

Zounds! An Issue in the city council, Randy Ravelle, that fresh young face from Princeton, Harvard, etc, nearly stumbled in a recent council session. Imagine finding oneself seemingly to appear, if by implication and innuendo, as being in support of something smacking of anarchy - if not legislative responsibility. Did the American Legion, Jackson and the Pentagon teach nothing to this bright, "progressive" politician?

There he sat, trim, yellow shirted and a little unsure. He faced a less than respectable audience - the partisans of IT. They were not bent on renting the political fabric so lovingly woven since puberty; they but sought what their charter had promised - that if we get enough signatures, the measure will be considered on the ballot by everyone else.

They were young, these zealots. They must have assumed that words, such as; consideration of initiative shall take precedence over all other business before the city council... that these words should be taken at face value. But then their papers had been "lost" once in its controversial course, so it was just as well to attend to see what would happen. They has soon found that all initiatives are not just an initiative.

RR had discovered, or was discovering, this point as well. It was a touchy problem. But the Corp. Counsel, dedicated to laws not people (bless him) had spoken. How our young lawyer must have struggled during the recess. It was simply his duty to come out forcefully against an issue such as this. Hadn't they read the revised criminal code to come out at the end of this year?

It is precisely such initiatives that tempt our public servants to shorten the period for collecting signatures, to include incumbent bureaucratic formulae, to make the whole thing as difficult as possible. Maybe something could be done about the whole initiative mess in the next charter. But for now, one muddles through with the old, inefficient document.

Randy Ravelle had sworn to uphold the charter. And the people had incorrigibly kept for themselves the first power, the right of initiative. The Charter assures,

"the power of the people of Seattle to propose for themselves any ordinance dealing with any matter within the realm of city affairs... independent of the mayor and the city council".

The matter was simply not open to question.

But Randy Ravelle was caught, or so the gentleman thought. He therefore expressed his wholehearted disagreement with and his dedication against the BLOSSOM Initiative. This testy affirmation will then join the equally troublesome matter of the West Seattle Freeway and the choice of Freeholders. Now it will be charged with the responsibility of creating a new charter for the City of Seattle on the March 26 special election.

Thank you Mr. Ravelle, but no one would accuse you of using marijuana, of taking candy from children, or of not being a member of a very select group. It was only rubber stamping sir, there must be an ISSUE to which you could devote your youthful vigor. There are still those who cherish the hope that they have selected a representative of promise.

Franklin

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* TWO PROPOSALS FOR THE REGULATION OF SIGNS: Manday, Feb. 25, 3:30 PM, Council chambers... industry vs concerned citizens.

* MERCER CORRIDOR: Rm 205, Food Circus, Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30

* ARBORETUM: Petitions being circulated by Paul Thush (324-6201) to insure that the grounds not be rezoned. Sign at Pete's or Anita's, or call Paul if you would like to distribute.

* CASCADES: Elaine O'Neal at the Cascade Community Council Center, 224 Minor, needs some help in her day care center. Good, strong toys and good, strong backs are needed to entertain children 3-12 years, and to improve their immediate environment.

* BOOKMOBILE: Will be at Pete's Super from 3:30 to 4:30 on the second and fourth Fri.

* PARKING LOT: The old Armory site, now a park has been related for a "interim" parking lot. CB 7/43

* WANT A CANOE? See Grant at the Eastlake Zoo.

* CINDY, a neighbour of good stead, needs a cheap apartment home abouts-3259844

* RANDY, PAUL, BRADLY get up and go with their Zeppelin Studio. A New location on Eastlake for the struggling artists and joiners in the Barmart Bldg. Good Luck.

* DAN & CORA what's for the auction already? It can be anything from a jug of your own vintage to a kindly service to one of our senior citizens. Sat, Feb. 16, 8:30.

* BUMGARDNERS thanks. But make sure David doesn't run off. A party without David would be found to be lacking.

* VALENTINES DANCE: It is intended to be a fund raiser for the legal fees resulting from the Roanoke Reef thing, but not a rip-off. Bring something funky for the auction or put your services on the block. But mostly try to get off, bring friends.

DANCE

The Roanoke Reef has ~~had~~ has been largely successful for the Eastlake community. We aren't celebrating yet but we have accrued some debts. We have spent thousands of dollars to put "The Reef on the Rocks" (SeaSun). Mr. Green has been very kind, but some \$1700 are still owing. This cost is being shared by the Floating Homes Association. The Houseboats have contributed \$200 to date.

The January meeting at the Seward School voted then to hold a Valentines Day Dance, Roanoke Reef Fund Raiser, (weird stuff) Silent Auction & A General Good Time Event. If the largest and finest selection of liquors and imported beers is not available, efforts will be made to insure quantity and sufficiency. The band and the auction should make your dollar fifty contribution in memory of the reef more than well spent.

Dance away the winter and look forward to Spring. The Bumgardner Partnership has been kind enough to donate their space. Saturday from eight-thirty at 2021 Miner, February sixteenth.

PETITIONS on the conditional use and varriances sought by the Roanoke Reef Associates should be returned now to Phil the President at 2201 Fairview.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 at the Seward School Library.

There will be a presentation by the Seattle Engineering Department of their updated Bikeway Plan.

Friday, Feb. 8 was the final day for filing for the position of Freeholder to write Seattle a new Charter. This will be a matter of continuous concern for the Eastlake Community Council. We will have to begin sorting candidates.

Alas, the Old Reef has not passed from our sight. Some say that it rises with spite in the night. The nights must be gloomy, when not a soul's out. Except for a neighbor, suffering from drought. The tales that are told are astounding to hear. It rises they tell, till it's well out of sight. And while the thing's rising at terrible speed, it gobbles up houseboats and rowboats, and even stray cats. It spreads its great pilings all over the lake. But it's all in a flash, look quick for god's sake. Pirates and thieves, I'm told by another, are dark in its walls plotting foul deeds. At the next meeting hear stranger things yet of that dark, looming monster's incatiable greed.

Never come to an Eastlake Community Council meeting alone. Everyone knows that 7:30 is much too early for the Reef Monster, but then one can never be too sure. Bring a friend, or better yet, travel in groups, the larger the better.

JOIN-REJOIN-CONJOIN: It's membership time again, folks. The by-laws of the Eastlake Community Council state that our fiscal year is the calendar year. It is a token three dollar fee. But then there are nearly 3,000 residents and workers in the area between the freeway and the lake. With that kind of money we could go in debt in style. Let your imaginations soar. But what we can do in terms of time and personal energy is frustrated by a lack of working capital. The national Committee on Economic Development stated that "Once the smaller political units are created - units with genuine power - a stronger sense of community is bound to emerge". But a strong membership is necessary to create that feeling. If you can't come to a meeting on the 3d Tuesday of each month, at least send your recommendations as to what ought to be done, or what you would like to do, to the council president, Phil Keightly at 2201 Fairview, EA9-0235.