



Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Changes on the Horizon with Sunlight Cafe

By Hannah Nilsson, Communications Director

It goes without saying that Roosevelt is a neighborhood in transition. We're no strangers to cranes, construction workers, and land use signs within the border of our urban village. The inevitability of change is heavy on many residents' minds, and for business owners, this change comes with great implications.

Cheryl Richards and Adrian Noone, co-owners of the beloved Sunlight Café, have anticipated that the accelerating development in the commercial core of Roosevelt would come knocking at their door sooner rather than later. For the past several years, they've proactively been searching for their inevitable new home.

The Sunlight Café, Seattle's oldest vegetarian café, has operated on the corner of Roosevelt and 64th since 1980, and their 100-year old, one-story building is within the up-zoned radius of the light rail site.

While Cheryl and Adrian are a bit nervous about the move, their excitement at a fresh start outweighs any of the stressful nights planning (and re-planning) layouts and fundraising.

Luckily, Cheryl and Adrian's foresight resulted in the best case scenario: Roosevelt regulars won't need to wander far to find their new location, a mere 300 feet away, in fact. Their space is in a new building, which offers them the opportunity to fully customize the new Sunlight Café to ensure the most efficient layout.

Sunlight Café regulars will be glad to hear that all of the current furniture and charm of the current location will be

transferred to the new location. "Even though there are scuffs, they work and they are ours," Cheryl laughed, gesturing to the comfortable, well-loved booths we sat in during this interview. Adrian joked that they'll have the same "seasoning" on the walls in no time, and that they will still have the same funky, hippie-inspired atmosphere.

The best parts of the new location? For one, outdoor seating! Locals can soak up Seattle's unbeatable summer days while enjoying the Sunlight Café's famous waffles and Bloody Marys in the morning. If the heat is too much, though, patrons can enjoy A/C in the new space.

Additionally, their optimized layout will enable them to provide and even better experience for their customers. And of course, locals will be happy to know that their bar menu will be expanding to include cocktails.

I am thrilled to witness this type of change in the neighborhood. Integrating the existing charm of local favorites into the new developments popping up around every corner will continue to make Roosevelt one of the most special neighborhoods in Seattle.

If you would like to support the Sunlight Café in reaching their fundraising campaign for the move, please visit their campaign site at <https://igg.me/at/sunlightcafe>.

This campaign helps Adrian and Cheryl bridge the financial gap between their small business loan and the actual cost of building out the new space.

Transportation News

By Chris Mitchell, Transportation Committee Chair

Streets are changing, and how people move around and through the Roosevelt neighborhood will look a lot different within a few short years. While Sound Transit's light rail station will grab headlines, Seattle's Department of Transportation (SDOT) and King County Metro are doing their own part to increase mobility and access to Roosevelt.

SDOT is currently reviewing street conditions and design along NE 65th St between NE Ravenna Blvd and 39th Ave NE.

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RNA General Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th, 2018

6:30 PM Social, 7:00-8:00 PM Presentation

CCA, 68th and Roosevelt, Upper Level

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Land Use Update

By Jay Lazerwitz, Land Use Committee Chair

HALA & Proposed Zoning Plans Update

The City received a very high number of comments over the summer on the Draft environmental impact statement (EIS), and the Final EIS was published Nov. 9th. The Final EIS includes a preferred alternative for Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) implementation, supplemental analysis on topics including racial equity and other considerations. City outreach and analysis will be on-going until August 2018. See <https://hala.consider.it> for more information. Many Single-family zoned properties within the Roosevelt Urban Village are slated to become "Low-Rise", and while this could bring big changes to the residential areas, the economics will determine what is actually feasible for developers. Where "land values" are lower than the current "home value" there is not likely going to be change.

Sound Transit - Transit Oriented Development

The development team of Mercy Housing and Bellwether (both local non-profits) have been selected as the first choice by Sound Transit and Office of Housing for the redevelopment of the Sound Transit construction site, and will begin negotiations for the ST contract.

The RNA will be scheduling a public meeting for the development team to present their proposal.

