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Meetings

Jan. 22 — Rate Eastlake buildings at the Eastlake design slide show, 7 p.m. at the Seattle Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Avenue East. Sponsored by the Eastlake Tomorrow Community Design Planning Team. Information: 324-1716.

Jan. 27 — Monorail in Eastlake community discussion, 6:30 p.m. at the Seattle Police Officers' Guild, 2517 Eastlake Avenue East. Sponsored by the Eastlake Community Council, Eastlake Business Association, and Eastlake Tomorrow planning teams. Information: 324-1716 or 860-4151.

Have some fun on us

We want to build the sense of community in the neighborhood, and we think this will be a fun way to do it! The ECC wants to sponsor a party on your block to help you and your neighbors get to know each other. We'll contribute up to \$25 for supplies or treats if you come up with a date, time and place. A basic pizza party qualifies, or try a progressive dinner where salad, appetizer, dinner and dessert are each served in a different place in the neighborhood. Want to start a garden club or cooking club with your neighbors? Use the ECC to help you invite neighbors to your first meeting. If you'd like to coordinate or host a party, please call ECC Secretary Mialee Jose at 720-9892 and we'll come up with the best way for the ECC to support your idea. Enjoy!

Will the Monorail be in Eastlake? Neighbors invited to discussion

By Carol Eychaner

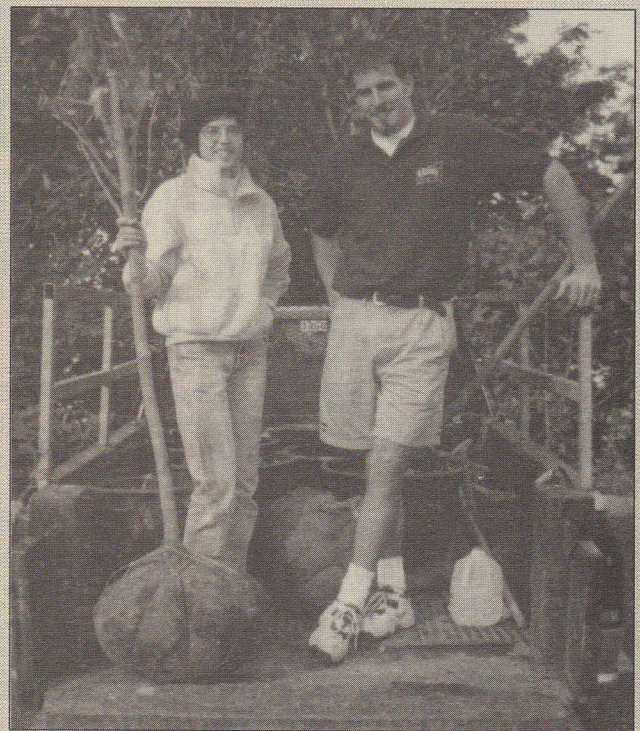
It's Saturday morning and you're chatting at the espresso cart outside the 14 Carrot Cafe waiting for your breakfast table. Or maybe you're relaxing in the newly planted North Gateway on your way to the U. District, playing tennis at Rogers Playfield, or enjoying the view of Lake Union as you walk from your home on Franklin down Lynn Street to Pete's. Later in the week, perhaps you teach a fifth grade class in the historic brick building at Seward TOPS school or inspect a new apartment that has become available for rent on Eastlake Avenue.

Now imagine yourself at the espresso cart, the North Gateway, Rogers Playfield, Lynn Street, Seward School or the Eastlake Avenue apartment — but with an elevated monorail platform, about 20 to 30 feet high, complete with columns every 100 feet and block long trains, swooshing by on Eastlake or Boylston avenues every few minutes. Is this what Seattle and Eastlake voters imagined when they approved the monorail initiative last November (the Eastlake vote was 564 in favor of

the initiative and 375 against)? Is this the likely result of that initiative?

Eastlake's first meeting on the monorail is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Seattle Police Officer's

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Mailee Jose, right, with Dave (sorry, we didn't get your last name!), an employee at Bridges who helped with the planting.

You may have noticed the 15 young trees planted this Fall by Eastlake volunteers. Thanks go to the Department of Neighborhoods, for giving us the trees free of charge, and to volunteers Carolyn Anderson, Bob, C.J., Alice Jaech, Mialee Jose, Jack Lemons, Dave Moore, Walter Voegtlin and Barbara Zegar. Our backs have all recovered, but the question remains - will the trees by the Eastlake Zoo, which are watered from beer pitchers, grow faster than hose-watered trees?

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860-5934.

