

The March Meeting was held on Monday, March 8, 2010, at the Centennial, 2515 Fourth Avenue, at 6:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Lounge

Present: Melissa Bennett Cumming, Bea Kumasaka, Elizabeth Campbell, Lydia Heard, Kristen Jensen, Janis Ford, Amarpreet Setni, Ronald Turner .

1. **Small and Simple Grant Award :** Advisory Board will be expanded to include representatives from the waterfront community and meetings will be scheduled with agency personnel. Suggestions were made for a fiscal sponsor and for additional members. (Ron will follow up) Time sheets must be kept for community match. Contract should be executed within the next few weeks and we will then go out to receive bids from Consultants. (Ron will schedule a meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) shortly and will poll the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) regarding consultant selection.
2. **Emergency Planning Update:** Presentation will be made to BCC in April to solicit volunteers to serve on planning committee. We have three volunteers from BHLUS (Janis, Melissa and Bill Swanson). Project should start by the end of April.
3. **Bell and Western Improvements:** Should commence the end of March. Improvements include better signage location and barriers to direct pedestrian crossings to safer location.
4. **Seelig/SAM hearing: Downtown Design Review Board:** Ron will attend and present personal opinion about failures of the City, SAM and the original site planner to prevent large building at the North end of the SAM property. Lydia suggested that we examine other special places in Belltown to pre-empt a replication of the problem. Lydia will follow up this initiative. (Ron did present to Review board and will follow up with letter. Lydia also attended.)
5. **Urban Agriculture and Branch Library:** Elizabeth presented status of Branch Library. Suggestions were made about the possibility of including a small library and meeting area in the Belltown Community Center program. A site could be found on Bell street to compliment proposed park and enhance the notion of a community place and identity. Elizabeth and Ron will follow up and report back regarding library and then consult with residents that have been involved in Community Center program.
6. **Amended Design Guidelines Review:** Ron will follow up with Tom Eanes
7. **Interim Parking Lot Permits:** Letter from Diane Sugimura was distributed. City is still considering legislation. Ron will follow up with City Council staff and report.
8. **Vendors in Downtown Districts:** Proposal to allow street vendors in downtown districts is under consideration by the City. Proposal should be watched closely to assure that management will be in place to enforce regulations.
9. **Lake to Bay Trail:** No report
10. **Friends of Bell Street Park:** see BCC website for details

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11. **Central Waterfront Planning:** Central Waterfront Partnership has been meeting to find appropriate ways to hire consultants, manage the development process and assure funding and stewardship for the waterfront park. Sequence of process is still unsure because of suggestion that Seawall design precede master plan.
12. **Membership:** Methods of increasing BHLUS attendance and participation were discussed. Names were presented by Elizabeth and we will follow up. The AIA and APA will be contacted to provide lists of members who reside in Belltown and who are willing to assist in the program.

Updates: (no reports)

- Bridging the Gap
- Belltown Schools
- Plan Assessment
- BHLUS Leadership
- South Lake Union
- Seelig Sculpture and Belltown