

The April Meeting was held in the 2nd Floor Lounge at 2515 4th Avenue.

In attendance were Melissa Bennet Cumming, Bea Kumasaka, Janis Ford, Mary Stewart, Bill Gilland, Lydia Heard, Jeanelle Richardson, Ron Turner

The Meeting focused on two principal issues:

- **Branch Library/Community Center:** There was general agreement that positioning a community center/reading room on or adjacent to the new Bell Street Boulevard Park was appropriate. It was decided to refine the proposal and site options before going to the Parks department. Ron was to call Tom and set up a walk around to assess the possible opportunities for existing structures and sites. Ron was also in contact with the developers of the site at 2nd and Bell about the possibilities of acquiring rental space in the proposed structures.
- **Third and Cedar:** David Hewitt presented a proposed design for an multi-family housing structure at the SW corner of Third and Cedar. The structure was designed to be 18 floors, one of possible choices shaped to avoid a wall parallel to the adjacent building on the west side of the 18 foot alley. There was no action taken by the members present and the presentation was greatly appreciated. (There is no tower spacing in this district since there is a height limitation related to the size of the lot.). Lydia Heard and Ron Turner will attend the Design Review board meeting on April 27th.

Miscellaneous:

- **Viaduct Lands Belltown:** The project will be started in May with the request for consultants qualifications. A contract for should be executed by the end of June with the completion date of December,2010
- **Emergency Planning Update.** Presentation will be made to BCC and BBA during the next month soliciting additional members for our committee. Janis, Lydia and Ron will attend an information meeting with the City on Saturday, April 17th.
- **Bell and Western Improvements:** completed
- **Chihuly/ Seattle Center:** Ron has communicated, as an individual, to the City Council objecting to the proposal based on the violation of the agreed upon plan and removal of proposed public open space for private purposes.
- **Interim Uses and Temporary Permits:** Diane Sugimura, head of DPD will be at our May meeting to discuss the issue. Councilmember Sally Clark will attend our June meeting to discuss the same issue with an expanded agenda.
- **“Special Places” protection:** Lydia Heard and Ron Turner will follow up with the City on an informal basis. There seems to be some interest in pursuing this initiative even though there is no clear path to achieving the objective of protecting iconic or “special” places within Belltown.

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Grant Requests: proposal have gone to the City to upgrade Regrade Park (BCC) and maintain the Cottages (?) at the p-patch.

Other items: Belltown Schools. OPM/Seelig were deferred until the May meeting.

Next Meeting: May 10th at the regular time and place.

ret: Greg will return in May!