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Meetings:

Eastlake Community
Council
General Meeting
Wednesday,
January 27, 7:00p.m.
at NOAA
1801 Fairview Ave. E

Eastlake Tomorrow Steering Committee Tuesday, January 26 5:15 p.m. at Hart Crowser 1910 Fairview Ave. E. please contact Chris Leman (322-5463) or Carol Eychaner (324-1716) if your organization would like to attend or you would like a copy of the matrix to review and prioritize planning activities.

The Eastlake News is a bi-monthly publication of the Eastlake Community Council, to inform the community of issues concerning the Eastlake area

Welcome to 1999. Eastlake Tomorrow has been so successful that it has finally become Eastlake Today. Our neighborhood plan has been adopted by the Seattle City Council. In acknowledgement of our community efforts we will be having a General Meeting featuring the celebration of the many leaders and participating volunteers who have made the Eastlake Tomorrow Project such a major victory of community participation and planning. The Eastlake Tomorrow Project has been active for most of a decade. If you took part in the project you will want to be at that meeting. This will take place at NOAA on Fairview Avenue commencing at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 27, 1999. Please come and bring your friends, to both enjoy and deepen your relationships in your community and to keep creating the community's future.

That evening will also have a presentation from Zymogenetics regarding the changes that have occurred since they have come to Eastlake to grace our southern boundary. Zymogenetics has been a wonderful community member. Their beautiful restoration of the historic steam plant has defined the transition from Eastlake to South Lake Union. Their floating dock provides a lovely and safe walkway and scenic resting place when you are out and about in the neighborhood, in addition to having provided a major portion of matching funds which funded our Gateway Sculpture, "Shear Draft," which is maintained on property owned by Zymogenetics. The new building which they have built across Eastlake Avenue from the Steam Plant is a high quality, well built and beautifully designed building. We have always been welcome to have community events in the Hydro House,

or to just stop by the Hydro House Cafe for a bite.

Due to unforeseen changes in their company, Zymogenetics is no longer doing both Research and Development, and Production, in Eastlake. As I understand it, their production facilities have been moved out of the country and both their buildings must be used for R&D. As a result of that change they have found that there is a need to have greater interaction between the occupants of the two buildings and they believe that the only workable solution is a sky bridge. This is contrary to our Eastlake Neighborhood Plan and Zymogenetics wants to present their ideas to the Eastlake community to see whether such a sky bridge may be acceptable to us.

I hope to see you all at NOAA on January 27, 1999 at 7:00 PM. David Huber



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Business Notes

by Chris Leman

The Puget Sound Business Journal of October 30 had a fine front-page article about **Hart Crowser**, an internationally known, locally owned environmental consulting company based at 1910 Fairview Ave. E. The article reported that, amidst buyout efforts from out-of-state, the company's success at remaining independent stems from the commitment of John Crowser (founding partner and now chair, president, and CEO) and the 200 employees, many of whom have invested their own money in it. Hart Crowser's key role in helping to complete the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan is just one of its many civic contributions to this neighborhood and this city. ...

Congratulations to Video Quest (325-9301) on its move to expanded quarters at 2234 Eastlake Avenue (the former location of Java Jive Video). ...

The huge former check processing center at 1551 Eastlake Avenue E. has been beautifully remodeled by **Lowe Enterprises**. About a quarter of the space will be occupied by **Teligent Corp.**, a hot company that equips businesses with microwave networks that save them money. More on other building lessees as they are announced. ...

In December, the **Foster Child Holiday Magic Project** led by **Entercom Seattle** successfully matched all 8,890 foster children in Western Washington with at least one gift. Letters from the children stating what they would like were read over KIRO Newsradio 710 AM, KIRO FM "The Buzz 100.7", and KNWX 770 AM. ...

Another welcome holiday presence (at the old Seattle Floral site) was **Christmas Tree Way**, the only lot in Seattle where purchasers who brought in non-perishable food for Northwest Harvest (and half of them did so) got \$5 off the price of their tree; the owners also donated some cash for every tree sold. They also sold wreaths, boughs, and garlands, and delivered and fireproofed as well. Watch for Christmas Tree Way next year (790-3275). ...