Key features include:

- 245 housing units;
- 100 percent of the housing units affordable long-term to those earning at or below 60% of area median income (AMI), with over 40% of the units affordable to those earning 30% or 50% AMI;
- 42 percent of the units sized for larger families (2 and 3 bedroom units);
- A mix of additional community-serving uses, including retail, daycare, and a community room;
- A through-block pedestrian connection that creates a public gathering space and promotes a high-quality pedestrian environment adjacent to the transit station.

Citywide District 4 Open House

Tuesday January 30th at 6-8pm, at Hamilton Middle School, 1610 N. 41st St. Seattle 98103. Come and review maps of proposed MHA zoning changes to your urban village. District 4 includes the following urban villages: Eastlake, Fremont, Greenlake, Roosevelt, U-District, Wallingford. Contact: jesseca.brand@seattle.gov for more information. Land Use meetings are 2nd Tuesdays @ 7pm at CCA, 6801 Roosevelt Way NE.

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Drafted Vision Framework

By Amanda Winters, RNA Secretary

With the anticipated opening of the light rail in 2021, the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA) expects the number of issues for community discussion will multiply. After many conversations over the years about the need to define mission, vision, and values, the RNA Board took the opportunity to reflect on a framework to guide our community engagement efforts in years to come in December 2017. Below are initial drafts of mission, vision, and values that the RNA Board hopes to present to the community for their input at the January General Meeting.

MISSION:

The RNA facilitates inclusive community engagement efforts to support neighbors and local partners in achieving an equitable, happy, and forward-looking Roosevelt.

VISION:

People from different backgrounds can live, work, or play in a Roosevelt that supports access to a variety of high quality housing, transportation, businesses, schools, and services for a happy and secure life.

VALUES:

- **Inclusivity:** We welcome everyone who lives, works, or plays in Roosevelt to the table.
- **Equity:** We believe that a person's experience in the RNA, Roosevelt, and the surrounding community should not be determined by race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, disability, economic, or housing status.
- **Future-orientation:** We celebrate Roosevelt's history and proactively collaborate with our neighbors and partners to envision and plan for the future of our neighborhood.
- **Community voice:** We support meaningful community engagement and access to understandable information to activate the community's voice.
- **Bull Moose-ivity:** We celebrate our community's resilient and innovative spirit, like Theodore Roosevelt's bull moose.*

How can you provide feedback? Send your suggestions to rna@rooseveltseattle.org or come talk to us at the General Meeting on January 16.

*Please note that Bull Moose-ivity is unlikely to be found in any reputable dictionary.

New Opportunities to Help People Experiencing Homelessness in Roosevelt

By Sara Wamsley, Membership Director

Roosevelt residents have two new opportunities this month to help people experiencing homelessness in our community. You can help by donating items and by participating in the 2018 point-in-time count. Details below:

Donate a helpful item

RNA is collecting items for people experiencing homelessness in our neighborhood. In-demand items are: socks, flashlights, underwear, sleeping bags, bottled water, gift cards to nearby grocery stores, and tents. Bring your donations to our general meetings or contact Sara Wamsley (membership@rooseveltseattle.org) to coordinate a pick up. Collection is ongoing, and you can make a donation any time.

Participate in Count Us In 2018

King County is seeking volunteers who are just crazy enough brave the cold and darkness to participate in Count Us In, an annual point-in-time census of people experiencing homelessness. The count will take place in the early hours of Friday, January 26th from 1 am to 6 am.

Why do we count?

The count is extremely important because it helps us understand our region's housing and homelessness needs. Counties are mandated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to take a complete census of people experiencing homelessness every year at the end of January, when winter shelters are open so the count is most accurate.

Why should I count?

People who have counted in the past say that it is an eye opening and rewarding experience. It's also a great way to get to know your neighbors and your community.

What should volunteers expect?

The count happens rain or shine, so volunteers should dress for the weather and bring flashlights! On the night of the count, you'll convene at a deployment location near the area you will count. Groups of 3-4 people, including a paid guide who has experienced homelessness and will lend their expertise will form at the deployment centers and be given maps of their assigned areas. These teams will explore their assigned areas, on foot or in a vehicle, for about 2-3 hours and count people who are living outside. After the count, teams return to the deployment site for breakfast.

Volunteers don't interact with people they count, and will receive guidance on what to look for.

How do I sign up?

