NOTES from Sept 21 General Meeting

Jim Donnette, speaking on the Lake Union Report, urged us to individually call the Mayor's office and Department of Community Development and let them know of our concerns on the lake, urging speedy action to establish zoning. (The Council went on record almost a year ago to support the zoning as suggested by the Lake Union Commission Rept.)

Bonnie Hodsdon, speaking for the Coalition Against the Domed Stadium at the location of the King Street terminal, left petitions to be signed, hoping to stop the destruction to the International District and to Pioneer Square.

"NO PARKING 4-6" by Dave Kelly

An as yet incomplete survey of the 100+ businesses in the Eastlake neighborhood has turned up various suggestions as to how we can improve the neighborhood. A couple of them: flowers, small shrubs, trees, in planter boxes or along the planter strip; the placing of waste bins along the street, with a welcome offer from Zeppelin Studio to paint them bright colors.

Hewitt's Catering, housed at the Tyee Yacht Club, 3229 Fairview East, will prepare the evening fare for the Community Dinner on Thursday, October 19, after which will follow the ANNUAL MEETING. Call ME 4-3470 days, EA 3-3084 evenings or EA 5-9333 for reservations for the Beef Stroganoff dinner. $2.50 per person. Dinner at 5:30, meeting at 7:00. See you there! If you need a ride, let us know.

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OUR TREK TO OLYMPIA for the State Supreme Court hearing on the Roanoke Reef lawsuit has been postponed to November 13, early afternoon session. While we're waiting for that, remember to VOTE YES on Shoreline Management Act Issue. The League of Women Voters, as well as the State of Washington, has prepared pro and con arguments on each of the two Shoreline acts. Read, and decide for yourself which would be best, but we urge a yes vote to protect the future of our unique shorelines.

REVENUE SHARING

(Susan Slink, a member of the Eastlake Council, has worked on the Legislative Committee of the Central Seattle Community Council Federation, was one of the prime figures in developing a citizen participation plan that was presented to the City Council in June. Her work continues in the Legislative Committee; here she shares thoughts from a recent Legislative Committee Meeting.)

Revenue sharing is still of key interest in City government because of the $49,000,000 that will be appropriated in the City or County level for the purpose of devolution of federal spending and more autonomy on the local level with elected city officials.

How and where these funds will be allocated is still undecided by City Government, and the mayor is reshuffling its internal organization to more adequately meet with the forthcoming change of increased responsibility of financial spending and allocation of funds.

In short, the "ale" is for money on the local level. Guidelines in spending are still forthcoming. The community councils might benefit from such funds. We the Legislative Committee feel it is our responsibility to draw up guidelines for such spending, and to set priorities for optimal direction of such money. Values and directions need to be rethought in order that community interests and human values are really fostered.

Other Business: Seattle Commission 2000 Task Force should be operating by November to begin setting guidelines for future planning of the City of Seattle. The Executive Board has been appointed, and there are members sympathetic to the "council" position of citizen participation in governmental issues.

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CANSWARD BE A COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

The Seward classroom building next to the noise of the freeway is unsuitable for holding classes, has been occupied room by room—with the exception of the principal's office and a classroom used for teacher meetings—by various offices of public school administration.

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Looking back on this year, as seems customary on an anniversary, I'm struck by the energy, vitality, spirit, and talent that has emerged from varying backgrounds and diverse lifestyles—neighbors who have pooled their resources to help make day-to-day living a little easier for all of us, the least of which is that we might feel there's a more friendly air about our community because we've begun to know more of our neighbors.

While most of our energy has been consumed by various aspects of the lawsuit we undertook, we have in the process discovered more about our neighborhood, about community, and about ourselves in relation to others in the neighborhood, to other community councils, and to city government. This experience has pointed up a definite need to plan, to be informed, the significance of how land is used.

We have enjoyed a fruitful working relationship with other organizations, including Floating Homes Association (co-sponsored with them three cruises, Lake Union zoning, co-plaintiff in the lawsuit against Roanoke Reef); we have joined and worked with the Central Seattle Community Council Federation, which group of 14 other neighborhood councils in Seattle awarded their "Outstanding Achievement Award" to Eastlake for our work in preserving Shoreline through our legal action, and in trying to help to establish the right of communities to have a say about what happens to them.

The annual Fair in late summer, which requires a great deal of planning, coordination, and plain work, has been a real boost to our sense of community, as was the 1st Annual Spaghetti Feed held at the Tyee in April.

These, along with the newsletter, have, I think, strengthened our sense of identity as a neighborhood which has boundaries, a particular history, and valuable amenities. We do not intend to close ourselves off from the rest of the city, become ingrown; rather, this sense of identity will enable us to better participate in determining what happens to us in the future. We would also hope that this might help dispel the fear and sense of alienation that easily crop up in an urban setting.

The effort that has been sustained over the past year by the Board and other individuals in the Council has brought promise of continuing vitality in carrying out the purposes of the council. We know there is more to be done; we also know there are more people who see other problems and/or solutions. It has been a good year, and I would urge more people to come around and see what it's about: the second year can be better!

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SCHOOL, cont.

They've outgrown their main building on Queen Anne Hill, they say. While this is probably necessary, we're wondering if the overload can't be spread around. We feel there is a need to have a permanent meeting place for all groups--by age or interest--within the neighborhood, and a permanent office for the council in a place that is central. We want to retain this as a place for the community. What are your thoughts? Call EA5-9333.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

If you live, work, or own property in Eastlake, and agree with the purposes of the Council, please join us! $1.50 indiv, $2 family or business.

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