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Next Main Public Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2001

TOPICS: 7 p.m. ECC reports 7:20 UW Master Plan 8:00 TransLake WA study

LOCATION: Library at TOPS Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E.

ECC General Meeting to look at SR520 and UW Expansion Plans

The Eastlake Community Council invites you to a public meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at the TOPS Seward School library to look at proposals to expand the University of Washington and State Route 520. The meeting begins at 7 PM with brief reports on neighborhood issues. Then at 7:20 we will hear about the UW master plan to add thousands of students and staff - see related story. At 8:00 PM we will hear a presentation from the Washington State Department of Transportation's consultants regarding SR520. Current proposals range from just replacing the existing bridge (plus safety improvements), to a six-lane, 250-foot wide bridge including HOV lanes. The related designs at I-5 have not been presented, so the impact on our neighborhood can only be imagined. However, in past years, WSDOT has examined a possible flyover ramp between SR520 and I-5 that could increase noise and even take some of Boylston Street; and a tunnel from the SR520 bridge whose noisy portal would be near the corner of Eastlake and Fairview avenues, displacing existing homes and businesses and a park and bringing a lot more traffic to the neighborhood. For more information, contact ECC board and TransLake advisory committee member Jim Reckers 323-8537, jhreckers@home.com.

Eastlakers encouraged to comment on UW plan

The January 17 ECC general meeting at TOPS Seward School will include a 7:30 p.m. discussion of the University of Washington's draft master plan. Under an agreement with the City, every ten years UW submits a physical development plan for City approval. Now out for public comment, the draft master plan and environmental impact statement (EIS) pose important issues for Eastlake. A possible positive is UW's proposal to connect the east-west Campus Parkway with a stop light to 11th Avenue NE. (just north of the University Bridge), replacing with a simple turn north or south the merge ramps now entering and leaving the bridge that are such a danger to bicyclists and pedestrians.

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to the St. Paul district of the Army Corps of Engineers a 24-foot survey vessel for use on the upper Mississippi River. The funky-looking vessel sports ten-foot arms that extend over the water, allowing it to map a 30-foot path...In August, longtime Eastlake hair designer Annie Rambaud opened **Annie's Hair Shop** at 2608 Eastlake Avenue (720-4558). Hours are Wed.-Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-5..Congratulations to **Zymogenetics** (1201 Eastlake, 442-6600), which again is a locally controlled company with a recent decision by Novo Nordisk, its Danish parent (which still owns 51%) to relinquish a majority of voting shares...In a recent feature on Seattle's French Connection, the Microsoft Network web site recommended the croissants at **Le Fournil** (3230 Eastlake Ave., 328-6523): "artful pastries you almost feel guilty about destroying, until that first heavenly bite." ...**CruiseMasters Boating Instruction** program (726-9761, or <http://www.cruisemasters.org>) serves new boaters, as well as boaters moving up to larger boats. Founder/lead instructor Mike Jackson and his wife and co-owner, June, live and work aboard their classic 46' Richardson at 2925 Fairview Avenue East...**14 Carrot Café** (2305 Eastlake Avenue, 324-1442) is hosting the first exhibit of photos of Seattle musicians by Tom Mehren, who uses a digital camera that uniquely captures multiple angles and expressions of the artists' faces as they move during the shot. Continues through November... Cris Javidando and Simon Fraser own **Espresso Splendido** (2946D Eastlake Ave., 325-8299; there is also a Stone Way sister store) which is open every day of the week. Hours are 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays... Terry Esposito of **Travel Experts** (2825 Eastlake Avenue East 322-8334 terry.travelexperts@wspan.com) says it is not too early to begin planning your

Business Notes-Continued

Hawaii and Mexico and Europe in order to get the best places and deals. Travel Experts arranges tours, air, rail, and cruise tickets, and accommodations...*Tour International* (3105 Eastlake Ave. E., 498-3066) is offering to help American men find a Russian wife. This January a tour of historic Irkutsk near Lake Baikal promises an average of "three or four ladies for each gentleman." Assistance is available with translation and in obtaining a fiancee's visa...*Urban Design Co.* (2727 Fairview Ave. E.; 325-4834.) offers general contracting and project management for new and remodeled kitchens and baths, and also sells factory-direct cabinets and other kitchen and bath products. The company welcomes the special challenges of houseboats; in charge is Bill Wilcox, a houseboat resident at Hamlin Pier (offices are also at Hamlin Pier).

Send your business news to Chris Leman (cleman@oo.net), 85 E. Roanoke Street, Seattle 98102-3222.