Register and get more information at <http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/>

Help decide how to spend \$3 million on park and street improvements in Seattle

By The City of Seattle

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods is again engaging community members to democratically decide how to spend \$3 million of the City's budget on small-scale park and street improvements through our [Your Voice, Your Choice \(YVYC\): Parks & Streets](#) program. From now to February 2, community members can submit project ideas [online](#) or in-person at any Seattle Public Library branch.

Project ideas could include park benches, trail improvements, flashing beacons, or curb ramps...just to name a few. Check out our list of [project examples](#) for a better understanding. The only criteria are that ideas be physical improvements for Seattle's parks or streets, benefit the public, and cost \$90,000 or less.

Did you submit an idea last year that didn't make it to the ballot? We had nearly 400 project ideas from 2017 that are being "rolled over" for consideration in 2018. Check out the [map](#) detailing these ideas. Once ideas are submitted, volunteers will be recruited to turn the ideas into 8 - 10 proposals per Council District. Then this summer, everyone will have the opportunity to vote for the top projects within their district.

Learn more about the Your Voice, Your Choice process and how you can get involved at seattle.gov/yvyc.

If you have any questions, please email Kraig Cook



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Transportation News

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The goal of redesigning the corridor is to prevent crashes and improve safety for all travelers under the city's Vision Zero initiative. In early 2017, SDOT conducted neighborhood outreach to identify community needs, and since then have been developing their proposals. In December 2017, they hosted design update drop-in sessions to reveal these partial plans. Included in the redesign are the following: (1) protected bike lanes from NE Ravenna Blvd to 20th Ave NE, (2) transit islands so that buses do not need to enter the bike lane at stops, (3) improved crossings at some N/S arterials, and (4) re-striping on NE 65th St from 20th Ave NE to 39th Ave NE to emphasize one lane in each direction.

SDOT's modeling estimates that bus travel times will improve, and private vehicle travel times will either improve slightly or remain unchanged. The design also proposes removing all on-street parking from NE Ravenna Blvd to 20th Ave NE, likely directing most parking onto NE 68th St, which will become a Neighborhood Greenway. Some critics have argued that the changes do not provide adequate space for pedestrians traffic, which is likely to increase when light rail and RapidRide open in the coming years: sidewalks only 4-feet wide are proposed in some areas along the corridor, and no additional crossings are planned in between 15th Ave NE and 20th Ave NE.

Roosevelt residents are encouraged to learn more about the project at <https://goo.gl/2pyjR6>, and submit feedback on the

proposal to NE65VisionZero@seattle.gov or (206) 615-0925. Recent articles in *The Urbanist* and *Seattle Bike Blog* provide more context to the project.

Additionally, King County Metro is moving forward with plans to add a Roosevelt RapidRide, running from our neighborhood through Eastlake, South Lake Union, Westlake, and downtown Seattle. Metro recently hosted a public comment forum and outlined their proposal. From Eastlake to Roosevelt, buses are to travel largely in a general purpose lane; elsewhere downtown, some transit-only lanes are planned. A total of 26 new RapidRide stations will be constructed (13 in each direction), some on existing sidewalks and some on new transit islands. Signal improvements to prioritize transit would be added between South Lake Union and Roosevelt, and some parking would be removed at certain areas along the corridor.

Learn more about the RapidRide improvements at <https://goo.gl/2GggPx>. And make your voice heard by submitting comments to RapidRide@seattle.gov, or call (206) 684-5189.

All these changes are great opportunities to get involved with the Committee, and you are encouraged to come out to learn more and make your voice heard! **The Transportation Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7pm to review these projects and discuss ways to improve mobility in the neighborhood.**

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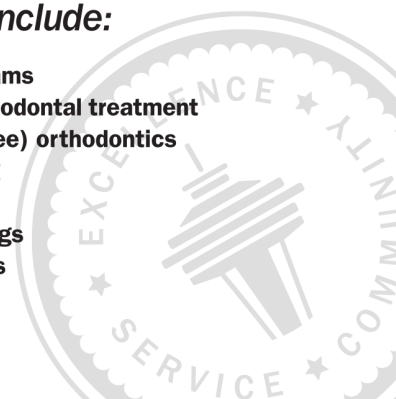
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