

Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2017

Lantern Brewing

Attendees: Joy Lilskey, Sharon Holt, Kevin Whately, Thomas Whittemore, Zach Alexander, Katy Alexander Leah Anderson, Susan Larrance, Ryan DiRaimo, David Osaki, David Wiegand, Rob Fellows, Melanie Davies

Approval of Minutes

Status Updates

- **Bank Account** - Susan
 - Need Articles of Incorporation to receive nonprofit status and then bank account
 - Not there yet
 - Zachary volunteered to review state website
- **ALUV** - All
 - ALUV is still looking for a co-president. To be discussed in February.
- **Find It/Fix It; NSF Grant update** - Leah
 - Maybe roll these two grants together - SDOT says acceptable to do so.
 - Work wouldn't begin until 2018
 - Check with City to see if \$3000 (Mayor's Find It, Fix It) can be used for a different beautifying project.
 - Art on metal boxes
 - Art panels?
 - Urban Art Works makes them to install - Thomas
 - Landscaping by Lantern Brewery
 - Encampment fence art work

Artist decides scope of art - may choose not to include the bridge in the artwork.
 - Reach out to Aurora merchants about art installation
 - Feb. 16 - first meeting to narrow down artist choice
 - Mar. 9 - artist decision
 - Reach out to artist to see if the bridge can be included.
 - Leah, Kevin and Ian will represent ALUV.
- **Outreach to Merchants** - Kevin
 - Contacted 20 businesses in the area
 - Aurora Rents, Seattle Fabrics
 - Expressed concern about the encampment and impact on potential customers
 - Wants encampment to be "good neighbors."
 - Add emails to ALUV list - List?

- Looking into the possibility of an ALUV business window sticker - Kevin
- **City of Seattle Office of Economic Development (OED) Grant** - create a vision for the business district
 - Awarded \$15,000
 - Have until the end of 2017 to complete the project
 - Will need to negotiate and enter into a contract with a consultant
 - Other business districts awarded lower amounts initially
 - Could apply for other sources - \$25,000 from a Department of Neighborhoods grant program but requires a match. Can't use one City grant to match another City grant.
 - Settlement Agreement (\$6,000) - Might look into using it for the OED grant
 - Contact Aurora Merchants' Association regarding participation
- **ALUV Neighborhood Design Guidelines** - All
 - In process of being developed
- **Design Review Board** - Leah
 - HALA package to be voted all together, possibly in early 2018 rather than the summer of 2017.
 - Development projects are grandfathered based on application date.
 - Different options:
 - City of Shoreline placed a moratorium because there were 4-5 storage buildings proposed at the same time.
 - Meet with CM Juarez to request a moratorium because of the impending HALA upzoning.
 - Write CM Juarez and CM Johnson letter regarding support for upzoning.
 - Write letters and attend the February 6, 2017 Design Review Board meeting regarding the proposed storage units at the Gold's Gym site.
 - Letters should include upkeep, eyes on the street, pedestrian orientation.
 - Leah, Ryan or Dave will send out suggestions after the proposed plans have been publically posted.
 - If a citizen has a letter of record, they can also ask to be informed of appeal opportunities.
- **HALA** - Dave and Ryan
 - City HALA focus group thank you meeting scheduled in February
 - Need to focus on individual urban villages
 - City did a good job listening to zoning map changes along Aurora Avenue Corridor
 - Contact CM Rob Johnson to see if the ALUV HALA proposal can be implemented even if the Citywide HALA effort is not adopted
- **Repaving Aurora**

- Rob and Lee are coordinating a meeting with WSDOT.
- Seeking clarity over which agency is responsible for what on the state highways like Aurora Avenue North.
- **City Community Center Strategic Plan - Dave**
 - No announcement on public hearing - October meeting was cancelled.
 - No new community centers were proposed in the draft Strategic Plan.
 - Community meeting room in other spaces?
 - Request it as part of proposed Public Storage building
 - North Precinct Police Station (if vacated when a new precinct is constructed)
 - DESC project on North 96th Street
 - Contact YMCA regarding neighborhood site
 - Rec sites not available at new schools
- **Homeless Encampment - All**
 - Aurora Commons wants to be linked into community letter.
 - Mike Stewart (Ballard) has worked on this before.
 - Perhaps bring in community councils through the NWDC.
 - Blog Story - send events in the neighborhood to Leah.
 - Draft letter from ALUV to City regarding encampment requests/concerns - Zach
 - Preference set aside for homeless in our area.
 - Access to Aurora Avenue
 - Clarification of onsite drug use policy.
 - Sanitation - trash and needle clean-up
 - Minimize chances of damage to surrounding properties - how to mitigate?
 - Provide services outside the encampment in the area (include services for sex trade workers on Aurora)
 - Request that Elizabeth from the Aurora Commons appointed to Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Slats on the fencing between the encampment and Seattle Fabrics
 - Increased police presence
 - Provisions to mitigate any negative economic impact that local businesses might experience
 - How can the neighborhood including ALUV help? Eg. Food drives, toiletries, sleeping bags, clothing drive, etc.
- **Other - Leah**
 - Outreach suggestions
 - Big Banner (Sparks grant?)
 - Booth @ North Seattle event
 - Fund raiser - beer party promotion
 - Mailings - postcards
 - Facebook ads

- Approach Kathy Nyland about reaching people
- **Workshop** - Thomas
 - PACE - People's Academy Civic Engagement
 - How City government works; advocacy

New Business

- **Spencer Williams** letter regarding the ALUV Design Workshop
 - Awaiting response regarding attendance at ALUV meeting

Upcoming Meetings

- Design Review - NEW DATE: February 6, 2017 @ 6:30pm - Ballard Community Center
 - Need letters and turnout

Next Meeting: **Thursday February 9, 2017, 7:00- 8:30 PM @ Lantern Brewery**