Welcome to **Shurgard**, and thanks to stringer **Dick Arnold** for representing this column at the dedication of its beautiful new building (see related article). ...

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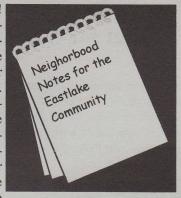


Jean Slocum

324-3173

Neighborhood Notes

URGENT! Short timeline! The Department of Neighborhoods is accepting neighborhood applications for the Tree Fund, which awards trees for April 1999 planting projects. Tree locations and the application must be coordinated by the neighborhood, and the locations approved by the City Arborist's Office. The request for arborist approval should be made by January 15, and the



application must be filed by January 29. If you are interested in receiving trees or in coordinating Eastlake's neighborhood request, call Gabriel Hajiani, 720-7005 ASAP.

City Council awarded ECC/TOPS a \$91,000 Neighborhood Matching Fund grant for the Franklin Green Street project, located between Seward/TOPS School and Rogers Playfield. The funds will be used primarily for landscaping and street furniture, and the project will begin in January 1999. If you are interested in participating in a community-run, artist selection process for the street furniture, please contact Carol Eychaner (324-1716).

The long-awaited temporary play equipment that has been planned for Rogers Playfield is scheduled for installation by the end of 1998. This new structure replaces the community/TOPS/City-built and -funded playscape that was located on Franklin Avenue in front of Seward School, but was demolished for school construction. A larger play structure will be installed at its permanent location on the Seward School site later in the year, and will be for public and school use. Both the temporary and permanent structures are being funded by the Seattle School District.

The Seward/TOPS School construction and design team distinguished itself at Bridges' First Annual BIG SLURP by being the team that raised the most money for Northwest Harvest -- \$165. Although designated slurper Karen Clark was not fast enough to qualify for the second and final slurping round, she nonetheless volunteered for additional slurping duty to provide competition for a team that had no opponent. So just what did she slurp? OYSTERS! Twelve of them each round!

Despite the objections of many neighborhoods throughout the city, City Council adopted numerous changes to the Land Use Code that will result in more residential units in multifamily zones like Eastlake and larger buildings on each lot. However, City Council heeded neighborhood opposition to a proposal that would have allowed the parking that is required for multifamily structures to be located off-site (that is, on a site that is different from the site of the apartment or condo building), and voted against the proposal. ECC's comment letter was referenced several times by City Council members during the committee discussions on the Code amendments.

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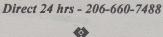


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No Resolution of **Rowing Club** Litigation; **Trial Set for April 20**



Court-required settlement discussions and mediation were held during the last few months of 1998 but failed to produce any resolution of the lawsuit filed by Rome Ventura/Lake Union Crew against the City. All parties will proceed to trial, which is scheduled for April 20 before Judge Rothstein in Federal Court.

The lawsuit challenges the City's issuance of a Notice of Violation that requires Ventura/Lake Union Crew to submit permit applications for the structures that house the rowing facility along Fairview Avenue at the foot of Allison Street. The NOV also requires that the structures comply with applicable development standards. The structures were placed on submerged public right-of-way and on property owned by Ventura in January 1998 without the shoreline, environmental and other permits required by the City. Ventura/Lake Union Crew contend that the structures are "vessels" and that they and the uses within them are exempt from the application and development standard requirements of the City's codes.

ECC has intervened in the lawsuit in support of the NOV, along with the Floating Homes Association and the 3100 Condominium Owners' Association. All organizations are concerned about the precedent that would be set if the structures were to be considered "vessels" and not subject to any development regulations, including those that require a public permitting process and those that regulate height, parking, public access, public view corridors, and use of submerged public right-of-way. All groups are also concerned about the impacts on the residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the crew facility, which is also used for non-crew related activities.

