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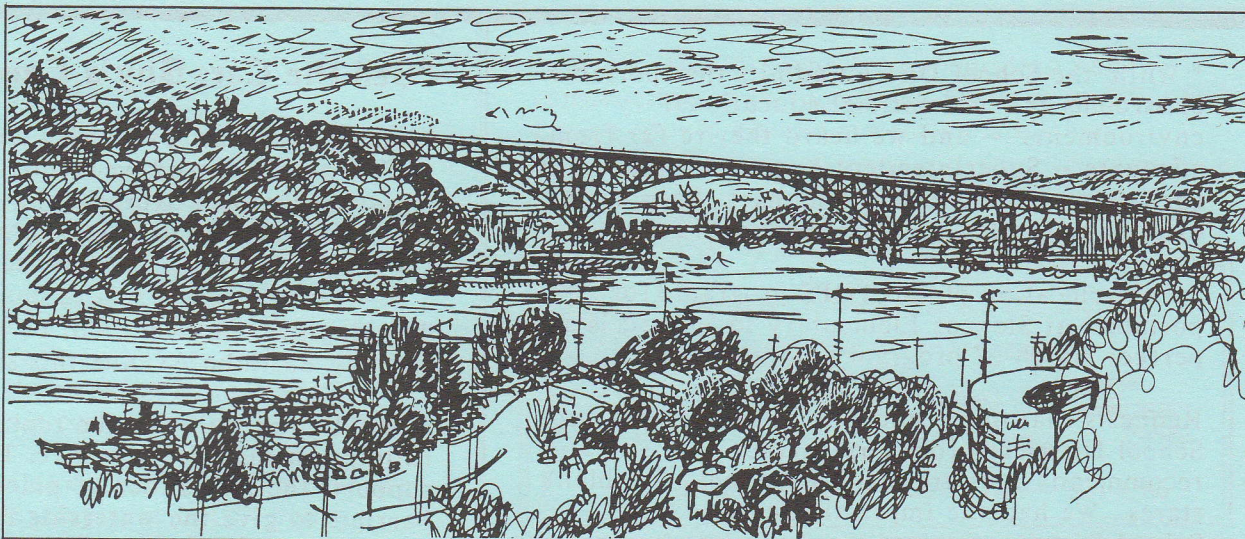
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May 24 General Meeting: Impacts of Potential 520 Changes

Several years ago, Jesse Wineberry and Jim McDermott worked to pass legislation that prohibited state funding of any study considering expansion of the SR-520 bridge. Now, the Puget Sound Council of Governments is soliciting financial assistance from local municipalities and counties to fund a study that would focus on the SR520 corridor. Such a study could result in alterations to the I-5/SR-520 interchange that would dramatically impact the Eastlake neighborhood.

With the assistance of Henry Sharp from the City's Office of Long-Range Planning, the Community Council's next General Meeting will focus on the past efforts to make changes to SR-520, and the current prospects for changes. The meeting will be held at the Seward School Library at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 24th.

Update on the Seward School Situation

Following the April ECC General Meeting attended by 65 people, the Public Hearing on the issue of the closure of Seward School attracted a standing-room-only crowd of more than 250! Fifty-plus speakers armed with educational, financial and community arguments in support and defense of Seward School came to the microphone.

We listed a large number of reasons why Seward must not be closed in the last newsletter. These reasons and many more were presented by the speakers at this vital hearing, but are seemingly ignored by certain School District personnel and Board members. Here are just a few:

* Seward clearly meets 7 of the District's 8 criteria for Seattle's schools of the future.

* Seward's only feature of non-compliance to the criteria (its resident student population) is caused by an arbitrary political boundary. While the Seward area has too few students, an adjacent elementary school area has too many. Adjusting the boundary line would help balance the two areas and keep Seward open.

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* While the School District admits that portable classrooms are "not optimal educational environments" -- and we heard they're far from adequate -- Superintendent Kendrick's plan calls for closing our historical landmark, keeping the existing portables, and constructing 15 new ones.

* The relocation of the TOPS program from portables at Stevens Elementary to Seward is a perfect match of program with community.

Requests that our arguments be answered by the School District before any further recommendations are made were met with blank stares. We had the impression certain key School District personalities had already made up their minds, and found the proceedings rather tiresome. The fight goes on, however.

As many of you are aware, Seward's supporters from the community and the school have been conducting a very intensive effort on the school's behalf. Special thanks for their efforts go to ECC President Carol Eychaner, PTSA President Harry Leavitt, and Seward supporters Mary Elayne Dunphy, Ginger Grady, Jules James, and Helina Pawl.

So far we believe there are 3 School Board members who will vote to keep Seward open -- we still need a fourth. Letters to Kendrick and the School Board, in defense of Seward, are still encouraged. Kendrick's "final" recommendations will be made on May 18, and the School Board will vote on the recommendations on June 8.

Council Elections for 1988-89

It's that time again -- time to choose the officers and board members of the Eastlake Community Council for next year.

There are five officer positions in the ECC -- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian -- and other board members whose number varies from year to year. While most of the board will remain involved next year, all the officer positions are open for nominations. ECC members are asked to return the nomination forms mailed with this newsletter.

