



Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter
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RNA Land Use Committee Updates by Jay Lazerwitz Sisley Property – Proposed Ordinance

There is a proposed City of Seattle Ordinance to seize property (1322 NE 65th St) belonging to Hugh and Martha Sisley and turn it over to the Parks Department for public use. When the ordinance will be brought to the City Council committee on parks is unknown at this time.

There is a petition from CityBuilders (a Facebook-based group) to turn this parcel over to a land trust, for affordable housing in a Passive House (low-energy) model.

The RNA Land Use group heard from various community voices; and while the housing model was well liked, the RNA members present overwhelmingly supported a small park. To have views across this space from NE 65th Street to historic Roosevelt High School has been a long-standing vision for many in the community. During the RNA Land Use meeting discussion about affordable housing, there was much member support for truly affordable units. The Land Use committee discussed the need to serve low-income people (below 50% of median income), and for family housing, if a larger, more suitable project is proposed.

Roosevelt Neighborhood Design Guidelines

Our updates are slated to go to the City Council for approval soon. These have been drafted by community members over the past six months, and we look forward to having this approved and in-place for future developments in the Roosevelt Urban Village.

RNA General Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Presentation:

Three Artist Finalists for Weedin Place

CCA, 68th & Roosevelt, Third Floor

Next Meeting: June 23, 2015

RNA Committee Announcements and Updates

Community Events and Culture Committee presents:

**ROOSEVELT
BULL MOOSE FESTIVAL**
SUSTAINABLE LIVING

July 25, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m

Membership Committee

The membership committee is interested in reaching out to people and business' who have never joined or who have let their membership lapse. *More than meetings...* let's start monthly mingles at some of our neighborhood establishments! It's only a party and community, if you attend and join. Join online (coming soon!) or pay at the general meeting; share your ideas and 'like' us on Facebook. For more information about *membership mingles*, please contact Tova Ramer, tovaramer@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

The RNA is looking for many volunteers to help at the Bull Moose Festival. Please help with setup, tear down, run a booth, guide vendors for setup, litter control, etc. We also need a large number of volunteers for the Weedin Place Project to help fundraise, organize community events, paint, plant trees/plants, build planters/benches, call to secure donations, and more. Please email Katie Wood, wood.kd2@gmail.com.

Proposed Development – 6404 & 6406 9th Ave NE
DPD# 3019700 This project has been presented to the RNA Land Use Committee and will be presented to the NE Design Review board on Monday, June 1st, 6:30 p.m. at University Heights, room 209 Design Review, Early Design Guidance meeting for a “7 story, 84 unit apartment building with ground floor retail. Parking for five vehicles will be located within the structure. Existing structures to be demolished.

Proposed Development at 6105 Roosevelt Way NE (“Fish Store” site) This project is listed on the DPD website as being 128 units, 48’ high, 5-stories (or 6-stories, depending on where you read information) and no on-site parking provided. The Zoning is NC2-40’ yet RNA Land Use Committee does not know what zoning code exceptions were utilized to extend the height to 48’. The property is located within the Roosevelt Urban Village, such that no parking is required, though DPD required a parking analysis, which showed that the parking availability in the neighborhood has not reached the DPD threshold for additional required parking.

The development was submitted as a “congregate residences”, and when it was submitted, the threshold for “congregate residences” for this project did not require the project to go through the Design Review process, such that the community was not able to get involved in commenting on the proposed development. The City Council clarified the definitions for both “micro-housing” and “congregate residences” housing and removed the loopholes for the various reviews that were in place, before Oct. 2014.

Some important aspects that the RNA has interest in reviewing are: Setbacks (providing a more generous sidewalk width is important in along Roosevelt Way, as this is an important pedestrian corridor); Transitions to Low Rise zoning, adjacent to the west; and overall Design Features (especially along the main frontage, to insure these are “quality” materials incorporated along the primary street frontage.

Please attend an upcoming RNA Sustainability & Land Use Committee meeting! Topics will include: 75th St. Reservoir – property owned by SPU, TOD (Transit Oriented Development) at the existing Sound Transit sites. For more information, please contact Jay Lazerwitz, jay@artandarch.net.



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Seattle is truly a city of neighborhoods. Our neighborhoods in northeast Seattle - from Wallingford to Roosevelt to Windermere - are like treasures to discover each month when we just explore outside our front door.

This is "4 to Explore," a treasure map to 4 of the best things each month:

- 1 shop or restaurant to visit,
- 1 meeting to connect with neighbors,
- 1 fun activity to enjoy, and
- 1 neighborhood issue to engage.