Because of the importance of this issue to the entire Eastlake community and all Lake Union neighborhoods, ECC is seeking contributions from all community members to help support the cost of intervening in the lawsuit. Contributions can be sent to ECC, 117 E. Louisa St., #1, Seattle, WA 98102. If you would like your contribution to be tax-deductible, make your check out to the "Seattle Community

> Council Federation/ECC." Please note "Lake Union Crew" on all contributions. Thanks to those of you who have already given money

toward this effort.

Meanwhile, Ventura/Lake Union Crew has apparently hired the public relations firm of Gogerty and Stark. Look for an interesting spin on the vessel issue sometime soon.

For more information about the litigation, call Eastlake resident Carol Eychaner (324-1716).





Special Edition: Planning News

Implementing Eastlake's Plan Important Meeting January 26

A meeting will be held January 26 by the Eastlake Tomorrow Steering Committee to discuss the ongoing, long-term implementation of the recommendations in the Eastlake Plan. Because of the importance of this meeting, representatives from all Eastlake organizations, and Eastlake business people and residents that are interested in implementing one or more of the Plan's recommendations, are strongly urged and encouraged to attend.

Agenda topics will include the following:

- Determining the priority of the various planning activities that are listed in Eastlake's "matrix", or work plan.
- Discussion and potential decisions on keeping track of and shepparding individual plan recommendations, coordinating overall planning activities, and ensuring community participation in and awareness of current planning activities. Eastlake's planning contract with the City (together with its planning funds) will expire soon, and the role of and perhaps need for the Steering Committee, which was formed as a subcommittee of the ECC to develop the Plan, will likely change as Eastlake implements its Plan. This may be the last Steering Committee meeting.
- A status update on the three projects that were selected by the Steering Committee to receive a total of \$50,000 in Early Implementation Funds. The three projects were an Eastlake median (which also received a preliminary recommendation from the Lake Union District Council for an additional \$25,000 from the Street Fund); redesign of the Fairview Ave. E./Fairview Ave. N. intersection by the Steam Plant; and I-5 noise mitigation.

The meeting will be held at January 26 at 5:15 p.m. at Hart Crowser, 1910 Fairview Ave. E. If you or your organization would like to attend the meeting and/or receive an advance copy of the matrix to review and prioritize the planning activities, please contact Chris Leman (322-5463) or Carol Eychaner (324-1716).

City Council Takes Action on Eastlake Plan

Many years of planning activity culminated in the December 14 City Council action on the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan. As with other neighborhoods, City Council passed a resolution that "recognized" the Eastlake Plan as representing the desires of the Eastlake community. Some of the highlights of the City Council action are summarized below:

- Many goals and policies specific to Eastlake and addressing a variety of topics including land use, open space, transportation, views, cobblestone streets, diversity, affordable housing and Eastlake's main street, were adopted as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- Eastlake was designated a residential urban village.
- Several areas were included in our urban village boundaries that were not initially proposed in the Comprehensive Plan. To the north, the boundary was extended to include the area around L'Amourita and the portions of the North Gateway. To the south, the boundary was extended to include shoreline properties and uses such as NOAA, Lake Union Drydock, Terry Pettus Park as well as Zymogenetics' Steam Plant, Hydro House and new building.
- Three "green streets" were designated in Eastlake -a Type IV green street on Franklin Avenue between
 Seward/TOPS School and Rogers Playfield, and
 Type III green streets on Fairview Avenue between
 Newton and Roanoke, and between Hamlin and
 Fuhrman.
- Eastlake was exempted from rezone criteria that makes it easier to upzone properties to Lowrise 3 and Lowrise 4 (these are medium density, multifamily zones).
- The Plan's recommendations for the Eastlake Avenue Pedestrian District (including those for housing, street-level development, and access/parking location) will be developed and implemented by the City in 1999.
- At least four of Eastlake's recommended design guidelines will be developed and implemented by the City in 1999.
- A controversial and late Parks Department proposal to potentially locate, study and design an off-leash dog area under I-5 (somewhere south of Newton Street) was expanded to include activities that were identified in the Plan's Open Space recommendations for that area.
- A work plan that identifies nearly 200 Eastlake planning activities was adopted. This work plan will provide the framework for much of Eastlake's planning energy and resources for the next decade.

