



Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Weedin Place Phase I Update

By Katie Wood

As you walk, bike, or drive by Weedin Place, located between Bus Stop Espresso and Shell Gas station, you have undoubtedly noticed the changes. At the end of June, the community came out to paint the street and celebrate with free pancakes and live music. More than 100 neighbors signed up to paint the street!

The event began with Councilmember Rob Johnson saying a few words about the project and the NE 65th St Vision Zero Project adjacent to Weedin Place. Children, teens, adults and even toddlers joined in painting the blue meltwater stream down the middle of the street, which is meant to symbolize glacial meltwater.

An SDOT crewmember and a few brave volunteers prepared the area and guided painters in applying three coats of blue paint in near 90 degree weather while bands heroically entertained those waiting to paint. A special thanks to The Harmonica Pocket, Brian Vogan & Good Buddy Danika, Warren Dunes and Nyamuziwa who played to a dispersed audience in the hot sun. The music kept everyone going.

Thanks to all who participated! Thanks to the many volunteers who spent hours setting up and tearing down the event. Thanks to Calvary Christian Assembly volunteers who set up and managed the stage and sponsored the free pancake breakfast. Thanks to Roots Community Church for sponsoring the kid's activity area.

Thanks to our other sponsors, Hive Apartments, LIV Roosevelt, Sound Transit, SDOT, Whole Foods, and Bus Stop Espresso for making this community event a reality. And

thanks to all the local businesses for your support and for contributing to the event.

Phase one is not yet complete. Before the end of the year, we are scheduled to have glacial erratics (small boulders) lining the meltwater path for natural seating. There will be planters on each end of the street closure and we are working towards getting an informational sign installed during the first part of next year.

If you would like to get involved with the project (i.e. helping with the planters, helping make artwork on adjacent buildings a reality, future phase planning, grants) we would love to hear from you – weedinplace@rooseveltseattle.org



Volunteers paint the street



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Nyamuziwa plays amazingly through the heat



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206.325.7105 or kchae@shscoalition.org

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2017 Candidate Forums

By Sara Wamsley

Seattle Mayoral Candidate Debate, Sept. 12:

Register now for "Changing Seattle: Mayoral Candidates Debate Growth, Affordable Housing & Homelessness" through: <https://goo.gl/o8KggF>

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. at SU's Pigott Auditorium.

Enrique Cerna of KCTS-TV will moderate, and Heidi Groover of The Stranger and David Kroman of Crosscut will pose questions. Co-produced by The Seattle University Project On Family Homelessness and Solid Ground with partners Housing Development Consortium, Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness and Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund.

Port of Seattle Commissioners Candidate Forum, Sept 13th:

This forum will allow voters to hear from the six port commissioner candidates with a focus on "quality of life and jobs in the airport communities."

The forum is from 6:00-8:30 pm in the Student Union Building at Highline College. Moderated by King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove and sponsored by the 33rd District Democrats, M.L. King County Labor Council, Seattle/King County Building & Construction Trades Council, and Highline College.



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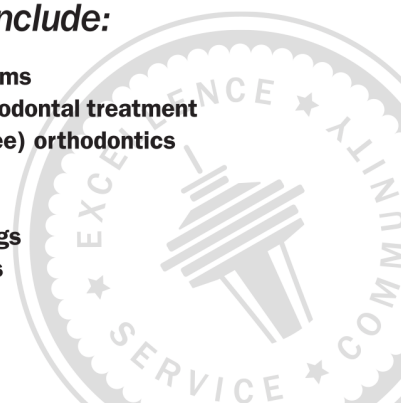
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Land Use Updates

By Jay Lazerwitz

Sound Transit & Office of Housing published Roosevelt TOD site RFP on August 4th

Development proposals are due September 14th, after which Sound Transit and the Office of Housing will review and select a proposal to forward to the Sound Transit board for approval in November.

The project design goals and principles include a mix of affordable housing, public realm improvements, and ground floor use criteria. There was a “pre-proposal” meeting on August 25th hosted by Sound Transit, where over two dozen interested people showed up for the presentation and Q&A regarding submitting proposals. There could be 5-8 proposals for ST & OH to review.

The RNA has requested that the selected development team present the proposal to the community at a public meeting after selection, early in the process, along with additional meetings in the future as the project is refined. For more information on this process, publications, public survey, and information, see: <https://goo.gl/bBTULf>

Design Review changes proposed to the process

New legislation is before Council that makes it easier and faster for new housing to be built all across Seattle by updating the City’s Design Review program. This is the first comprehensive update since the creation of the program two

decades ago. The proposal will reduce the wait time typical projects undergo with the Design Review process by four to eight weeks.

The measure will also require all developers to conduct mandatory early outreach to neighborhood stakeholders to ensure the community has a more impactful say in the design of projects. There is concern from some in the RNA about the lack of Design Standards for projects that will be streamlined or be excluded from Design Review, and we have sent comments to the City to re-evaluate and create more robust design criteria for those projects. For more info see: <https://goo.gl/8cKEpH>

Sisley Property Re-development

RDG (the Roosevelt Development Group) has started construction on one of their larger sites at 12th Ave NE & NE 66th St. (named “Vida”). There are plans to start construction on the former Fruit stand block, though financing is much more difficult on this leased-land, and we are hopeful to see this start soon.

Neighborhood Urban Planning

There will be a focus of the Land Use committee, starting this fall, on reconsidering the Public spaces throughout the Roosevelt neighborhood. Help us develop these ideas for the neighborhood.

Land Use committee meetings are on 2nd Tuesdays 7pm at the CCA 6801 Roosevelt Way NE.,

note: the Sept meeting be held on either Sept 13th or 19th (TBD)



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