NE 70th Overpass Project Update

By Scott Cooper

In 2016 the Roosevelt neighborhood won a Neighborhood Street Fund grant to make safety improvements to the I-5 overpass at NE 70th St to improve conditions for all users. Construction will not likely begin until summer 2019, though the project design has been further threshed out by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and was presented at the September RNA General Meeting.

Although the original grant application included safety improvements to only the overpass and adjacent intersections, the scope has been expanded to incorporate improvements east to 15th Ave NE. Upon completion these changes will create safer crossings and better access for pedestrians, protected lanes for bikers, and easier turns on to, and off of, I-5 for drivers. They will also create better connections between the Green Lake and Roosevelt neighborhoods and easier access to the upcoming light rail station.

Highlights of the project include:

- New curb ramps, curb bulbs, all-way stops, and crosswalks at 6th and 8th Ave NE
- Protected bike lanes (both directions on overpass) and a buffered/painted sidewalk on the north side of the overpass
- Protected bike lane (eastward) between 8th and 12th Ave NE
- Speed humps and neighborhood greenway signage between 12th and 15th Ave NE

SDOT will continue to take comments and answer questions about the proposal prior to the final design and selection of a contractor to complete the construction in 2019. For more information, check out: https://goo.gl/BmWCUY

2017-2018 RNA Meeting Schedule

By Amanda Winters

The tentative dates for the upcoming RNA general meetings through June of 2018 are:

- November 7th, 2017
- January 16th, 2018
- March 20th, 2018
- May 15th, 2018
- June 19th, 2018

These dates may be subject to change. Please check the online calendar for the most updated schedule at: https://goo.gl/Hsa4yQ
RNA Elections

By Scott Cooper

The RNA will be holding elections at the General Meeting on November 7th at the Calvary Christian Assembly Church. There are a number of positions to be filled, including:

- Vice President (residential)
- Vice President (businesses)
- Board Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director of Fundraising, Grants
- Director of Events
- Director of Communication
- Director of Membership

Position descriptions will be posted on the website (rooseveltseattle.org), including short bios of people running for positions. Please contact Scott Cooper (RNA President, president@rooseveltseattle.org) if you are interested in running for a position. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELP AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

Octoer Candidate Forums

By Sagar Ramachandra

Seattle Mayoral Candidate Debate:
Register now for the Seattle Mayoral Debate through: https://goo.gl/ghU9xv
Tuesday, October 24th, 2017
Starbucks Support Center, 2401 Utah Ave S, Seattle, WA

Seattle CityClub, KING 5, KUOW and GeekWire present a Seattle mayoral debate moderated by KING 5’s Natalie Brand and KUOW’s Ross Reynolds, between mayoral candidates Jenny Durkan and Cary Moon.

Seattle City Council Debate: At-Large Positions 8 & 9
Register now for the City Council Debate through: https://goo.gl/Cvdr2c
Wednesday, October 18th, 2017
Central Library, 1000 4th Ave, Seattle, WA

Seattle CityClub and Seattle Public Library present a Seattle City Council debate, moderated by Q13 FOX News’ C.R. Douglas, for positions no. 8 and 9. Q13 FOX will livestream the debate from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Council Position No. 8 Candidates
- Jon Grant
- Teresa Mosqueda

Council Position No. 9 Candidates
- M. Lorena González
- Pat Murakami
New Commissioners Sought to join the
Seattle Design Commission

By Michael Jenkins

Mayor Tim Burgess is recruiting to fill two upcoming vacancies on the Seattle Design Commission - one for a licensed Architect and the other for a licensed Professional Engineer. Both positions will start their terms in March 2018.

Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The appointment is for a two-year term. Commissioners are eligible for a second two-year term. The 10-member commission is comprised of architects, artists, urban designers, urban planners, landscape architects, civil engineers, a member-at-large, and one member from Get Engaged, the YMCA Young Civic Leaders Program.

Established in 1968, the Seattle Design Commission advises City officials on design excellence in City funded capital improvement projects, in the City right-of-way, or constructed with City funds. The Commission also advises the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on projects or policies that impact Seattle’s public realm. You can see the scope of our work at seattle.gov/designcommission.

Commission meetings are on the first and third Thursdays of each month and occur in the day. In addition, members may serve on commission subcommittees and represent the commission on other City boards or commissions.

Commissioners work between 15-20 hours a month. During the term as a commissioner, and six months following the end of the term, commissioners may not contract with the city on any capital improvement project reviewed by the commission. Commission members receive an hourly rate as compensation for their service.

To be considered, please send a letter of interest and resume by December 1, 2017, to: Mayor Burgess c/o:

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Amanda Winters represents the RNA on the UW City/University Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC).
Katie Wood represents the RNA at Northeast District Council meetings (NEDC).

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