A copy of the package adopted by City Council is available for review at the many public review locations throughout the neighborhood, including Lake Union Mail. The text of the Plan is available on the Eastlake Plan web site, http://www.oo.net/et.

Dedication and the Neighborhood Plan

Although it is difficult adequately to thank the many individuals and organizations that helped produce the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan, the plan's dedication page makes a heartfelt attempt:

Thanks to the many people living and working in Eastlake, and to those who work for the City, who have attended meetings, workshops, forums, and fairs; responded to surveys and questionnaires; prepared and distributed newsletters, flyers, guides, and notices; made fast-food, gourmet food, breakfast food and snacks; served coffee, tea, soda, and juice; wrote, called, e-mailed and faxed; spent money and sent money; and who otherwise gave of their time to help make this Eastlake's neighborhood plan.

Businesses, Nonprofits Essential to the Plan

by Chris Leman

The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan (approved by the Seattle City Council on December 14) would have been impossible without our neighborhood businesses and nonprofit organizations. Business owners on the governing board included John Crowser, Chris Hughes, Susan Kaufman, and Cheryl Thomas. Crowser served as vice chair and hosted many of the meetings at Hart Crowser, whose publishing staff also stepped in gratis when funds ran out. Hughes' Northwest Administrators hosted most of the other meetings and donated refresh

Lake Union Mail analyzed the results of the comment form on the plan draft, and waived three years of rent on the mailbox. Gilmore Research produced, coded, and analyzed the results of our largest survey. Design, publicity or printing were donated by Daybreak Star Printing, Donovan Design, G&H Printing, Internet Central, KIRO, Tactile Signs, and Travel Experts. Businesses that worked with residents and property owners

on the planning for Fairview Avenue East. south of Newton included Hart Crowser, Lake Union Dry Dock, Matthews Architects, Peterson Yacht Service, Sound Propeller, Steve Vrabel Architects, Washington State Employees Credit Union, and Zymogenetics. The 15 businesses where the public could (and still can) go to view the plan included (in addition to many of those listed above) Canal Market, Cards, Gifts, Etc., E-Clips, Eastlake Deli, Nail Biz, SeaFirst-Eastlake, SHARE Credit Union, and WashingTown.

Nonprofit organizations were equally central to the planning process. The governing board included the Eastlake Community Council, Floating Homes Association, TOPS school parents, and shared positions for Childhaven/United Indians of All Tribes and Friends of Lake Union/Olmsted Fairview Park Commission. ECC also was contracting agent with the City, and helped with publicity and distribution, as did FHA and the Portage Bay-Roanoke Park Community Council. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center served as fiscal agent. Pocock Rowing Center hosted our largest public meeting. Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission donated copying. Community Land Trust helped with the plan's affordable housing element. The eight nonprofits serving as public review sites for the plan include several of the above as well as the Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Service, Deaf-Blind Service Center, and St. Patrick's Church. The text of the plan is also available at http:// www.oo.net/et.

Neighborhoods Opposed to Interstate Sound Exposure (NOISE, Incorporated) is

pleased to announce that the Washington State Department of Transportation has budgeted \$5.2 million for the 1999-00 biennium for I-5 noise mitigation in our neighborhood.

A confluence of events have let to this result. The passage of referendum 49 provided several billion dollars for transportation projects. Victories by democrats

co-speaker's chair. Meanwhile, NOISE has worked through the neighborhood planning process to recognize I-5 mitigation as a key integrated strategy. The support of city and state representatives as well as the support of WSDOT has been attained through numerous meetings and discussions.

