

Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2017 7:00 PM
Lantern Brewing, 938 N. 95th Street

Attendees: Roberto Alvarez, Leah Anderson, David Osaki, Averi Norgaard, Kyle McKinney, Kevin Whatley, Ron Hornung, Rick Fordyce, Susan Larrance, Zach Alexander, Ryan DiRaimo, Eric Finseth, Rachel Long, Lee Bruch, Natalia Martinez-Puz, Brian Vogt, Chris Tesh, Rob Fellows, Melanie Davies, Sharon Holt. Theresa Barreras (guest).

I. Introductions

Welcome new members

II. Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017 - approved as submitted

III. Guest Speaker

Theresa Barreras, Business District Manager; City of Seattle Office of Economic Development

- Powerpoint presentation of ***Only in Seattle - Neighborhood Business Districts*** *(see full presentation)
 - Investing in Business Districts
 - Empowering business owners to organize around a common vision and attract investment
 - Three steps
 - Organizing District - With stakeholder group
 - Transforming District - Structure to implement a plan
 - Established District - With a financially stable lead organization
 - Peer network trainings - how to
 - Will send out information to ALUV
 - Hire a facilitator to help with vision process (\$15,000 grant)
 - Questions from group:
 - Suggested steps
 - Sit down with small group of consultants
 - Build networks
 - How to talk about “what is this area?”

IV. Discussion Items/Status Updates

A. ALUV Organization

- President - Continue to identify person willing to serve
- Media response to inquiries in addition to Leah
 - How to answer questions from the public
 - PR calls - Susan
- Articles of Incorporation - Zach
 - Statement of purpose - check with Licton Springs and Phinney Ridge
 - Need officers' addresses

- Bank Account
 - Homestreet Bank offers free accounts to non-profit organizations

B. Grants/Updates

- NSF Grant - Leah
 - \$200,000
 - 4 finalists
 - Selected one artist
 - Goes to public arts meeting and then neighborhood meeting about what we want
 - Overpass is a focal point
- Find It, Fix it Grant - Leah
 - Use \$3,000 somewhere else. This eliminates insurance, fees, all handled through other grant.
 - Could be used on Homeless Encampment fencing
 - Contacted LIHI to get fencing particulars
- Small Sparks Grants - Leah
 - Funds for upcoming events - \$5,000 - see Leah handout
 - Apply six weeks prior to the start of a project

C. Issues

- WSDOT - Lee
 - Repaving of Aurora - 2018
 - 60 ramps
 - Scraping and new asphalt
 - Restriping
 - Million dollar grant
 - Most applied to new pedestrian light on 92nd Street
 - Hopefully before school starts in Fall 2017
 - 83rd intersection to be reconfigured next year
 - 100th Street - Working with SDOT on greenways
 - NSF grant will help pay for stamped concrete
 - Juggling act as WSDOT is responsible for curb to curb; City is responsible for rest; have to contact every business because of access construction
- Design Guidelines
 - ALUV to review guidelines with urban planner, Keith Walznak.
- HALA - Ryan
 - Reviewed rezoning process for new folks in attendance
 - MHA - door hanger on single family homes regarding rezone
 - Haven't heard back from CM Juarez or CM Johnson regarding ALUV letter suggesting a moratorium for storage unit and proceeding with zoning changes with or without City approval of MHA.
 - Advocate for more open/park spaces
 - Utilize the UW Capstone student project designs

- Property taxes will change as soon as C1 begins developing as NC75; Roosevelt district property taxes up 25%; ripple effect
 - Public Comment
 - Pro or con comments regarding this specific urban village
 - Give input
 - Homeless Encampment
 - Now called “N 88th”
 - 25+ small homes installed by March 27, 2017
 - People moving in by April 5
 - LIHI - seven member advisory committee to be announced soon
 - New Meeting Venue
 - Epic Life, Razzi’s, Meridian Center for Health research
 - Hopefully new location by April meeting
 - Other
 - No through traffic on 90th within the next year

D. Past Meetings/Event Reports

- February 22, 2017 - NW District Council - Rob
 - Where is it going? Trying to figure it out organizationally
 - Maybe Aurora Avenue is a focus area
 - Network with folks within District 5
 - Advisory group to reach out - need greater diversity to gain more feedback
 - Should be a resource of all of us
- February 23, 2017 - Seattle Office of Economic Development Only in Seattle Awards Celebration - Kevin
 - First award; want to see what we do with it
 - Want to see that businesses are engaged
 - Aurora Merchants all but disappeared during the past year
 - If District Council is organized along Aurora, then they should take on outreach to businesses
- March 1, 2017 - Greenwood Community Council special Forum on Homelessness - Rob
 - Long range vision of homelessness program
 - City has to prove its case

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next meeting: April 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM. Location TBD.