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Guild, 2517 Eastlake Avenue East, and is sponsored by the ECC, Eastlake Business Association, and Eastlake Tomorrow planning teams. We'll try to sort out the facts about the initiative and discuss among ourselves the implications and impacts of the monorail. Although the initiative does not identify any stations in Eastlake, it does require a monorail route connecting the University District with the area around Fairview and Mercer streets, making passage through Eastlake — such as on Eastlake Avenue, Boylston Avenue or over the freeway — a likely possibility.

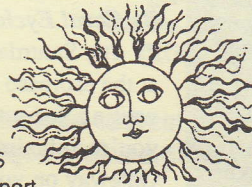
Eastlake resident and business groups are already talking about a long list of concerns and impacts, and how the monorail

could affect the work we have done to pedestrianize Eastlake Avenue, as well as future planning efforts throughout the community. Aesthetics, view blockage, shadows, noise, residential and commercial privacy, property values, the precipitation of more intense development and of commercial malls are just some of the issues that are synonymous with monorail development. We are also asking how the monorail would function with the voter-approved RTA. Representatives from the City, the RTA, and Friends of the Monorail have been asked to attend the first half hour of the meeting to help address some of these issues, and the remainder of the meeting will be devoted to community discussion.

For more information call Karl Kumm at 860-4151 or Carol Eychaner at 324-1716.

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Deadline is February 4 for RTA 'scoping' comments

The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is accepting "scoping" comments for the environmental impact statement (EIS) that is being prepared for the "LINK" light rail transit project. Scoping is the first step in the EIS process.

Your comments should identify any additional alternatives and significant impacts that should be evaluated in the EIS.

So far, the RTA has identified two alternatives that are of particular interest to Eastlake: the preferred tunnel route under Capital Hill and Portage Bay, and the South Lake Union route, which includes a station near the steam plant, a surface, elevated or underground train along South Lake Union (possibly along Fairview Avenue North), and an elevated bridge beginning on Harvard Avenue and crossing the Ship Canal parallel

to the existing I-5 freeway bridge.

The scoping comment deadline has been extended from January 5 to February 4, 1998 in response to a request from newly elected councilmembers Peter Steinbrueck, Nick Licatta and Richard Conlin and Mayor-elect Paul Schell.

RTA encourages the early submission of comments, which should be sent to: Perry Weinberg, Environmental Compliance Manager, SEPA Responsible Official, Regional Transit Authority, 1100 Second Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101-3423. ECC, Eastlake Tomorrow and Eastlake businesses will all be submitting comments.

For more information, call Karl Kumm (Eastlake Tomorrow Transportation Planning Team) @ 860-4151 or Ron Enlich (RTA) @ 684-1634.

Spotlight on land use

The following are some of the Eastlake land use applications that have been submitted to the City. The description includes the address, the master use permit (MUP) number, the types of City decisions that are required (SEPA is environmental review), and the status, to the extent they were known at the time of publication of the Eastlake News.

Merrill Project, 1938 Fairview (corner of Newton and Fairview): New 44,315 square foot office building with 43 parking spaces. SEPA, design review and shoreline decisions required. Formal comment period ended October 31; DCLU is now reviewing the project and will still accept comments; call Eastlake resident Dennis O'Brien at 328-2884 or email him at obriend@scn.org. (MUP #9701529)

Pharaoh's (formerly Bogey's), 1540 Eastlake: Retroactive request to eliminate 13 required parking stalls. Variance decision required. Comment period over (ECC submitted written concerns and requests for more information); DCLU now reviewing and anticipates a decision by the end of the year. (MUP #9704477)

Boat Repair Facility, 11 East Allison: Overwater floating facility near Allison street end. Shoreline decision and permit are already issued and facility is being constructed at an off-site location; residents have raised concerns about whether the intended use of the facility is the same as the permitted use. (MUP #9200095)

Seward School, 2515 Boylston: Expansion and renovation of historic buildings for TOPS. SEPA, code departure, and historic landmarks decisions required. ECC appealed DCLU and landmarks decisions to the Hearing Examiner on three issues; the appeals were denied (see related article). (MUP #9700309 and #9604001)

Rooftop Panel Antennae, 2413 Boylston: Establishment of a minor communication utility and installation of 6 panel antennae and cabinets on the top of an existing apartment building. SEPA and administrative conditional use decisions required. DCLU decision was issued 10/23/97 (only 15 days after the end of the comment period) and was not appealed. (MUP #9705236)

Comments can be submitted to the Department of Construction and Land Use (DCLU), 710 Second Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98104-1703 or faxed to 233-7901. Comments should be provided during the comment period, but will be accepted by DCLU any time before the decision (comments submitted earlier in DCLU's review will likely be more effective than those submitted late in the review period).

