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Happy New
Year to All!



EASTLAKE NEWS

January 19 General Meeting: Eastlake Traffic and Parking Issues

Our January 19 General Meeting, from 7 to 9 in the Seward School library, will feature two topics concerning Eastlake's traffic and parking issues. We'll begin with a review of Metro's proposed bus service changes. The major part of the evening will then be spent discussing the traffic and parking issues that brought such a large turnout to our August meeting.

We've finally received the *Eastlake Area Transportation Study* prepared by Transportation Planning and Engineering, Inc., for the Seattle Engineering Dept. The study's major recommendations include the following:

Widening Lynn St., to "provide adequate traffic lanes" and "increase the (area's) parking supply by adding parallel parking on the north side."

Reconstruction of Fairview Ave., with the City adopting a set of right-of-way cross-sections, "to organize the existing chaos, maximize the number of parking places, and still provide adequate mobility and safety for all users."

Parking measures. The study recommends "parallel parking be allowed on Franklin from Roanoke to Hamlin (east side) and on Minor from Newton to Roanoke (east side)" — to increase the area's parking supply.

Six new one-way streets. To "eliminate the conflicts between vehicles travelling in opposite directions" and "simplify the operation at the intersections," these streets are recommended for conversion to one-way:

- Franklin from Roanoke to Boylston (one way northbound).
- Franklin from Louisa to Howe (southbound).
- Yale from Roanoke to Eastlake (southbound).
- Minor from Newton to Roanoke (northbound).
- Fairview from Roanoke to Newton (southbound).
- Newton from Eastlake to Fairview (westbound).

No street vacations. Retention of existing right-of-way widths is proposed, especially along Fairview.

At the meeting we'll discuss the recommendations which, if implemented, could bring some significant changes to the neighborhood. The Board will be accepting neighborhood comments through Feb. 9, after which the ECC will formally submit comments to the City. Please mail your comments, marked "Traffic/Parking," to the ECC at 58 E. Boston, 98102.

2043 Eastlake Appeal Goes Before City Council

After two years of hard work by the ECC and its land-use attorney, the fight over the 4-story, 33,000-sq.-ft. building originally proposed by Globe Development is reaching its climax. The project was to be appealed to the City Council Land Use Committee on January 13, though committee members have indicated that they may postpone the oral arguments until later in January.

This is the last of the four large office buildings that were proposed two years ago by developers rushing to beat a commercial "downzoning" of Eastlake. The area in question is the open parking lot across from the Quick Stop. If built to the size and height proposed, the building would seriously impact the residents and businesses in Eastlake's "heart." Just one example is the projected overflow of up to 90 vehicles, even assuming moderate carpooling by employees in the building.

The ECC is seeking to reduce the height of the building by 2 stories, and to eliminate garage access off Eastlake. If the hearing is postponed, please watch for announcements of the new date and time, and plan to lend audience support to this important effort.

Next Use of the Steam Plant

On January 6, the Lake Union Steam Plant was nominated for designation as a historical landmark. A public hearing on this proposal will take place in February. Also, the Department of Community Development and Seattle City Light will hold a public forum on the next use of the Steam Plant on January 20, from 7 to 9 in the Board of Public Works Conference Room (400 Yesler Building, 4th floor; enter from Terrace St.). If unable to attend either meeting, please send your comments to the ECC at 58 E. Boston.

Seward School Update

Many parents and activists are coming to the defense of the Seattle elementary schools threatened with closure. With a projected 6% surplus of K-5 students by 1991, many people, including some working on behalf of Seward, are arguing for *no* school closures. The School District will hold another community meeting on Jan. 19 to discuss the issue (call District Relations at 281-6700 for more information); you can also call 281-6198 to request a copy of the School Board's adopted *Goals and Specific Criteria for 1988-90 Use of School Buildings*.

Holiday Party and Auction

Once again a good time was had by all at our annual party and auction. A lot of people came despite the date conflict with a number of other events, and the auction and raffle raised more than \$1000 for the ECC coffers.

Thanks are due in many quarters: to all the local businesses and individuals who donated items and services for the auction; to Bernadine Smith, for again allowing a motley crew to invade her house; to Clarice Coker, for a great job of organizing the auction donations; to auctioneer Dick Arnold, for another great performance in the face of at times unreasonable (unseasonable?) barracking; and to all the other folks who helped with the event.

Write-In Auction

We're also holding a "write-in" auction. The donations below have been reserved for this auction, and will be given to the highest bidder. Bids must be received by the ECC (58 E. Boston) by 5 p.m. on Feb. 20. Call 324-1716 if you'd like more information.

Sonics basketball school scholarship for a boy or girl aged 8-15. July '88. \$100 value; minimum bid \$50.

One boat haul-out at Marine Servicenter, 9-ton limit. Expires 12/31/88. \$108 value; minimum bid \$50.

Fly-tying class at Patrick's Fly Shop. Expires 12/31/88. \$35 value; minimum bid \$17.

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Community Council Notes

Membership. The current membership of the Eastlake Community Council is 218. Included are 16 businesses.

Voter Registration. Will be available through the ECC at the January 19 General Meeting.

Financial condition. After the payments made at the first of the year, the ECC debt is now \$4,100.

Which leads us to the next fundraiser. We'll be doing our annual door-to-door fundraising (for the legal fund) and membership drive in February. The ECC Board is preparing its 1988 budget and hopes the fundraising effort will raise enough to cover our current debt and our projected costs. If you're interested in helping out, please call 324-1716.

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