We will also need a new editor for the newsletter beginning with the July issue. Martin Cobb and his predecessor Lisa Farin have established the reputation of the *Eastlake News* as one of the best community newsletters in the city. If you're interested in becoming the editor, please call 324-1716.

"Sell the Car, Buy a Canoe"

Plans to close the University Drawbridge to traffic at nights and weekends, to allow for a major mechanical overhaul, have been postponed from this summer to next winter. Some relief for local businesses, but only temporary.

The Engineering Dept. will be re-paving and re-striping Eastlake Avenue this summer.

The E.D. also will soon be replacing safety railings on the Fairview Ave. Trestle. The ECC supports the E.D.'s idea of placing concrete barriers to give the waterside lane of the trestle over to bicyclists and pedestrians.

U.S. Sprint will be laying a fiber optic cable under Fairview this summer, though this shouldn't prove much of an inconvenience.

ECC Fundraising Drive

Due to our efforts on behalf of Seward School and other issues, we haven't had much time for our 1988 fundraising drive. So we're extending this effort through the early summer.

With everything from Seward School and SR-520 to the Steam Plant and our ever-increasing number of land-use battles, the Community Council's work continues to expand. Many of the Council's activities require money -- you've seen, for example, all the efforts going into the defense of Seward.

Please contribute to the Community Council. Make your tax-deductible checks payable to the Eastlake Legal Defense Fund/CSCCF, and mail them to 2348 Franklin E., Seattle 98102. Your help will be much appreciated.



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Land Use Project Updates

2048 Fairview. Settlement is finally near on this 25-unit Shelter Ventures condominium project, after nearly a year of negotiations to make the development more compatible with the neighborhood. Although the two buildings (previously proposed as one massive structure) will always be out of scale with their surroundings, we've been able to make many improvements in the parking ratio, on-street parking supply, unit count, and building design.

2200 block of Eastlake. The 4-story mixed-use-plus-parking-lot development is still being discussed among DCLU staff, ECC members, and developer Wayne Loc. The ECC is seeking to re-site the building to provide a continuous storefront along Eastlake with access to parking in the rear. No increase or decrease in commercial square footage or unit count is supported by the ECC.

Seaplanes. The Lake Union Seaplanes are still an issue. Even if you don't agree with the opposing group, you can't help noticing the number of take-offs early on weekend mornings, fueled by new and larger planes recently purchased. The Seaplane Environmental Coalition is currently attending discussions organized by the Mayor's office to iron out an agreement between the City, seaplane operators, and communities. If you're interested in representing the ECC at these meetings or want more information, call Jules James at 329-5945.

Land use isn't all bad news. If you get discouraged sometimes, take a look at the subtle driveway embellishment at 2316 Fairview, the renovation of the old Morse-Stafford partnership building on the 1900 block of Minor (made possible by houseboat owner Peter Erickson), or the nice railing at Fairview and

Newton. David Sucher's new building under construction at the corner of Eastlake and E. Louisa should also be a welcome addition.

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* HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARIE KUNTZ! *

Neighborhood Notes

Hamlin Park. Local resident Jean Savelle has been leading an effort to improve the street-end park at the bottom of Hamlin Street. So far neighborhood residents have contributed money to get the street end cleared. Donations of plants, money, and labor would be welcome. Call Jean at 328-0556.

Good plantings. The 55 Eastlake Ave. street trees planted last year all have somehow survived the drought, automobiles, and rambunctious pedestrians, to leaf this spring.

P-Patches. Sorry, but you'll have to wait till next year at least to farm a P-patch plot. All 70 plots in the U. District, 40 in Wallingford and 15 in Eastlake -- in fact, all 1,000+ plots in 22 Seattle sites -- are filled! The P-Patch program is looking for more sites.

Nick and Sully's is undergoing changes, with new hours, music, and more...worth checking out.

Logs Ahoy. On an average of ten times a month, the tugboats of Dunlap Towing pull rafts of logs from the south end of Lake Washington, through Lake Union, to a variety of Puget Sound destinations, including Everett, Tacoma, Olympia and Port Angeles. Most trips occur during the summer months.

Just Your Imagination. No, Lake Union isn't higher than ever before. The water level, as controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers at the Crittenden Locks, has been 21.85 feet and will soon be brought up to 22 feet -- the desired high-water mark.

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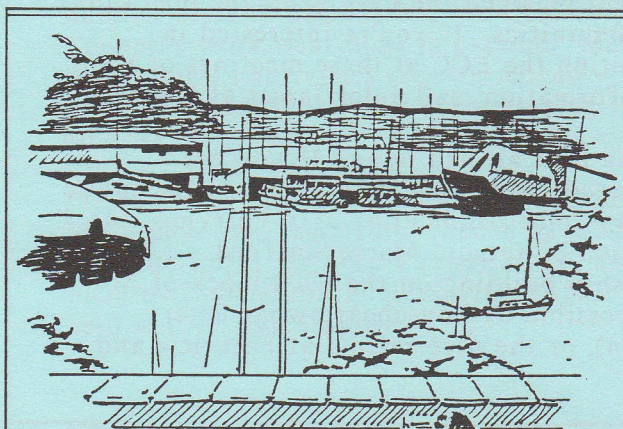
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