

Notes from the meeting

Roosevelt Sustainability Group (SRG)

Date/Time: November 17, 2009 7-8:30 pm

Location: Calvary Christian Assembly - 68th/Roosevelt

Attending: Bill Dunning, Linda Cox, Lorne McConachie, Liz Pfender, Christopher Campbell, Paul Wiesner, Ellen Stoecker, Joan Heald

Information/Updates

- Introductions
- Note taker and agenda updates – Paul Wiesner
- Review of October meeting- Discussion reviewed past accomplishments- need to get back to design guidelines-LEED standards- near term goal
- NE Seattle Trails project- compiling info-new map on their website.
- Tree status – Hearing held yesterday with Paul Wiesner, George Goodall and Tom Walton continuing appeal. Awaiting decision.

Discussion Items

- **Revision/Update of Neighborhood Design Guidelines and process for making a recommendation to RNA Board –**

Lorne McConachie. The initial discussion was around looking at the LEED for Neighborhood Development Standards (by U.S. Green Building Council). The system Maybe too much to develop comprehensive language into the NDG –it is copy-written. Maybe we should just adopt as a guideline for our community. Also concerns about Roosevelt neighborhood—response was just get started. Discussion last year with Vince Lyons yielded positive response. There was a recommendation to visit with DPD contact related to sustainability for open exploration of opportunities for joint interest in this topic. There was discussion about how to engage the various opinions regarding these standards including the general community, RNA committees, and the RNA Board. Lorne will set up meeting with Katherine Cornwell looking for Tuesday before 11 or after 2pm or Wednesday pm. Bill will explore with Jim O'H to represent Land Use Committee.

- **Home Energy conservation/retrofits: who may be interested?**

Ellen Stoecker is in one of two GreenBlocks projects and received free energy audit in summer. New pilot project via SustainableWorks is in area of 65th to 75th and 20th to 40th and is looking for homeowners wanting to do energy retrofits of various degrees. See SustainableWorks website. Ellen will consider writing an article for *The Roosie* about her experience of taking energy conservation measures.

- **Input to January RNA meeting on “transportation”** ongoing discussion about this topic-needs Board clarification.

Information Sharing:

- **Make/declare your yard a wildlife habitat:** World Wildlife Fund project - Joan Heald described program – a mechanism of obtaining certification-handed out application which is a self assessment. This generated interest as a potential community project.

Volunteer/Leadership opportunities: Immediate & Future

- Article (250 word range) for next issue of *The Roosie* – Jan. 2010: NDG? home energy experience? backyard habitat?
- **April 2010- RSG plans April RNA meeting agenda (Earth Day):**
Ideas: 1) What you can do or change in your home, your yard, your street and how that impacts the larger community, e.g. Ravenna Creek & Puget Sound.
2) View & discuss Poisoned Waters, (amended) a Frontline documentary on PBS about polluted waterways including Puget Sound.
- Membership recruitment- discussion
- Website – Ellen will follow up with information to Holly

Future Meeting Dates/Location

- 3rd Tuesdays, the dates are 12/15; 1/ 19; 2/16; **time will change to 7:30 – 9 pm**

Paul Wiesner &
Ellen Stoecker