How to prevent falls

At home, falls are the leading cause of death, with many elderly and young people taken from us. In falls, head injuries cause the most deaths, but up to one quarter of those who break a hip also die within three months of the surgery. Obviously something to be avoided! Here are some suggestions from the Evergreen Safety Council (401 Pontius Avenue N., Seattle 98109, 382-4090):

- Use nonskid mats or appliques in bath and shower, and consider install handrails.
- Repair or replace rugs that are ripped or lifting in the corners.
- Make sure all area rugs are skid proof.
- Do not lean or sit on railings of high porches or balconies or lean against screens or windows.
- Store frequently used items within arms reach.
- Maintain uncluttered and unobstructed traffic patterns in each room.
- Keep electric cords, toys, and pet beds and feeding bowls out of the traffic pattern.
- Keep floors clean of spilled water and other liquids.
- Place nightlights in the kitchen, bathroom, and hallways.
- And beware of steps, the single most dangerous part of your home; falls typically occur on the first or last step.

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UW has not accepted ECC's proposal to extend the outer edge of the zone (now extending south only as far as Roanoke Street) in which there is a ceiling on its leasing of office space. The current outer boundary in Eastlake is closer to the center of campus than in any other neighborhood, thus encouraging leapfrog development south of Roanoke. (UW also has not accepted ECC's request that the leasing limit apply to such UW affiliates as University Physicians.) UW contributes to the cost of only those residential parking zones that are located within the zone; UW-generated parking on our streets is common now that students have a bus pass making it easy to use our neighborhood streets as a free "park and ride."

ECC board members Anthony Vincent (avincent@qwest.net, 328-5409) and Chris Leman (cleman@oo.net, 322-5463), have been sharing a seat on the City University Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC); Chris would like to step down from this assignment. They welcome volunteers to help, and solicit your reactions to the UW plan and EIS, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102.

Copies of the UW master plan and EIS are available for public review at the UW and City libraries, on the web at www.washington.edu/community/cmp.html, or by via 543-3773 or masterpl@u.washington.edu. This e-mail address may be used for comments on the master plan, which may also be U.S. mailed to Theresa Doherty, Master Plan Coordinator, 22 Gerberding Hall, Box 351279, Seattle 98195-2205. Comments on the EIS should be sent to Fred King, University Facilities Office, Box 352205, Seattle 98195-2205. Suggested deadline for comments is Nov. 30. Two public meetings on the master plan will be Dec. 6, one 12-2 in HUB room 200ABC, the other 6-8 at the University Heights Center, room 209. And be at TOPS/Seward library Jan. 17 when Eastlake hosts a UW presentation and discussion.

Shirts, posters benefit parks

There's still time to purchase the T-shirts and posters from the July 15 dedication of Fairview-Olmsted Park. Designed by local artist Robert Rudine, they depict the celebrated guerrilla-art "white board" that proposed the park where another white board proposed a gruesome office tower. The T-shirts are \$15 and the posters are \$10; all proceeds benefit parks in the Eastlake neighborhood. Make checks out to Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, and mail c/o Robert Rudine, 3125 Eastlake Avenue E. #B, Seattle 98102-3875.

Louisa Arborway

Input from the July and September public meetings has produced proposals for subdued lighting, and installation of a metal trellis to support the overhead bushes. Drawings are on display at Lake Union Mail. Please submit comments to Louisa Arborway, c/o ECC, 117 E. Louisa St. #1, Seattle 98102, or to krallc@oo.net.

Free Trees!

Free trees delivered to your planting strip (between sidewalk and curb) or yard if someone (owner or renter) will agree to water them in the hot weather! For planting strips, volunteers will even plant them for you! The trees have got to be planted this winter, so reserve your favorite variety today. Contact Chris Leman, 322-5463, cleman@oo.net or Cheryl Thomas, 329-2696, thomaslane@msn.com. Sponsored by the Eastlake Community Council and Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission.



Franklin Avenue Turns Green, then Gold

The beginning of school this September also marked the long-awaited opening of the Franklin Avenue Green Street. Although we are still working to complete some parts of the Green Street and the formal dedication will not happen until sometime next year, we hope you are enjoying strolls through the golden fall leaves or a game of one-on-one at the basketball hoop.

The Franklin Avenue Green Street is a public right-of-way, designated by City Council as a Type IV green street (meaning no vehicles except for emergencies). It is open for shared community and school use at all times, and is being developed with funds and labor from the Eastlake community, TOPS, Seattle School District and Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund Program. The southern part of the Green Street is intended for low-level active play, and the northern part under the tree canopy is a quiet space for passive recreation.

