

June-July 1990



"Proud to Belong" -- Eastlake's Annual Fund Drive

During the month of July, members and supporters of the Eastlake Community Council will be making calls on current and potential members of the ECC. The purpose of these visits will be to talk with you about what ECC has done for the neighborhood in the past 20 years, to gather your suggestions on what needs to be done in the future, and to solicit your continued financial support.

An attractive ECC decal will be given to members and donors who may proudly display it in a window. Current members who may have joined since last July are being asked to renew as of July, giving ECC a few months of much-needed extra dues and greatly easing our renewal process.

ECC's hundreds of volunteers are entirely unpaid for their many hours of work to improve the neighborhood. To continue and expand ECC activities, we need money--to put out this newsletter, match city funding of our proposed parks and after school programs, for legal action to preserve the Eastlake way of life, and so on. Please give generously and often.

Did You Know that ECC --

Stopped the construction of over-water highrises that would have cut the lake off from public views and access.
Is fighting to keep the shoreline from being overwhelmed by office buildings with only minimal marine-related uses.
Helped stop a freeway ramp that would have knocked out Seward School and many homes, and is working to solve our worsening traffic glut.
Is applying for city funds for an after school program for adults and children, and for a study to better plan Eastlake's future.
Helped found the Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission to preserve the P-Patch and save upper Fairview as one of Seattle's last country roads.
Helped found the Eastlake Community Land Trust to preserve old homes and affordable rents.
Has hosted tours recently by city council members Sue Donaldson and Jane Noland; and tells the Eastlake story to officials and reporters.
Works with other community associations in Seattle and around the state to protect the quality of life in urban neighborhoods from crime, traffic, and airplane noise.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Monday, June 25. ECC Meeting to review the various steam plant proposals. 7 p.m., NOAA, 1801 Fairview (enter by guard gate)
- Tuesday, June 26. City Council hearing on future of the Steam Plant, 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Bldg., 5th and Cherry
- Wednesday, June 27. Meeting of Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, 7 p.m., Tio's Bakery and Cafe, 2379 Eastlake
- Saturday, June 30. Rummage sale to benefit Olmsted-Fairview Park and the Eastlake P-Patch, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 2507 Minor. To donate, call 322-3189.
- Wednesday, July 11. ECC Fundraising kickoff rally, 7 p.m., Tio's Bakery and Cafe. To volunteer, call 322-5463 or 322-2499.
- Wednesday, July 18. Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, 7 p.m., Tio's
- Thursday, July 19. Environmental review (scoping) meeting about proposed building at 2901 Eastlake. 5:30 p.m. in Devin Conference Room, 4th floor of Municipal Building.
- Sunday, August 19. Annual ECC Picnic, Rogers Playfield, 4-7 p.m. (mark your calendars!)

Steam Plant Update

The Lake Union Steam Plant Advisory Committee, chaired by Eastlake's Jules James with Mark Blatter and Lynn Poser representing the ECC, Bill Keasler representing Floating Homes, and Peter Raible representing Portage Bay/Roanoke Park, has concluded its task. It prepared a report to the City Council and has met with the Parks Committee, chaired by Cheryl Chow, to review its recommendation.

The ECC has expressed support for the Koll Company's proposal in that it showed a commitment to restore the steam plant and hydro house. We also are in favor of a primarily residential reuse but strongly recommend that an affordability standard be adopted so that at least 20 percent of the proposed units could be afforded by moderate income households. We firmly take the position that all seven smokestacks should be maintained and restored as a condition of reuse of the building.

Several proposals in addition to the Koll Company's seem to have viability. The Fremont Public Association, a social service nonprofit, has suggested partial reuse as its office space; Boyle-Wagoner Architects, representing Dale Chihuly, have developed alternative schemes which would provide for a glass arts study center/museum in the east section of the plant.

In the next few weeks, several important meetings will be held on the steam plant (see calendar above). Please attend or make your interest known by writing before June 29 to members of the City Council parks committee (Cheryl Chow, Sue Donaldson, and George Benson), and to council president Paul Kraabel (all at 600 4th Ave., 11th floor, Seattle 98104).

Keep Washington Livable Initiative

The ECC Board, like other community groups and the citywide Community Council Federation, has endorsed Initiative 547, the Balanced Growth Enabling Act. This important measure would require local governments to plan for growth so that it does not overwhelm the capacity of public services like parks, schools, roads, police and fire. The initiative contains important protections for urban neighborhoods like Eastlake. All signatures must be turned in by the July 5 deadline. Eastlakers will be collecting signatures at the large July 4th celebration on our shores. If you would like to help there or in other ways, call 322-5463 soon.

Traffic Controls for July 4th Festivities

ECC is working closely with the Seattle Police Department to avoid the serious past traffic and crowd problems from the tens of thousands of visitors who come to our neighborhood to view the fireworks. Again this year, barriers and parking attendants will be restricting auto entry to the streets below Eastlake Avenue. Your driver's license will be your passport. If you expect guests that day, be sure to tell them to bring an invitation from you, or your exact name and address so that they may freely drive to your home.

Traffic Circles

Traffic circle petitions are being circulated for submittal to the city. Anyone interested in signing a petition, or in circulating one for the Franklin/Newton intersection, call Lynn at 548-4317.

Eastlake Park News

The next few months will be crucial for the proposed park at Fairview and Shelby. City park officials are very supportive of our dream, but the huge office/apartment/restaurant complex proposal near there is still active (see above listing for important Olmsted Fairview Park Commission meetings).

Street end parks are proliferating. ECC volunteers are obtaining city permits for construction of the Hamlin Street End Park, as funded by our successful city grant application. Cash is needed for a contingency fund; please send checks payable to Hamlin Street Park Project, to Jean Savelle, 2728 Fairview E., 98102. The owner of the office building next to the Martin Street right-of-way is planning to create a park there; more details in our next issue. And ECC is looking for a volunteer (call 322-5463) to design a proposed park at the Garfield street end that would feature a huge propeller cast and machined nearby by the recently closed Coolidge Propeller Company.

Make History--Volunteer

Interesting opportunities abound in the effort to preserve and enhance Eastlake's quality of life. Right now, we urgently need someone to conduct oral history interviews of our longest residents. Their story is important and should be recorded. Volunteers are also needed to help the Board reviewing land use projects. We need someone to help with our September joint fundraising dance at Seward/Colman with the PTA there, and someone to coordinate the ECC annual auction in December. Volunteers are needed to help analyze property acquisition and finance for Eastlake Community Land Trust. If you would like to get involved in one of these activities, or another that we haven't thought of yet, call 322-5463.

YES!!! I want to help take care of Eastlake. My dues are enclosed for membership in the Eastlake Community Council (1 year membership). This is a NEW RENEWAL Membership.

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DUES: Household (\$15)

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