

October 23, 2006

Georgetown Community Council
General Meeting
Coliman Restaurant

Social time 6:30-7:00 pm

Started at 7:00 pm.

Speakers: Darin Chinn and Benjamin Kinlow

Darin and Benjamin were here to talk about crime prevention and the block watch program.

Darin: Community Relations Officer

- Not tied to 911 so he can work on long-term solutions.
- Commercial and industry crime has increased, especially theft of scrap metal.
- There has been a rise in property crimes, cars being stolen and dumped.
- Was asked about the armed robbery situation that occurred a month or so ago. He had little information but would look into it. Some neighbors asked for follow-ups to those types of situations.
- Darin will post weekly reports on our listserv, similar to South Park.

Benjamin: Crime District Coordinator

- Works with neighborhoods to help create block watch programs.
- Ideally Georgetown would want 10 Block captains (Marianne has been a captain for 17 years)
- Block Watch program is citizens watching out for their own neighborhood. You take control of block collectively as citizens.
- Another meeting will be scheduled with Benjamin to learn more about the program.
- Sign up sheet distributed for possible Block Captains.

General Updates

Hat: Shannon

We are close to having an agreement with the Manufacturing and Industrial Council (MIC): funding from mitigation would go to the trade college as labor donation. The Apprenticeship program could possibly finish hat next year.

Lady Rainier: Robin

Committee working on gathering information: costs to cast the statue. The compromise would be to make two duplicates of the statue and the original would return to MOHAI. The original is quickly deteriorating from the outdoor elements.

Oxbox Park: Robin

It has been suggested to form a committee to take care of the Georgetown parks and serve as a liaison to Parks, P-Patch and community. We will seek out volunteers in the next few months.

P-Patch:

Plots are available for next season. Contact Sacha Davis for more information, sacha@drizzle.com

Intermodal Facility: Kathy

SPU is giving a tour of the Snohomish facility on Friday, November 3rd. Interested parties can contact Feloneze. SPU will meet at 10:30 at Ruby Chow Park.

The Mayor has agreed to give the Utilities Committee six months to study recycling and zero waste.

Strip Clubs: Kathy

Referendum 1 is on the ballot. Most likely nothing will happen within the Council until after elections. City Council is supportive of the city-wide approach. Mayor Nickels wants a designated zone.

Greater Duwamish District Council: Kathy

City Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck was in attendance. He talked about the proposed changes to the City charter and his push for more police officers. Mayor Nickels has budgeted for 6: Steinbrueck wants 50.

Tom Rasmussen is on the October schedule.

City Budget: Kathy

City Council is working on the budget. A few months back, we submitted three asks for Georgetown-funding for the Hat, a traffic study (or calming) for Airport Way, and a more substantial fence for the playfield (between wading pool and railroad tracks).

Unfortunately, the hat will not be included. Council felt we should turn to private parties. Airport Way and the fence are still be considered.

Merchants Association: Kathy

We submitted a Small and Simple application for the "Airport Way Visioning Project". We hope to work with major stakeholders of this roadway and come up with a shared vision. We should here if we got funded by mid-November.

Our next meeting is November 7th. It's election day...remember to vote!

Community Council Elections: Robin

The Georgetown Council elections will be next month, during the November meeting. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the neighborhood. Robin asked officers to raise their hands and encouraged interested parties to contact any one of us to learn more.

Speaker: Representatives from Sabey Corporation

Sabey is the developer that purchased the Rainier Cold Storage property. The deal closed on October 6th. Several representatives were on hand and a power point presentation was given, showing who Sabey is, what they have done, and what they might do with the RCC property. Here are some highlights:

- Local company, 60 employees
- Listed core values, seven items, emphasized "they do what is right".
- Currently the own 3M square feet of property. RCC is 310,000 (roughly 1/10 of their holdings)
- Previous projects include 80 acres just south of Boeing Field, James Tower (Providence), 5th/Wall in Belltown, Park 90/5 (meat packing plant), Holgate Center by Home Depot, South Seattle Business Park.

- Rainier Cold built in 1884, 1903 Rainier merge, 1910 bottling capability added, 1916 prohibition and shut down.
- There are a lot of issues with this property, with the most serious being masonry that is not reinforced.
- Rendering: Image was downplayed (very eastside looking) and they use it as a talking point, showing people. They feel people are lacking and would like to invite them in.
- Sabey feels that as cutting edge as GT is, it is really old-fashion, very close-knit and neighborly. This was appealing to them.
- In the next six years, they would start working on the big buildings first (in about 2 ½ years). They'll work with the tenants, trying to retain them but also realizing it's not a perfect world.
- Some of the buildings on permafrost that is melting. Bedrock 12-25' is frozen and is slowly melting. Once it melts, stiff ground is lost and the building is unsecure. Cracks are evident now.
- Sabey working with KPFF (same structural engineer used on Providence) to assess situation.
- Worst case scenario is to rebuild the Stock House. Would save brick façade and rebuild consistent with design, perhaps offset from street.
- Q- What materials used for rebuild? Use materials from teardown, same bricks, etc...
- Q-What are their intentions? Maybe some residential (approximately 20 units), light industry, retail, some offices. Mixed use, like it is now, but cut back on storage. The fundamental mixed use wouldn't change.
- Q- For residential, do you need to rezone? Not necessarily. They are looking into all options.
- Q- What about a grocery store. They understand the need but don't think this property is ideal, with semis needing to load and unload. They do, however, have other ideas about a grocery store.
- Q- When will you know about the ground? 4-6 months. This situation is rather unique for our structural engineer. We should know in 4-6 months.

Announcements:

Upcoming Halloween events on October 28th

- FOGH tour starts at 6:30. Meet at Coliman Restaurant, ends at Christoff Gallery
- 9 lb Hammer costume contest
- Scooters grand opening party
- Castle having a costume ball
- Two Tartes open from 1- 4:00 pm for trick or treating.

Discussion: Spokane Sex Offender Housing Facility: Lindsey and Lauren

- Secure transition facility (SCTF) had 24 hour security, better use for money than a 24 hour cop outside.
- As members of the SCTF advisory board, Lindsey and Lauren's need to ask the community what we would like to see.
- Listed possibilities- database, phone tree, larger block watch program, quarterly updates. We voted and agreed with their suggestions.

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