The two kiosks at the north and south ends of the Green Street were designed and built by architect Kevin Price, and are ready and waiting for your posted notices (staples work well and are easily removed). Five of the six metal benches designed and built by artist/architect Jennifer Weddermann are also installed and ready for use, and we'll be finishing the ground surface beneath them soon. We are still working with Jennifer on changes to the game table and on a sixth bench.

While you are enjoying the Green Street, please think about donating a small amount of time to help maintain it. As part of our grant, we need to develop a maintenance program, some of which must be done by the community. Things like periodically removing outdated notices and staples from the kiosks, raking leaves, weeding, summertime watering, picking up litter and spring/fall planting and pruning will be our responsibility. You could help at a community event, or adopt a small part of the Green Street to take care of at your own pace.

We especially need immediate help with weeding -- we promise it is much easier than the weeding we all did last spring! An hour now and then really helps to keep the weeds under control and avoids the use of chemicals for weed control.

If you can help now with weeding or maintaining the kiosks, would like to adopt a part of the Green Street or be on a list for other types of periodic maintenance, please call Carol Eychaner at 324-1716. Enjoy!

Congested Parking Alert Near Seward/TOPS School!

The following large events are scheduled for TOPS/Seward School during the next two months. Beware, if you return home and need to park your car on the streets near the School during these events, you will likely not find a space! If you move it (your car), you'll lose it (your parking space)! Thanks, TOPS, for providing the information.

12/8: Middle School Play, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. 12/9: Middle School Play, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.



Help Sylvia Scott, a long time Eastlake resident, in her fundraising efforts for the arthritis foundation. She is on the "Joints In Motion" team and walking a marathon October 30, 2000. She has until Nov. 30th to raise the final \$1700 in donations (already has raised \$2600 !!). The arthritis foundation is the only non-profit organization that supports research into the cure for and prevention of arthritis and related diseases such as lupus, crohn's disease, bursitis, gout, and others. Arthritis affects 1 in 3 households and is the leading cause of disability in the U.S. It's not just older adults. So if you are a business or an individual please help support this very worthy cause...remember All donations are tax deductible and all donators will be sent a receipt. Every dollar helps !!! Send donations to sylvia Scott, 2024 Franklin Ave #3F, Seattle, WA 98102 or pledge by email to sscott@infree.com. Or by phone to 329-9305 and she will arrange to pick up your donation. Make your check out to "The Arthritis Foudation". Thank you all!

Rogers Playfield Moving Ahead

Fundraising efforts are underway for the new playground at Rogers Playfield, slated for completion in September 2001. The Friends of Rogers Playground just received word that the Department of Neighborhoods has recommended a matching grant award of \$115,000. In a highly competitive round, Rogers Playground received one of the highest awards in the city.