Visit our new website www.4toExplore.org and enjoy exploring!



Alex Pedersen, Former City Council Legislative Analyst, and his family in Ravenna Park

www.4toExplore.org

Urgent: ROOSIE DELIVERY FOLKS NEEDED!

Do you receive *The Roosie* newsletter at your doorstep? Did you know that it wasn't delivered by stork or by drone - it was HAND delivered by a caring and kind neighbor. Right now we don't quite have nearly enough folks willing to volunteer a few hours of their time a month to deliver *The Roosie*.

We need many more folks to be 'blockheads' and are also NOW in search of a LEAD blockhead. (Someone who carefully bundles *The Roosie* and coordinates volunteers each month.)

Please help us get the neighborhood news and community events to our neighbors who are not on the internet 24/7 or not on the internet at all. There is a digital divide and a paper newsletter helps bridge the gap.

Email blockhead@rooseveltseattle.org for your very own monthly delivery route!

The RNA wishes to thank Bill Dunning for the generosity of his time and all of his hard work to make *The Roosie* delivery go smoothly throughout the years.



LINK LIGHT RAIL DROP-IN MEETINGS

JOIN US! Come learn about the Northgate Link Extension—future light rail service from University of Washington Station to Northgate. Project staff will be available to answer your questions about design and construction progress. There will be no formal presentation.



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| <p>1 U DISTRICT
Wednesday, May 6
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
U District Station pedestrian path (between Brooklyn Avenue N.E. and 12th Avenue N.E. at N.E. 43rd Street)</p> | <p>2 NORTHGATE
Thursday, May 21
4-6 p.m.
Northgate Community Center, 10510 Fifth Avenue N.E.</p> | <p>3 ROOSEVELT
Tuesday, June 2
4-6 p.m.
Roosevelt Station viewing windows on the sidewalk at the northwest corner of N.E. 65th Street and 12th Avenue N.E.</p> |
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University Link Connections

By Erin Tighe

With the expected Spring 2016 opening of the next phase of Link Light Rail, connecting Husky Stadium and Capitol Hill to downtown and points south, King County Metro and Sound Transit are taking the opportunity to rethink the bus network in North East Seattle, Capitol Hill, and the Eastside. The full proposal is available on the Metro website, but I'll try to provide a summary of the process and changes most relevant to the Roosevelt neighborhood.

Community engagement began in fall of last year, with Metro surveying the public about how they used buses in Seattle and how they think the network could improve. They took this data and created two alternative concepts for revamping bus service in our area. The first, "Alternative 1," created a frequent system that minimized redundancies, concentrated service on main streets, and assumed a larger number of people would switch to Link for travel downtown. It used the cost savings from these efficiencies to invest in frequent all-day service of every 15 minutes or better throughout NE Seattle. The second, "Alternative 2," preserved more of the current network map, assumed that people would only transfer to Link when time savings were greatest, and kept a more diffuse network by retaining our current frequencies of 30 minutes throughout NE Seattle (with a few 15-minute corridors). The second phase of public outreach, in March, focused on presenting these alternatives and gaining feedback.

During the month of April, Metro incorporated this feedback to create a single proposal to capture the best qualities of both networks. This network also for the first time showed how the city of Seattle funding authorized by Proposition 1 last fall would be used. The network they created seems to mostly resemble the streamlined approach put forward in Alternative 1, especially the 15 minute headways—present in all routes but the 73. The 66, 68, 71, and 72, would be eliminated. For east-west coverage, the 16 would deviate from its current routing at Green Lake, turning down Ravenna and east across 65th St, terminating at Magnuson Park, replacing some of the coverage of the current 71. In the north-south direction, the 73 would jog west along 65th St to serve the Roosevelt couplet south of 65th and terminate on campus, while the 67 would serve Roosevelt Way between Northgate Way and Ravenna, where it would head three blocks east of its current routing to serve the Ave and the Husky Stadium Station. Lastly, the 48 would be split into two different routes, with the half north of the ship canal rebranded as the 45, to improve reliability and reduce the impact of traffic jams across the larger route. Both routes would serve Husky Stadium. Peak routes like the 64, the 76, and the 373 would remain unchanged.

Metro will be spending the month of May collecting more feedback on their proposal. Look for a survey that will run through the end of May and metro's presence at select community meetings (including the Northeast District Council meeting May 27th). Check King County Metro's website for a list of opportunities to provide your feedback to the proposal. Visit <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/programs-projects/link-connections/>

RNAT meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at rotating public venues. For more information email Peter James, rnapeter@gmail.com.



