New Officers and Board Members for the Eastlake Community Council

The new 1987-88 officers and board members for the Eastlake Community Council were formally announced at the June general meeting. They are as follows:

President: Carol Eychaner. A past president of the Community Council (1985-86) and a land-use specialist.

Vice President: Jules James. President of the Council this past year (1986-87).

Secretary: Elizabeth Rodgers. Formerly active in the Pike Place Market Association.

Treasurer: Lisa Farin. Past board member and former editor of the Eastlake News.

Historian: Martin Cobb. The current editor of the Eastlake News and a history graduate.

At-Large Board Members: Dick Arnold, Peter Boley, Clarice Coker, Fred Farin, and Lynn Howell.

All in all, a combination of old and new faces, and a good blend for the forthcoming year. The best of luck to the new roster, and here’s looking forward to another successful year for the Eastlake Community Council.

No General Membership Meeting This Month

The Community Council is taking its annual summer recess, and no membership meeting will be held this month. The next meeting will be on August 18th; look for details of the time and place in the August issue of the Eastlake News.
Many Thanks to the 1986-87 Volunteers

As a new group of Community Council officers, board members and volunteers gets ready for the 1987-88 period, let's recognize all those who gave their time and effort over the past 12 months. We really don't have space to do full justice to those who have worked so hard this past year and before. But an expression of appreciation is more than necessary.

Jules James, outgoing President, deserves first mention for his many, many hours of untiring, often thankless work. Jules has been an active participant in many of the ECC's 1986-87 achievements (see "Time's Up!" in the June newsletter), and has provided much of the input for the newsletter during the year, helping to keep the neighborhood informed of what's going on. Stick around, Jules: we need you!

Clarice Coker has also done a great job despite the constraints of her business. Thanks to Clarice, many of the records are straight, we had tremendous participation in the Christmas auction, and we've been active in our opposition to the proposed project at 2048 Fairview.

The Farins, Fred and Lisa, have also given a great deal of their time over the past several years. Suffice to mention Lisa's efforts with the newsletter alone: Lisa did it for several years, and deserves a break! Thanks to Fred also for his work keeping track of the membership of the Community Council.

Lynn Howell has contributed as a board member and, especially, with his extensive efforts with the street-tree program. This program has done much to improve the appearance of Eastlake Ave., and will be continued along Eastlake and into residential streets in the future.

Outgoing historian Anne Fisher, along with Sue Boyle, put together an impressive presentation to the members last fall on the subject of the land-use development of the neighborhood. It was widely acknowledged that the show enhanced everyone's appreciation of our diverse neighborhood, even those who'd lived here for decades.

There are many other people we should mention: Carol Eychaner for many hours of land-use work and continued support, Peter Eglick for hanging in there as our attorney, Dick Arnold for his support as board member, doorbeller and actioneer-extraordinaire, Sue Anderson for helping with a variety of chores, Bernadine Smith for the Christmas party, Dick Asia for his newsletter articles, Les Grinnell and Marion Kimes for organizing the softball festivities...

And then there are all the newsletter distributors. Marie Kuntz has helped greatly with the mailings to members. Many thanks also to all the door-to-door distributors: Sue Anderson, Dick Arnold, Martin Cobb, Carol Eychaner, Anne Fisher, Don Goodman, Tom Grime, Lynn Howell, Jennifer Jenkins, Rosamond Larsen, Fred McCulloch, James Millman, Dan Reiss, Kathryn Reiss, and Mary Siebert.

Hope we've spelled all the names right and haven't left anyone out .... Many thanks to all these volunteers who helped make 1986-87 another good year for the Eastlake Community Council.

Land Use Update

2048 Fairview (Master Use Permit #8505493). The ECC and the Floating Homes Association have sued the City and Shelter Ventures et al., seeking relief from the multi-family proposal (32-unit condo) at the corner of Fairview and Boston. The developer filed litigation against the ECC/FHA, asking for $100,000+ and alleging harassment and interference with business relations. We believe the developer's suit has no legitimate basis for its allegation. We also believe it may have been filed in an attempt to discourage our opposition to the project. The ECC/FHA will soon be filing litigation over these issues.

2343 Eastlake (# 8600448). A four-story office building. The ECC's major concerns with this project involve height, bulk and scale, parking, and access. The final hearing before the City hearing examiner was held June 24. The examiner's report and the decision should be available in mid-July. It is probable that the ECC will continue its appeal to the City Council.

1507 Eastlake (#8703698). A double-faced 12x25 billboard, not to exceed 25 feet in height, has been proposed. Under the terms of the 2/17/87 agreement with Ackerley Communications, which resulted in the abandonment of the proposed billboard at 2707 Eastlake, the ECC will not oppose this proposal or assist opposition to it.

