the opportunity to meet neighbors and build relationships with nice folks that I likely would not have had the opportunity to know well. I've learned many things that are helpful in other areas of my life through this kind of work. Finally, I get a sense that things are getting better and that I'm making a difference. Quite different from the feeling that many have that things are getting worse. As for you, what

you'll get depends on what you're willing to put in, but I'll give you a personal guarantee: We'll honor whatever commitment you're able to make. If you can only help for one hour a month or one Saturday and not ever again, we'll be thankful and not ask for more.

One volunteer I'd like to thank is Sean Donovan, who provided the new graphic look for the *Eastlake News*. Sean, a newcomer to the area, is a graphic designer specializing in print design. Call Sean at 860-8714 if you have any graphic design needs.

Anyone else interested in volunteering? We'd love to hear from you.

— Deverick Martin

Eastlake Tomorrow Bridge to the 21st Century

The City has reacted favorably to a work plan and budget approved on November 4 by the Eastlake Tomorrow steering committee. Next we negotiate a contract for an 18-month grant of \$70,000. Again, we're emphasizing tangible, early results, not paper shuffling. The work plan and budget and lots of other background are available for viewing at Lake Union Mail (117 East Louisa), and on the Eastlake home page, <http://oo.net/oo/et>.

Get involved by contacting one or more of the following planning teams: community design (Dave Dykstra, 325-9101), diversity (Sandra Henricks, 322-9759), main street/business district revitalization (Susan Kaufman, 328-3560), north gateway (Anne Turner, 323-6031), open space (Barbara Deutsch, 323-1770), and transportation (Chris Rosenfelder, 726-7099). Exciting volunteer opportunities abound in each of these fields. For background or questions, call Eastlake Tomorrow coordinator/organizer Chris Leman (322-5463; cleman@oo.net).

— Chris Leman

RPZ To Be Discussed at February ECC Meeting

The results from an RPZ survey and other RPZ issues will be featured topics at the upcoming February ECC community meeting.

Last summer, an ECC-sponsored RPZ survey was distributed throughout the neighborhood in the July/August *Eastlake News* and was also mailed to all ECC members. Eastlake residents Barbara Zegar, Lynn Poser and Carol Eychaner participated in the development and tabulation of the survey. 60 Eastlake residents responded to questions about the effect of the RPZ, alternative RPZ restrictions and the availability of parking on their blocks.

Based on these responses, the RPZ has been most successful during the daytime and on blocks that have parking on both sides of the street. 35 of the respondents (59%) reported improved daytime parking on their blocks since the RPZ went in; only 6 of the respondents (10%) thought the daytime parking was worse and these were primarily residents living on blocks with parking on only one side of the street or with no RPZ signs.

Nearly all of the respondents (50, or 88%) can now find a parking space within a block of their home during the daytime — a condition that did not exist on many Eastlake streets before the RPZ was implemented. When given a choice of restrictions for daytime parking, most residents (80%) preferred to have some kind of RPZ restrictions, with the majority of the respondents favoring two-hour restrictions for all parking. Only 20% of the respondents wanted the daytime RPZ restrictions removed; again, many of these residents live on Minor and only have parking available of one side of the street.

The RPZ survey also helped to identify RPZ problem areas. While a large majority of the respondents wanted to keep some kind of daytime restriction, the gap between keeping and eliminating restrictions was substantially narrowed for nighttime, with 55% of the residents favoring current or expanded restrictions, and 45% favoring

removal of the nighttime restrictions. Residents on blocks with parking on only one side of the street, such as Minor, were the least supportive of RPZ restrictions for daytime and nighttime. For example, of the eleven respondents living on Minor, nine wanted to eliminate the nighttime restriction.

Nighttime parking availability is also worse than in daytime. Overall, only 65% of the responding residents were able to find parking during the nighttime within a block of their home (compared to 88% during daytime). However, most of the parking availability problem is concentrated along Minor and Yale; there were few reports of nighttime parking problems on other streets.

Detailed RPZ survey results are provided in the table on page 4.

The RPZ survey also provided numerous constructive comments about the RPZ and parking conditions throughout Eastlake. Although too lengthy to list here, many of the comments focused on enforcement (both lack of enforcement and overzealous enforcement officers), the difficulty of nighttime guest parking, and the improper use of guest passes as permanent permits. We will be responding to some of the RPZ comments personally (such as to address respondents' questions about RPZ procedures and costs), and all the comments and survey results will be discussed with the Seattle Engineering Department.