We have many people to thank for this. Representatives Ed Murray, Frank and Senator Pat Thibaudeau have been powerful advocates for our cause. Ed Murray first introduced the issue in the 1998 legislative session. As the ranking democrat on the house transportation committee, and a member of the legislative transportation committee, Rep. Murray will be instrumental in insuring that this budget item is ultimately signed into law.

Thanks also goes to City Councilmember Martha Choe, steward for Eastlake/Roanoke Park, who helped in negotiations with WSDOT,

and to Mayor Schell for recognizing NOISE on International Noise Awareness Day, and for offering to include this issue as part of the Seattle lobby agenda in Olympia, and to the Eastlake Neighborhood Planning Team (Eastlake Tomorrow), particularly Chris Leman, who was key in helping to bring the NOISE group together.

Thanks to all of you who have generously donoted your time and money. A special thanks to Conrad Wouters of Federal Mortgage Corp. for his magnanimous finanacial contribution. NOISE founding members include Kingsley Joneson, Karl Kumm, Ted Lane, Wes & Daphne Larson, Chris Leman, Jim Simpkins, Cheryle Thomas and Jay Wakefield.

We are not done yet. There is still a chance that the legislature may not approve this line item. Therefore it is critical that we reinforce the importance of noise mitigation to our neighborhood by writing letters of thanks and support to our representatives and to WSDOT. Ask them to continue to advocate strongly on our behalf. Please send your letters in care of NOISE (Wes Larson, 3218 Eastlake Ave. E 98102, Tel: 320-9847) and we will forward them.

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Note that "SEPA" refers to the environmental review and approval process required by the State Environmental Policy Act.

2343 Eastlake Ave. E. Office/Retail Building (MUP #9807251; new project). A 3-story commercial building with approximately 22,000 square feet or office space, 6000 to 7000 square feet of retail space along the Eastlake Avenue street-level facade, and alley access to 2 levels of parking; proposed for the existing parking lot across from the Quick Stop in the heart of Eastlake's commercial district. An application has not yet been submitted, but guideline priorities and neighborhood issues were identified at a December 2 Design Review Board meeting. Issues included: strong support for proposed alley access, no Eastlake curb cut, and continuous retail space along street; need for contextual, humanscaled facade design; concerns about proximity to and effect on existing Yates residences; potential for pedestrian connection between alley and Eastlake Avenue; and height, bulk and scale transition between project and lower residential zone to west.DCLU planner consultant: David Graves (297-2106); community contact: Marilyn deGuzman (322-6611).

2360 Fairview Townhouse (MUP #9807326). A new 2-unit townhouse and parking garage for 2 vehicles. Project would demolish the existing house. Shoreline decision required. Initial comment period ended November 20. DCLU planner: Onum Esonu (233-7196).

1144 Eastlake Mixed Use Development (MUP #9805787). Early Design Guidance was requested for a project at the site of the old victorian houses located north of the Buffalo Building, and a meeting of the Design Review Board was held in October 28 for public comment on design issues and to establish design guideline priorities. A MUP application had not been submitted at the time of newsletter publication. ECC expressed interest in nominating the victorian houses for landmarked status but will not be pursuing the nomination. SEPA and Design Review will be required. DCLU planner: Jess Harris (684-7744).

2722 Eastlake Rezone and Parking Garage Application (MUP #9700106). Rezone from L2/RC (a low intensity, lowrise residential zone with limited commercial at street level) to NC2/40' (neighborhood commercial), and proposed two-level, 40-space parking garage with 792 sf of unspecified retail use. The rezone is necessary because a commercial parking garage is not a permitted use in the current residential zone. The maximum height in the existing zone is 25 feet; the requested 40-foot height is more than twice the height needed for the parking garage, and would allow for future multi-story development. The requested zone would also allow for more intense commercial use of the site and a more bulky

building (for example, no setbacks are required in NC zones). A meeting before the Design Review Board was held in October to establish design guideline priorities; no decision had been made at the time of newsletter publication. SEPA and Design Review are required in addition to the rezone. DCLU planner: Michael Kimelberg (684-4625).