You can also call DCLU at 684-8467 to find out basic information about a project.

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Seward design appeal denied; work on Franklin continues

The Seattle Hearing Examiner issued a Halloween decision on the Seward School appeals and denied the Eastlake Community Council's (ECC) request for mitigation of the impacts on parking, outdoor play areas and public parks, and historic buildings.

The only change in the Department of Construction and Land Use (DCLU) decision imposed by the Hearing Examiner was a minor clarification of the transportation management program required by the DCLU and the elimination of student loading areas at the north and south ends of the closed block of Franklin, which was agreed upon at the beginning of the hearing.

The ECC decided not to appeal the Hearing Examiner decision to Superior Court, choosing instead to closely monitor the DCLU-imposed conditions and participate in the school Advisory Committee required by the permit decision.

In addition to the Hearing Examiner's changes to the DCLU decision, the ECC blocked a joint effort made by the school district and city early in the hearing to have the ECC historic landmarks appeal thrown out. Had the school district and city been successful, they would have re-interpreted the historic landmarks appeal process in a way which would

have been detrimental to and set precedent for all Seattle neighborhoods and historic preservation groups.

Although the ECC appeal was not successful in addressing impacts to the historic buildings and parks, or in allaying concerns about Seward's student enrollment capacity (550-600) or future condemnation attempts, the ECC was able to obtain positive project changes or permit conditions related to numerous other issues that were not appealed to the Hearing Examiner.

These changes included more windows and detailing to the new gymnasium facade, a school transportation management program (one of the first in the city for a school), off-site parking during large school events and advance community notice of school events, school traffic safety patrols and traffic management measures during student drop off/ pick up periods, curb bulbs on Roanoke, and numbers construction conditions.

The permit also requires the establishment of specific times for use of the school and gymnasium by the Eastlake community (as both could otherwise be fully scheduled for region-wide activities) and the creation of a community-based School Advisory Committee to monitor and direct non-school activities and the TMP.

Hosts needed for open space forums

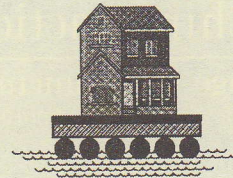
Gather with 5 to 10 of your friends in the comfort of your own home to talk about open space in Eastlake. The Eastlake Tomorrow Open Space Committee will pay for the pizza (or equivalently priced meal) and facilitate the discussion. We want your opinions about what's more important in the neighborhood - native plants or a skateboard park or a path or a basketball court, and where in Eastlake should these things be? The forums will be taking place from mid-January to mid-February, you pick the date. We need your ideas to develop good recommendations for the Eastlake neighborhood plan. Call Tammy at 517-4105 to host or take part in a forum.

Also related to the Seward School expansion is the continuing work on the Franklin Avenue "green street." The green street has a concept plan that was approved by the ECC, Eastlake Tomorrow, TOPS and the school district after a five-month long process earlier this year.

Meetings will resume in early January on the detailed design, funding and maintenance of the green street, and will be completed in time for Eastlake Tomorrow's neighborhood plan in early to late spring.

Call Carol Eychaner at 324-1716 for comments, information and the meeting schedule.

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Allison light up to Schell and council

By Chris Leman

Eastlakers are counting on new Mayor Paul Schell's housecleaning at the Seattle Transportation Department to break its freeze on funds already set aside for a pedestrian half-signal across Eastlake Avenue at Allison Street.

The Department set up a Neighborhood Street Fund, but is ignoring votes by the Lake Union District Council (Wallingford, Fremont, Cascade, and Eastlake) for the stoplight. Its stoplight rules are outmoded, ignoring the City comprehensive plan's promises to pedestrians, and business districts, and fast-growing neighborhoods like ours.

Noise from I-5 at that intersection is so bad that pedestrians cannot hear approaching cars! We need the help of a stoplight to cross safely to the businesses, homes, and parks in the area. Write to Mayor Schell and new city councilmembers Richard Conlin, Nick Licata, and Peter Steinbrueck at 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle 98104, or send e-mail to:

mayors.office@ci.seattle.wa.us;
richard.conlin@ci.seattle.wa.us;
nick.licata@ci.seattle.wa.us;
peter.steinbrueck@ci.seattle.wa.us.
In writing, be very specific about dangerous situations you have seen or experienced.

All Aboard!



Historic 1940 trolley bus reopens the electric route through Eastlake. Officials pictured from left: publicist Wendy Chin, artist Carolyn Law, engineers Joe Beck and John Wright, planners Andrea Tull and Mike Bergman, and former city councilmember George Benson.