Weedin Place Update

We need the help of our neighbors! Please sign up to volunteer to help Weedin place get funding. For each volunteer who signs up we get a \$20 match. If you have a special skill needed to accomplish our project it counts even more toward our community-match goals! Email Katie Wood, wood.kd2@gmail.com. The art selection committee has selected three finalists who will present their art proposals at the May 26, 2015 RNA Meeting.



Transportation Committee Report

The RNAT is studying ideas for mitigation for the Roosevelt repaving project: 1. Coordinating off-street parking, and 2. Loading zones on side streets. Other issues include safe routes and crossing across 66th near Weedin Place and also 70th & 8th. Another issue is the bus connections. RNAT meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at rotating public venues. For more information email Peter James, rnapeter@gmail.com.

Communications Committee Report

The upcoming communications meeting is Wednesday, May 13th 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Broadcast Coffee. Laura Bernstein, *The Roosie* Editor will be attending grad school in the Fall. Do you live in Roosevelt? Do you have basic Microsoft Office skills? Are you passionate about your community? Please contact laura.ea.bernstein@gmail.com to learn more about the Editor position (Looks great on a resume! She will train you!). Thanks to Progressive Tech, G & H Printing and all our advertisers for their essential support. Thanks to Katie Wood and Stephen Fanelli for helping with the difficult job of coordinating advertising. Thanks to Holly Wade Matter, copy editing lifesaver, and David Wood our new social media rock star. The RNA is grateful to Gina Leone our new "Lead Blockhead" and Kate Katzman for volunteering to deliver *The Roosie*.

District 4

Seattle City Council

Wednesday
June 17, 2015
Forum - 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Currently co-sponsored by:
Northeast District Council
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Candidates Forum

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Spring Cleanup Wrapup

It was fun seeing my fellow RNA members and meeting a few new neighbors during our Spring Cleanup. Whole Foods was a great sponsor. Thanks to David and Katie Wood for making Cowen park shine. Ellen Stoecker and Gina Leone cleared a big part of blocks in the SW quadrant of 65th and Roosevelt. They collected 1/2 bag of recycling and at least one bag of trash. Great haul!!! It was noted that there are a large number overgrown shrubs in this area.



Thanks to Ellen, Gina and Tova for keeping volunteers well-equipped and organized! Additionally, there were at least two and 1/2 bags **or 50 lbs of trash**, plus 1/4 bag of recycling picked up. Caprice and I cleaned the remaining area bounded by I-5, 65th, Roosevelt and 62nd including the alleys. Thanks to everyone else that pitched in to make Roosevelt sparkle!

Jack Mowreader

Northeast District Council Representative for the RNA, Nominee for RNA President

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAYS — A thing of the past?

Open houses used to be primarily on Sundays because of the newspapers. Ads were printed in the Sunday papers for only that day's open houses. Although open houses will always be an important part of real estate, having an open house only on a Sunday is a thing of the past.

My goal as a listing agent is to get your home sold for the most money possible and to achieve that, I want as many people (potential buyers) to see your home. Brokers can advertise and hold open houses any day of the week, not just Sundays! With the Seattle market being so hot, it's very common for buyers to go to an open house without their agents first. Buyers often tell me, "I don't want to bother my agent until I've gone through the open house and have seen the house first."

Here's why open houses are so important: nothing is better than having the ability to overcome objectives and to have the opportunity to answer questions on the spot, all while building value in the listing.

I love open houses; nothing helps me more in negotiations than if I have met and spoken with a buyer at a previous open house. It's not hard to see someone's excitement when they ask me 20 questions and come back to multiple opens with their friends and family. If you've been thinking about selling, I have several buyers looking to live in the Roosevelt neighborhood.

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Introducing Eleanor

Located at 800 NE 67th - Eleanor is a 267 apartment-unit community with an emphasis on the walkability of the Roosevelt neighborhood and its proximity to Green Lake.

The project combined thirteen parcels to create a design that emphasizes the neighborhood's popular pedestrian ambiance with extensive landscaped exterior spaces for a growing urban village. Rather than one large building, the project is separated into two residential buildings creating a garden courtyard with a woodland boardwalk, water features and plant life that will invite pedestrians to meander from one corner of the site to the other.

Right now you can see the forms of the two buildings taking shape as the excavation is completed and the construction is underway.

At Mack Urban, it's important to us that we keep you updated about the project as it takes shape. Via the Roosie, we plan to share design elements and answer frequently asked questions. More to come.