The February community meeting is the first step in addressing the

concerns and issues identified in the survey, and developing a community-wide solution to the problems. The meeting will focus on the RPZ problem areas — blocks with parking on only one side of the street and nighttime RPZ restrictions — as well as issues of enforcement and nighttime parking availability on Yale and Minor. Solutions to the various problems include eliminating the RPZ on certain blocks, establishing two-sided parking on Minor and other streets, changing the restrictions, and adding restrictions to blocks that did not initially qualify for the RPZ, all of which have their advantages and disadvantages.

(See "RPZ" on page 6)

Community Meetings

Tuesday, February 11
Seward School Lunchroom
ECC Open Meeting, 7-9:00p.m.
Residential Parking Zone update.
Note: A city rep. will be present.
(Info: Ted Fry 325-1478)

Tuesday, February 18
Seward School Lunchroom
ECC Open Meeting, 7-9:00p.m.
Seward School closure and renovation update.
(Info: Carol Eychaner 324-1716)

All are welcome!

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1996 RPZ SURVEY RESULTS

STREET	#1 - DAY				#1 - NIGHT				#2 - DAY			#2 - NIGHT			#3 - DAY (1 SIDE)				#4 - DAY (BOTH SIDES)					#5 - NIGHT							
	Better	Worse	Same	Don't Know	Total	Better	Worse	Same	Don't Know	Total	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No	Total	2-hr	4-hr	None	Total	2-hr/4-hr	2-hr Both	4-hr Both	One Side	None	Total	Keep	Eliminate	Expand	Total	
Edgar	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	2	5	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	1
Roanoke	4			4	8	4	2		6	12	4	4	8	4	4	8	4			8	1					1	2	1	1	4	3
Lynn	2			2	4	2			2	4	2	2	4	2	2	4	1	1		2		1				1	1		1	1	2
Boylston	3	1		4	8	3	1		4	8	4	4	8	4	4	8	2		1	3		2				1	2	1	1	4	3
Franklin	8		1	2	11	6	1	2	1	10	9	9	18	8	1	9	5	3		8	2	3	1	1		1	6	3	2	11	11
Eastlake		1	1	2	4		1	2	3	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	3		1	1	1	1	1	1	2		3	3
Yale	8		2	1	11	3	3	4	1	11	10	1	11	3	8	11	4	4	2	10	5	3	2	2	2	12	5	4	3	12	12
Milnor	4	3	5		12	2	5	5		12	8	3	11	4	7	11	6	2	4	12	1	2	1	1	4	9	2	9		11	11
Fairview	6		4	1	11	4	2	4		10	11		11	9	2	11	4	3	3	10	1	2	2	1	1	7	5	3	2	10	10
TOTAL	35	6	14	4	59	25	16	17	2	60	50	7	57	37	20	57	29	14	11	54	11	15	7	3	9	45	23	25	8	56	56
% OF TOTAL	59%	10%	24%	7%	100%	42%	27%	28%	3%	100%	88%	12%	100%	65%	35%	100%	54%	26%	20%	100%	24%	33%	16%	7%	20%	100%	41%	45%	14%	100%	100%

Question #1: Since RPZ was implemented in 1994, what is the parking availability in your area like during (daytime) & (nighttime)?

Question #2: Can you usually find a parking space that is within one block from your home during the (daytime) (nighttime)?

Question #3: Regarding daytime only: For blocks with parking on only one side of the street, what would you prefer your daytime restrictions to be?

Question #4: Regarding daytime only: For blocks with parking on both sides of the street, what would you prefer your daytime restrictions to be:

Question #5: Regarding nighttime only: "No Parking Without Permit" is the only parking restriction available for nighttime (no 2-hr & 4-hr limits available).

Given this, do you prefer to keep, eliminate or expand (to both sides) your current nighttime restriction?

Eastlake Sewer Project Moves Northward from Hamlin Street to Allison Street

Construction of a tunneling pit on E. Hamlin Street at Eastlake Ave. E. is scheduled to begin in mid-January 1997, the Seattle Engineering Department announced. This work, which is part of the So. Lake Union Combined Sewer Overflow project, is expected to take approximately two months.

Scope of Work

At present, raw sewage and storm water flow into Lake Union along the eastern shoreline virtually every time it rains. This project, which includes eight different CSO outlets, will reduce those overflows to no more than one per year, as required by the State of Washington Department of Ecology.

The project area extends 2 miles northward from Valley Street to just south of the University Bridge, where construction trailers are parked under the freeway on the Eastlake/Harvard/Allison triangle.