Electric buses return to Eastlake

After an absence of decades, an electric trolley bus returned to Eastlake Avenue September 27. The historic 1940 coach inaugurated re-electricification of route 70. The electric buses are quieter, with no diesel fumes. Many thanks to the officials who made this possible. And let's keep urging County Executive Ron Sims and County Councilmember Larry Gossett (King

County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave., Seattle, WA 98104, or ron.sims@metrokc.gov and larry.gossett@metrokc.gov) to allow those buses into the downtown bus tunnel (a quicker ride than presently) and make sure that no dual electric/diesel bus passes through our neighborhood without switching to clean and quiet electric power.

Home site wanted

The board of the Eastlake Community Land Trust is partnering with the Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program to establish a permanently affordable home (an existing building, renovation, or new construction) which fits Eastlake's character.

The land trust would appreciate early warning when properties are expected to go on the market, and seeks sellers who will allow it the first offer, or donate part or all of the property. The tax-deductible donations can be made in several ways. For questions, or to get involved, write the Eastlake Community Land Trust, 117 E. Louisa St., Seattle 98102, or call co-chair Beth Boram, 325-3276.



117 East Louisa Street; M-F 9-6, Sat 10-3

Business Notes

By Chris Leman

Howisey Brothers, furniture restorers since 1927, have expanded, opening an antique showroom at 1807 Eastlake Avenue.

... Ron Shigeno is new owner of the Japanese Antiquities Gallery at 200 E. Boston Street. Former owner Gene Zima, who designed the graceful wooden building, still scours Japan for Meiji antiques for this unique museum-like shop.

... Hines Public Market Coffee Company now occupies the space in front of the 14 Carrot Cafe. Owners John Hornal and Rick Mankowski share more than 30 years of espresso experience, including at Starbucks, SBC, and Caffe D'Arte.

... The Eastlake Inn is benefitting from a special agreement under which it is being managed by budding professionals at Washington State University's Center for Hotel and Restaurant Administration.

... Another barrier has fallen: Looking Good Grooming Salon (the former Plush Pup), 2936C Eastlake Ave., 323-2422, now takes cats as well as dogs, and is open on Saturdays. Welcome to new owners and master groomers Sue and Victoria.

... Tony's Events and Catering (328-2195) now manages both the River Queen, Seattle's only Mississippi style paddle wheel river boat, and the recently remodeled Tye Yacht Club. The University Sunrise Rotary Club has met at the Tye for many years.

... Gay Koopman, massage therapist at Eastlake Chiropractic Center (324-8600), has been honored by the American Massage Therapy Association, especially for work with disabled athletes and the Olympics.

... Pocock Rowing Center hosted more than 70 at a Dec. 8 meeting on highway noise; local financial whiz and resident Wes

Larson, who owns apartments and retail space in the shadow of I-5, was on the Channel 11 news that night. Refreshments were donated by Bridges, Red Robin, and Le Fournil.

... Le Fournil (3230 Eastlake Ave. E., 328-6523) has opened as the city's best French bakery, and offers sandwiches weekdays. Hours are 7-7 Mon.-Sat., 7-5 Sun. Welcome to owners Nicholas and Yeon Pare

... Dagaz Group (2921 Eastlake Ave. E.) is partnering with the Daily Journal of

Commerce to sell ad space and web links on the daily's widely read web site.

... Eastlake-related web links are free on the Eastlake web site, <http://www.oo.net/et>; thanks to Internet Central (720-9892) for continuing to host it

... Eastlake web sites we have just heard of are <http://home.earthlink.net/~bandoleone> and <http://www.halcyon.com/eclips>.

Send web addresses and business news to Chris Leman, 85 E. Roanoke St., Seattle 98102, or cleman@oo.net.



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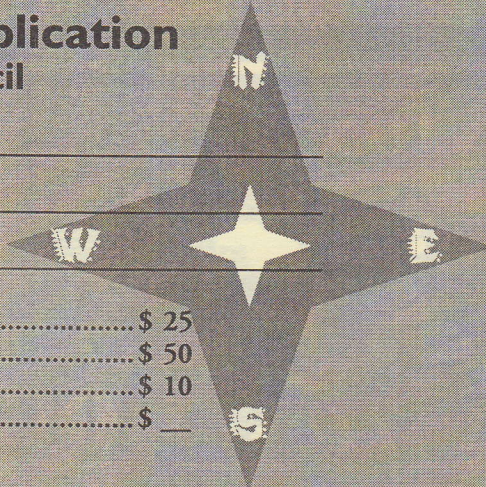
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- Traffic/Parking Issues
- Building Guidelines
- Newsletter Distribution
- Fundraising
- Work Parties
- Community Art Projects
- Community Meetings

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- New
- Renewal

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