29428 Eastlake (#8703699). A south-facing 12x25 billboard to be attached to the existing billboard structure. The ECC did not take an official position in its comment letter, but raised several concerns. The
comment period for both billboard proposals ended July 2, but DCLU will still welcome your comment letters.

Stop press. Just as the newsletter was going to the printer, we heard that a white board went up informing the public of a proposal to relocate the base for Lake Union seaplanes to somewhere on Fairview Ave. We don't have more details at present, but a comment period will soon be announced. More information will be forthcoming in the August issue of the Eastlake News.

Eastlake Street Trees
by Lynn Howell

It is especially nice during our warm summer days to see the green leaves of our street trees blowing in the breeze. Please help our new friends this summer by giving them extra water on hot days. This first year, while the trees are getting used to their new location, it is necessary to give them plenty of water each week.

The Eastlake Community Council would like to express its appreciation to those businesses and individuals who have taken the initiative to plant flowers and shrubs at the base of our street trees. These additions continue to add to the quality of our Eastlake streetscape. Thank you one and all.

Our nursery bill has continued to diminish thanks to your generous contributions. We plan to close our account on August 1. In the meantime, donations made payable to the Eastlake Tree Fund are being received at: Seattle-First National Bank, Eastlake branch, 1600 Eastlake Ave. E., Seattle 98102. Or contact Lynn Howell at 382-1400.

Neighborhood Notes

Stronger all the time. In a recent issue of the North Seattle Press, Vince Lyons, the new president of the Wallingford Community Council and an employee of the City Department of Construction and Land Use, was quoted as saying "along with the Queen Anne and Eastlake Community Councils, the Wallingford Council is viewed as the most effective by city leadership."

Fundraiser needed. With considerable debts resulting from efforts to oppose some of the potentially worst development projects in the neighborhood, the Eastlake Community Council needs a full-time fundraising person. If you’re interested, call Carol Eychaner at 324-1716.

We don’t remember who won. On June 7, more than 40 people turned out to Rogers Field for the second annual Eastlake softball game and picnic. It was great fun — many thanks to the organizers Les Grinnell and Marion Kimes. More softball on August 2 from 10 to 2.

Foreign visitor. Sandra Amelia Breton Tuma, a 23-year-old executive secretary from the Dominican Republic, will be spending July and August in Seattle. Sandra will be here on an American Field Service program, to improve her already good English. While she’s here, Sandra would like to see the sights of our area: if you’d be interested in showing her some of these sights, or sharing your dinner table, and maybe brushing up a little on your Spanish at the same time, call 324-8667.

Mark your calendars! Sunday August 2: Eastlake softball at Rogers Field, 10-2. (Be sure to attend this game — we will be joined by other visitors from the American Field Service program.) Sunday August 16: Mason Williams ("Classical Gas") free concert at Gasworks Park. Saturday and Sunday Sept. 19-20: Floating Homes Association 25th anniversary street fair on Fairview Ave.

Membership Application

YES!!! I want to help take care of Eastlake. My dues are enclosed for membership in the Eastlake Community Council (1 year membership). This is a ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL Membership.

NAME __________________________ PHONE __________________________

ADDRESS __________________________ __________________________

DUES: ☐ Household ($10.00)
☐ Sr. Citizen ($5.00)
☐ Business ($35.00)

Make check or money order payable to: Eastlake Community Council

Mail to: ECC Membership
58 E. Boston
Seattle, WA 98102
Steam Plant Re-Use Survey

A public hearing will soon be held to discuss the future use of the Lake Union Steam Plant, recently decontaminated of its PCBs. What are your ideas for the next uses of the Plant? Please list your three highest choices, and mail your responses to 58 E. Boston, Seattle 98102, or bring them to the August general meeting.

- Manufacturing
- Garbage Incineration
- Government offices
- Single-tenant office
- Multi-tenant offices
- Retail
- Mixed residential/office
- Luxury condominiums
- Swimming pool
- Museum
- Other:

Would you attend Community Council meetings and other neighborhood events if they were held at the Steam Plant?  
- Yes  
- No

Should the smoke stacks be retained?  
- Yes  
- No

Other comments:

Urban Planning

by Marion Kimes, Red Sky Poetry Theater

This week
we finished planting trees
along the avenue,
trees people wanted
and paid for themselves,
community trees
to dress up, to soften
the changing character
of this street.
How long will it take
before they spread
their leafy brightness
over the patched asphalt,
before they hide the ugly fronts
individuality has erected here?
Our madness, on the one hand
tearing down and building again,
digging, moving and cutting
while we count on lilacs,
cherries and dogwood,
the old elementary school,
and these newcomer trees
to hold the ground together,
to make up for our irreverence,
to bring earth’s sweetness
into the atmosphere.