Merrill Project, 1938 Fairview, Office Building Application (MUP #9701529). 40,000+ square foot office building with 32 parking spaces. SEPA, design review DCLU planner: John Shaw (684-5837). Comand shoreline decisions required. A DCLU decision was issued in November approving the project with conditions, and the project was appealed by the 1926 Fairview Condominium Owners' Association and individuals within the Condominium Association. Community contact: Eastlake resident Dennis O'Brien, 328-2884 or email him at obriend@scn.org.

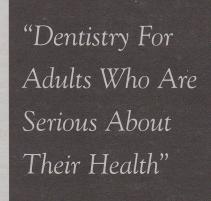
3302 Fuhrman Office Building in Shoreline District (about 11,000 sf; MUP #9801993). A DCLU decision with conditions approving the shoreline, design review and SEPA components of the office project application was made on December 17. Appeal of the shoreline/SEPA decision to the Shorelines Hearings Board is due January 7, 1999; the appeal deadline for the design review decision was not listed in the public notice for the project. ECC had submitted written concerns to DCLU about the potential elimination of existing required parking on the project site and the parking demand of the proposed project, and traffic and pedestrian safety. ECC also questioned the uses that were proposed to meet the Code requirement for water-dependent uses at ground level (parking spaces for existing residences that are located along the water and storage areas for shells were initially proposed). The decision had not yet been reviewed by ECC at the time of newsletter publication. DCLU planner: Malli Anderson (233-3858).

Steam Plant Skybridge. In addition to the above applications, Zymogenetics is considering the construction of a skybridge across Eastlake Ave. that connects the Steam Plant, a historic landmark, with its new building to the east. Zymogenetics presented its proposal to the ECC board in November, and will be making a presentation at ECC's general meeting in January.



Longtime Eastlake resident Ruth Presler tells a City tour of safety problems in crossing Eastlake Avenue. Listening (left to right) are Carol Eychaner, City Councilmember Nick Licata, Staff Mary Denzel, City Councilmember Martha Choe, Karl Kumm, and City Councilmember Richard Conlin.

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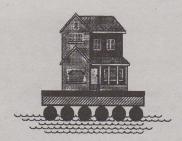
by Dick Arnold

Henry Ford, in 1913, built his first west coast Model T assembly plant on the south shore of Lake Union. He could have little cared that the building would one day be a local landmark. Nor could he have imagined that, in 1998, his brick pile would become world head-quarters for another of the internationally successful retail businesses born in Seattle.

On December 16, at the corner of Fairview and Valley, Mayor Paul Schell cut a giant bubble-wrap ribbon to open Shurgard's combination storage facility and headquarters. The building (which after Ford, housed the Fuller Paint works and, for thirty years, Craftsman Press) has been redone by Shurgard's own design team.

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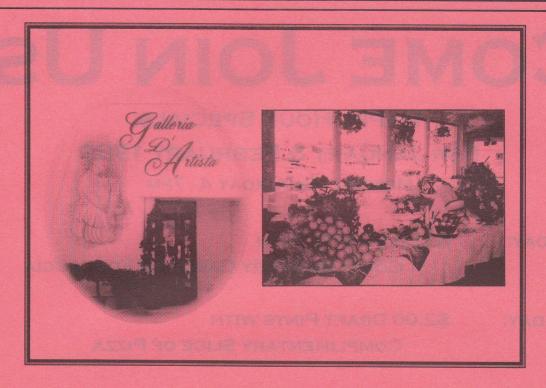
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SPAGHETTI & GARLIC BREAD 5.95 CHICKEN WINGS 6.95 FETTUCCINI ALFREDO 6.95 CHEESE BREAD 2.95 PIZZA BY THE SLICE 2.95 CROSTINI 4.95 SAUTÉED CALAMARI 7.95 4.95 BRUSCHETTA CAESAR WITH FOCCACCIA 5.95 HUMMUS & PITA 5.95