

EASTLAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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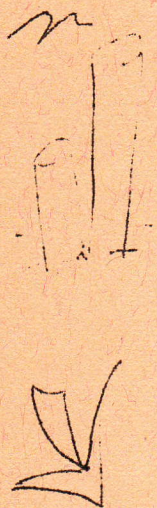
NEXT MEETING • VERY IMPORTANT • YOU ARE INVITED

Thursday January 20 7:30 p.m.

ON THE AGENDA :

- Roanoke Reef Lawsuit (see below)
- Fund raising for same
- the 2nd annual Eastlake Community Fair this summer
- neighborhood survey
- Status of Montlake-Seward School
- The Bay Freeway-- PRO and CON

Eastlake Community Council meetings are open to all residents in Eastlake area. Come and meet neighbors, hear about and discuss issues that affect us all, join us for the other things a community council has to offer.



THE MANY MONTHS OF WORK on the part of Eastlake residents and our lawyer, Hal Green, to stop the planned over-the-water condominium at 2601 Fairview E. resulted in a partial victory in a summary judgment hearing before Judge Frank Roberts on Monday, January 10. (Suit was filed in September 1971. We are asking that \$1 million damages be awarded to ensure that the area be restored in compliance with law.)

ROANOKE REEF ASSOCIATES had filed a motion to dismiss the case, contending that Eastlake Community Council and Floating Homes Association, plaintiffs, do not have standing to bring suit; Mr. Ratcliffe, Roanoke Reef lawyer, stressed the vested rights of the owners of the property. He also contended that the plaintiffs had waited too long to take action.

Mr. GREEN submitted an 85-page brief in answer to these and other contentions, and in court on Monday built his argument around the possible illegality of the original building permit issued in 1967 and circumstances surrounding the subsequent renewal of the permit, as well as the developers' failure to obtain a Shoreline Management Act permit. He

contended that Eastlake Community Council and Floating Homes, as plaintiffs in the case, have standing to raise all the issues.

JUDGE FRANK ROBERTS held that all of the issues raised by the plaintiffs involve legal questions that must be cleared up in court. With this preliminary resolution of the standing issue, the Court has permitted Eastlake Community Council and Floating Homes to go to trial on all issues it has raised.

Court date is February 9th. 14th

MANY PEOPLE IN THIS AREA we have talked with, while they voiced opposition to the building, have doubted our right to sue, their skepticism perhaps leading them to not support the financial burden of trying. Now that it has been decided that the case will be heard, we are urging everyone in Eastlake who can, and friends, to contribute to support this precedent-setting lawsuit. Certainly many have already donated to this community-based effort to determine what happens to Lake Union and our neighborhood, with possible far-reaching effects.

... THERE'S MORE →

If you want to participate directly in this effort, send a donation in ANY amount
(made out to Eastlake Community Council)

to Eastlake Community Council
c/o Philip Keightley (EA9-0235)
2025 Fairview E.
Seattle, Wa., 98102

or c/o Anita Klapper (EA5-9333)
2019 Fairview E.
Seattle, Wa., 98102

Again, we will say, we are not "fighting City Hall;"
we are merely asking that laws be complied with,
and exercising our right to have a say about
what happens to and in our community.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL NOW in preparation for
our day in court February 9!

If you want to hear more about the Roanoke Bay issue and other
activities of the Council, please come to
the January 20th meeting at
Seward School Library.

BIRD & FISH NEWS Since the last news
letter, Lake Union has welcomed the
first contingent of grebes, or hell
divers, who regularly mingle with the
coot, shoveler ducks, and cormorants who
spend part of their migratory circuit
in this area.

The grebes and cormorants are no doubt
having a heyday on the bass, perch, and
squaw fish spawned last summer. Last
year saw the most successful spawning in
many a year. No doubt it has something
to do with our water getting cleaner.

Sighted in the area have been many
Canadian geese looking for handouts, and
a few kingfishers that powerdive for fish
from overhanging trees and houseboat
roofs. Most surprising was the sighting
of a pair of raccoons on houseboat porches
last fall.

Marty Klapper

THE BAY FREEWAY will be on the ballot
February 8, an issue that concerns
Eastlake for its proximity, as well as
the impact it will have, whether it
is built or not, on future transportation
planning for Seattle.

At the meeting on Thursday, both sides
will present their arguments. Come
and hear the details--and VOTE
February 8.

LAND USE REVIEW BOARDS and various ways
the concept can be put into practice
will be discussed at a public meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in
the City Council Chambers, 11th floor
of the Municipal Building, 5th & Cherry.

The Boards would be an important step
toward direct citizen participation in
City government from the neighborhood
level.

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(We apologize if you received two newsletters. In the effort to spread the word
in the neighborhood, there wasn't time to check for duplication of our current list.)