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DEAR PEOPLE

Enclosed you will hopefully find your Eastlake Community Council Membership Card for 1975. If so, my apologies for taking so long in getting it to you, but more importantly, my sincere thank you for your concern and support. If you do not receive a membership card with this newsletter, you have not paid your 1975 dues, yet have somehow remained on our mailing list. Due to rising costs, and people moving, we have had to cut our mailing list down to current members only, a move which reduced it from 450 to 150. We hope that this will also be an incentive for people to either become members and/or to renew their membership annually in order to receive the newsletter and keep up with what's happening in Eastlake.

As a resident, property owner, businessman or worker in the Eastlake area, I cannot overemphasize the importance of your membership in the community council. For through that alone, you give us your financial support to meet our operating expenses, plus your moral support to continue our efforts "towards a sense of community". And finally through the newsletter, you will be kept informed of any developments, local or statewide, that affect Eastlake and what action we are taking on them, plus whatever activities or programs that we, as a community, initiate and organize. Now you may or may not attend meetings, and "get involved", but at least you'll know, and then you have the choice when and if something comes along that does affect or arouse you. Our current issues and involvements include: Central Seattle Community Council Federation, Fairview Improvement Program, Seward School, Sea-First Heliport, Eastlake Hotel, Community Convention, Seattle Shorelines Master Program, Roanoke Reef, Land Use and Planning, etc., plus our social events like the Midsummer Celebration, Eastlake Fair and the annual dinner.

In short, we need you and you need us! Right now our membership is less than 150 in a community of over 3,000 and some of us have real qualms about representation, viability and plain ol' community support. For that reason, I am enclosing an application for membership. If you are not a member, please fill it out and send it in now; if you are a member, please talk to your neighbors and help us recruit new members. Thanks much and a marvelous summer.

Sincerely,



Mark Rasmussen, President  
Eastlake Community Council

GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 20, AT 7:30 PM

Our last general meeting before summer recess (June, July and August) will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30pm in the Seward School Library (Roanoke and Franklin Ave. E.). There are many important items on the agenda that require our attention now, among them: Fairview Improvements, Sea-First Heliport, Seward School, Midsummer Celebration, Eastlake Fair Etc., so please mark your calendar & plan to attend.

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FAIRVIEW IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

At our April 15 general meeting, Malcomb Derr of the City of Seattle Engineering Department made a presentation of the \$109,000.00 Fairview Improvement Program. Accepted as proposed were plans for the three street-end parks at Newton, Lynn and Roanok Streets, and street trees (Sunset Red Maple) along Fairview from Newton to Roanoke. Still unresolved, however, is the sticky question of speed and volume of traffic along Fairview, so Malcomb and a traffic engineer will be back at our May 20 meeting to try to resolve this problem once and for all. Please bring your ideas.

SEA-FIRST HELIPORT: PUBLIC HEARING ON SHORELINE PERMIT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 AT 7:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

As you may have read in recent issues of the "Seattle Sun", Sea-First has applied for a Variance and a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit to construct a heliport atop their computer center at 1551 Eastlake Ave. E. (just south of Casa Lupita) to be used initially for two flights daily, weekdays; one between 7:30 and 8:00am and another between 6:30 and 7:30pm. Already subject to horrendous noise pollution from the freeway, seaplanes and police helicopters, the present ambient noise level in Eastlake is a rickling 60-70 dBA; this proposal will increase that level by 7-33 dBA in the underlying area during overflights.

For some wholly incomprehensible reason, the Office of Environmental Management in the Department of Community Development has written an utterly infuriating Declaration of No Significant Impact, recommending that the shoreline permit be granted. The variance concerns fencing around the helipads and has been granted. We feel this proposal is in flagrant violation of the Seattle shoreline goals and policies (Resolution 24419, 1/2/74), and we are appalled that the very office that is encharge with upholding these goals & policies seems to be going to absurd lengths to flaunt them.

As a result, we appealed through the mayor's office to have this DNSI reviewed by the Environmental Impact Review Committee, which did indeed find it inadequate on several points and recommended that it be rewritten, as is now being done. In addition we requested a public hearing on the shoreline permit, which has now been scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30pm in the City Council Chambers (11th floor) or the Municipal Building (5th and Cherry). If you don't want this abomination foisted upon us, please mark you calendars and Be There! Also send letters of opposition to:

Mr. Robert F. Hintz, Director  
Office of Environmental Management  
306 Cherry Street  
Seattle, WA 98104

MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, JUNE 22 FROM 4:00PM

Earth Day or Food Day, came and went without the usual lamb roast because this year we're going to celebrate Midsummer instead. On Sunday, June 22, Eastlake residents and friends are cordially invited to a potluck in the Newton Street Park from 4:00pm until whenever. There will be entertainment until dusk, when we'll light the city sanctioned ceremonial fire and burn the witch of winter. It will be fun, so plan to come and bring a dish (cassarole, salad, dessert or whatever). BYOB. We'll see you there.

SEWARD SCHOOL

With the levy failure, Seward School is obviously in great danger of being closed, although its' fate still isn't known at this writing. In the battle over closure last year, we became acutely aware of the vital role this school plays in maintaining our single family residences and population, as well as providing the community with the only public meeting place in Eastlake. We must all support the Seward School PTSA in their efforts to save our neighborhood school; please contact Margaret Symons at 322-6253 to offer your help.

ETC., ETC., AND SO FORTH

As mentioned before, the council recesses for the summer and will reconvene in September. The executive board will continue to meet as things come up. We also hope to get another newsletter out sometime in July....Speaking of the newsletter, we are in dire need of a new editor, if any of you are so inclined or know anyone who might be....We are still waiting for the Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Eastlake Hotel and will notify those of you who expressed concern about this proposal....The City Council draft of the Seattle Shoreline Master Program is due out sometime in June for anyone still followin that on-going process....A landuse and planning committee has been appointed and will be taking walks and gathering data before meeting regularly this fall... And finally, there will be an Eastlake Fair this year on Sunday, September 14, with crafts booths, entertainment and of course, a rummage sale, so please start saving your junk and contact Paul Trush at 324-6201 for information. Anyone interested in working on the committee or participating in the event should call Anita Klapper at 329-5333. More on the fair in July and September. In the meantime, have A SUPER summer!!!

SMHI AND THE COMMUNITY

Final agreements are being worked out between Seattle Mental Health, located at 16th and Madison, and the Capital Hill Community Council, after 9 months of controversy over the construction of a new mental health facility on property adjacent to the present facility. SMHI provides various kinds of mental health services to the Capital Hill area, including Eastlake.

The grave concern of the community council about increasing takeover of the Hill by institutions, (Group Health, Safeway, SMHI) was reflected in their desire to have large, older houses, some of which are being used by SMHI and other organizations for offices, returned to residential use.

The final agreement, yet to be voted on by the entire Capital Hill Community Council, will return 9 properties to residential use, commit 2 to institutional use, provide the on-going liaison to see that the agreement is implemented. Parts of the new SMHI building would be open for general community use with first priority reserved for people and programs directly served by SMHI.

The agreement is a credit to all inv lved. Not only will the problem at hand be solved, but with Institute and Community continuing to work together, the broader challenge of community mental health can be met in a more total way.