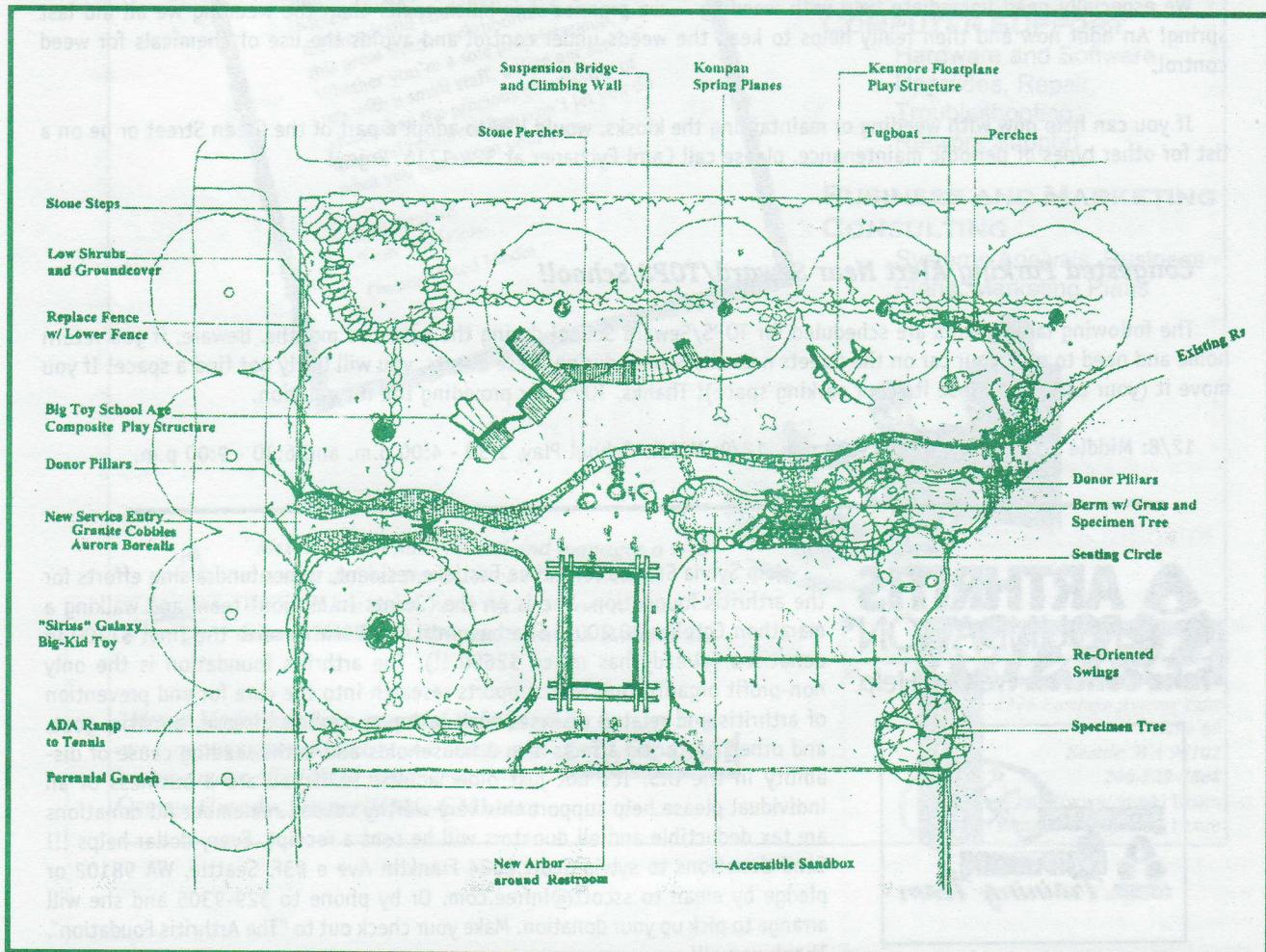
Both Eastlake and TOPS volunteers have been busy applying for additional dollars through private and corporate foundations to match the City grant. SAFECO, Kenmore Air, and The D.V. & Ida McEachern Trust have made generous contributions bringing the current total raised to \$160,000. The overall budget for construction, landscaping, and playground equipment is \$280,000.

Plans for the playground were developed and approved over the last year through a series of public design workshops. Barker Landscape Architects have worked closely with the Friends of Rogers Playground, representatives from the Department of Parks and Recreation, and all who attended the public workshops to create a unique vision of Lake Union. The playground offers many opportunities for play for kids of all ages, including a climb-on float plane.

As part of the fundraising efforts, personalized glass leaves will be imbedded in pillars to commemorate donations to the playground. Local glass artist Gerry Newcomb, who made the street names in Eastlake's popular Corner Stones project, is producing the leaves personalized with names – a unique twist to the more commonly seen bricks, tiles and pavers (think SAFECO field or Pike Place Market).

Brochures outlining details for the glass leaves are available in many Eastlake retail locations. Lake Union Mail has samples of the glass leaves on display, as well as the playground design. To get involved with the project and for more information, call Laurie at 323-4556.

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Funding efforts are underway for the new playground at Rogers Playfield, located at 15th and 16th Avenues in Seattle. The Friends of Rogers Playfield are seeking donations to help build the new playground. To learn more about the project, visit www.rogersplayfield.org.

