



BELLTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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16-June-2010, Open Meeting Minutes (Matt Talbot Center)

- 1) Call to Order@7:05pm by Richard Nordstrom, President
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes from May 19, 2010 meeting. Approved.
- 3) BCC Officers Present: Ann Marie Hitchcock, Brett Paulson, Elizabeth Campbell, Ron Turner.
- 4) Treasurer's Report. No Funds.
- 5) Evening Program: (50 minutes)
 - a) Greg Alex, Executive Director, Matt Talbot Recovery Center. Matt will tell us more about the Talbot Center and a community breakfast planned for the end of June.
 - i) We learned a great deal about the Matt Talbot Center and the work it does. Greg did a great job of helping many understand the importance of their work and how it made a contribution to the community. He asked for more community involvement and ways we could help. His talk was inspiring and shows a person of great dedication and skills.
 - b) Laurie Eckardt, Seattle Division, Catholic Housing Services. She will talk to us about the Dorothy Day Women's Home and their new facility being built at 2nd Ave. & Bell Street.
 - i) Laurie was also excellent in providing insight into the workings of the Catholic Services and the new facility to be opened in September at 2nd Ave & Bell Street. Like Greg, Laurie's presentation gave everyone a lot to think about Belltown's complex and dynamic environment.

The two talks and ensuing questions / answers brought an inspirational awareness to many.

- 6) Committee Reports (20 minutes)
 - a) Friends of Bell Street Park Committee: Past meeting started the task of identifying and evaluating the Committee's activities and types of Park support. Next meeting will be a continuation of this effort. July 13, 2010 – 5:30pm – 7pm @ 2821 Second Ave., 6th Floor, Beaumont Room, (Broad St. & 2nd Ave.)
 - b) Belltown Garden Tour committee. (Walk is set for June 26, 2010): The Chair, Elizabeth Campbell reported on the plans and progress. She will provide another report at the next meeting to let everyone know how it went.
 - c) BHLUS report on their extensive number of initiatives underway. Chair, Ron Turner. A lot going on here. Suggest you check the BHLUS Meeting Minutes to catch up.
 - d) Balanced Belltown Committee: Chair, Richard Nordstrom. This group completed its first work exercise to identify those segments of Belltown where effort is necessary to work toward a Belltown that offers a diverse, vibrant, and safe Belltown.
 - e) Discussion on the last BCC Meeting, where the 3rd design iteration for Bell Street Park was presented: Richard Nordstrom. This was the last of three open town style meetings for feedback to the third park iteration design was given. People expressed a concern for the lack of open space



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to allow multiple uses. Safety ad CEPTD issues were also discussed. some which surrounds sitting locations.

- 7) New Business (10 minutes)
 - a) Green & Clean activity (this Saturday, June 19, Starts 10am Mars Hill Church, Western Ave.)
 - b) BCOP Sponsored "Safety Forum" (June 22, Labor Temple on 1st Avenue)
 - c) Get Out Summer At SAM, Olympic Sculpture Park: See SAM / OSP website.
 - d) Letter from BCC and BBA to Mayor and City Council in response to recent shooting in front of the V Bar and an increase in other safety issues in Belltown.
- 8) Next BCC Open Public meeting is July 21, 2010. To be held at the Seattle Bell Tower on 1st Avenue.
- 9) BCC Leadership Meeting next Wednesday, June 23.
- 10) Motion for adjournment @ 9:05pm. 1st, 2nd motion. Vote - Unanimous to adjourn.