Schedule

Construction of the \$12-million project began March 25 and is expected to be completed by mid-July 1997. At this point, construction is approximately two-thirds complete. Normal construction hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday. However, unforeseen circumstances could require the contractor to work evenings and/or weekends.

Construction Impacts

The noisiest time will be the first two days (while shoring for trench protection is driven in) and the last two days (when shoring is removed). This consists of heavy pounding by pavement breakers, using a state-of-the-art vibratory pile driver that makes installation much quicker. An Engineering Department employee will be on hand during this operation to ensure vibration limits aren't exceeded.

Parking and Access

The contractor will make every effort to minimize disruptions, including allowing nighttime street parking from 6 p.m. until 7 a.m. in most areas except active construction zones.

Crews will be transported to the worksites by bus so as to not compete

with residents for scarce parking, as agreed upon in the covenant with the Eastlake Community Council.

As always, the contractor will provide emergency vehicle access. Fire Station 22 will be informed of every new street closure. Those needing special accommodation or disabled access should call Senior Inspector Merry Lee (pager 997-5775) as soon as possible.

It is the contractor's responsibility to arrange for any missed garbage or recycling pickups.

For More Information

Call Project Manager Pamela Miller at 684-5179 for information.

— Pamela Miller

About the Eastlake News

The *Eastlake News* is published every two months and distributed free to residents of the Eastlake community.

Contributions and suggestions for the *Eastlake News* are welcomed and appreciated.

Article and advertising deadline for the next issue is **February 15, 1996**. Send articles to 117 E. Louisa #1, Seattle 98102, or drop them off at Lake Union Mail. For more information about *Eastlake News*, please call Karen Ziegler at 325-9866.

Contributors to this issue include Sean Donovan, Carol Eychaner, Chris Leman, Deverick Martin, Pamela Miller, Lynn Poser, and Barb Zegar.

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Business Notes

Evergreen Bank really hit the spot with its new cash machine at **Quick Stock Grocery and Deli**. Central Eastlake has always needed this convenience, and the addition is made all the better because the cash machine is indoors, and because Quick Stop stays open until midnight every night of the week, and opens at 6 a.m. six days a week (8 a.m. on Sunday). . . Welcome to **Margi David Salon**, now doing business at 2723 Eastlake Ave. E. The owners, Margi and David Cheung, moved their salon from smaller quarters on 10th Avenue. . . Congratulations to local landowner **Craig MacGowan** on his June 1996 retirement from Garfield High School. Garfield has established a scholarship in honor of the highly regarded biology teacher. . . Congratulations are also in order for Michael Lewis of the **Eastlake Chiropractic Center**, who was recently appointed director of the Washington State Chiropractic Association's Sports Council. As director of the Sports Council, Lewis will act as liaison between the chiropractic profession and national touring events as well as state amateur and professional athletic organizations and teams. . . After 25 years in Eastlake, **George Suyama's** distinguished architectural studio has moved to Belltown after outgrowing its unique brick quarters on Boston St. just downhill from East-

lake Ave. Suyama designed that building in 1985 to fit with the old brick building in which Serafina is located; they are separated by a lovely patio. . . The **Eastlake Tomorrow** "Main Street" effort is a real opportunity to strengthen our business district — by improving the surroundings, attracting new businesses, and so on. Get involved! Business owners and employees are especially needed. To volunteer, call coordinator Susan Kaufman (co-owner of **Serafina**) at 328-3560. . . Has your business been mentioned in this column? Send news to Business Column, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

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The procedure for changing, eliminating or adding RPZ restrictions (which is similar to the procedure we followed to implement the RPZ) will be discussed, and sample

petitions made available, at the meeting. Ultimately, any changes to the RPZ restrictions or any addition of on-street parking will require the support and signatures of residents on affected blocks. Please discuss your RPZ issues and solutions with your neighbors and plan on the February meeting. Meanwhile, you can call Carol Eychaner (324-1716) if you have questions about the RPZ or the survey.

— Barb Zegar

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about the final design of these elements but decided they could be adequately addressed in later, more detailed LPB approval processes. For information, call LPB staff Beth Chave (684-0380) or Eastlake residents Carol Eychaner (324-1716) or Marjorie Nelson (329-3097).

— Chris Leman

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- Traffic/Parking Issues
- Building Guidelines
- Newsletter Distribution
- Fundraising
- Work Parties
- Community Art Projects
- Community Meetings

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- New
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