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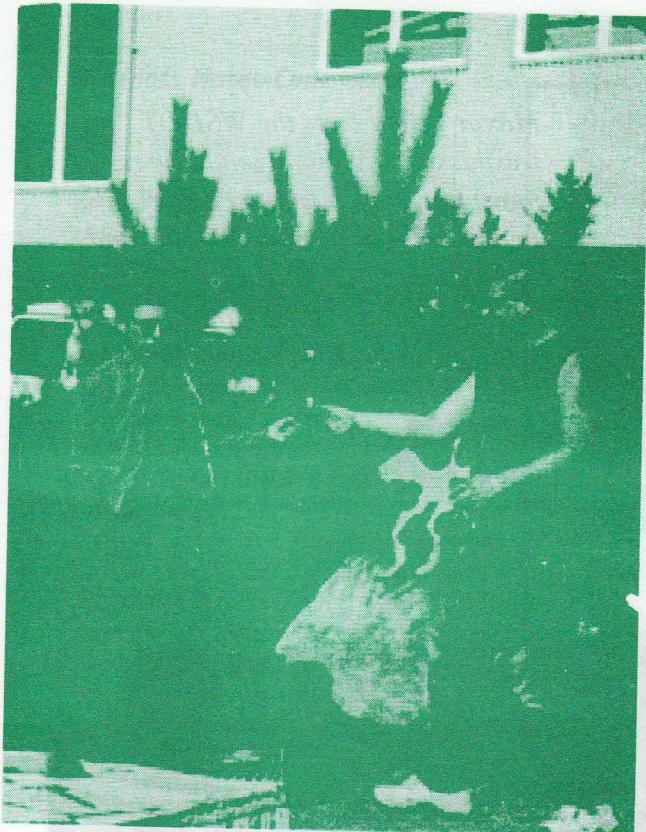
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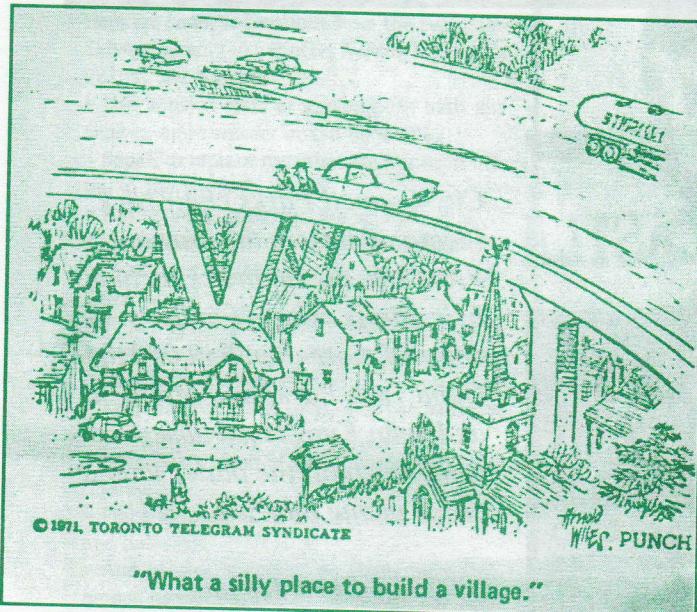
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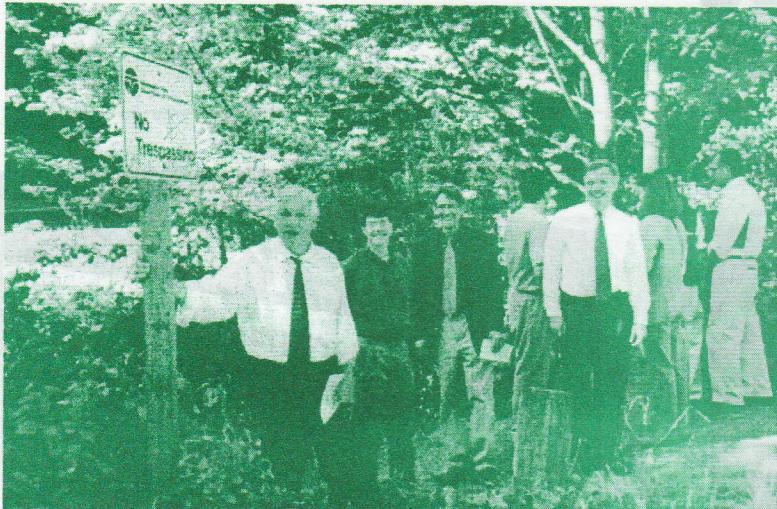
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Mayor Schell tests the WSDOT "no trespassing sign that would be removed by his Corridor Park Plan under I-5 between Capitol Hill and Lake Union. Also facing the camera: Jon McConnell of the Gates Foundation, and John Eskelin and Jim Diers of the Department of Neighborhoods.

Photo by Chris Leman

Mayor Paul Schell and ECC President, Owen Reese unveil the boulder inscribed "Good Turn Park". They used the "walking fish" flag handcrafted by Barbara Donnette.

Photo by John Barber



City Council Parks chair Nick Licata addresses the crowd. From left, the audience includes Eric Jarvis, whose family donated more than \$30,000 to Good Turn Park; and Matthew and John Knowles, whose company built the park's unique cedar picnic table.

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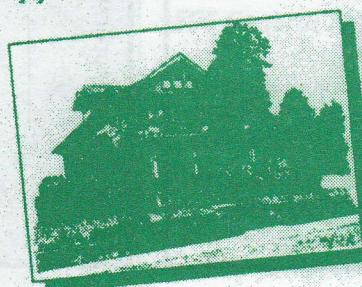
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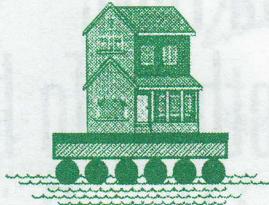
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