

Rainier Beach Community Club

Since 1923, dedicated to preserving and improving Rainier Beach as a residential community

Clubhouse information line 725-6166 or 725-7391

January 1988

Garbage Burner Proposed in Tukwila

Mary Wleckowicz

King County recently added the Black River Quarry north of Longacres as a potential site for the county's garbage burner. This is in addition to Seattle's proposed burner at South Park. The quarry is east of Tukwila, east of 68th Avenue South, 1/4 mile south of Empire Way, and 3/4 mile north of the Renton Metro sewage treatment plant. The plume of gases from the stack would be in a direct line with Skyway and of course Rainier Beach, Lakeridge, Rainier Valley and Beacon Hill are all in line with the southerly flow of prevailing winds into the city.

The club at its December 15 meeting adopted the following resolution, without dissent: "The Rainier Beach Community Club opposes the construction of any garbage incinerator." The statement signed by President Davis was presented at the Foster High School public hearing December 16, which members Joe and Elaine Marley, Victor and Gerry Tarver, and Don Wleckowicz and I attended. (Sorry if I missed anybody.) An estimated 500 people were there despite the holidays and the fact that only residents in a 1-mile area were notified. All other sites had notice within a 6-mile radius.

The addition of the Tukwila site occurred in response to a written request by five members of the Seattle City Council that the county add a site near Seattle in the event Seattle decides not to go ahead with its proposed burner. The five city council members are: Jane Noland, Jim Street, George Benson, Delores Sibonga and Sam Smith.

- Comments on the county garbage burner should be directed to:
Tim Hill, County Executive
King County Courthouse
3d Ave and James St.
Seattle, WA 98104.

- Comments on the Seattle garbage burner to:
Virginia Galle, Chair
Environmental Management Committee
Municipal Building
Seattle WA 98104.

The environmental impact statement "scoping document" for Seattle's garbage burner is now available from the Seattle Engineering Department, 9th floor Municipal building. The draft report on environmental impacts is expected in April.

Last month Dr. Paul Connett, biochemistry professor at St. Lawrence Univ., New York, spoke in Seattle on the problems of garbage burning and toxic waste, sponsored by the South End Seattle Community Organization and Greenpeace. Terry McGuire's writeup from the South District Journal appears on the next page in case you missed it.

Feb. 9th Features Marquart

Newell Davis, President

The festivities are over, but we still wish you and yours the very best in '88. May it be a great year for Rainier Beach!

The next general meeting is Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. We invite you to meet personally the new South Precinct commander, Police Captain Donald Marquart. He knows his job and deserves our support. We also expect to have recommendations for action on the Waters Avenue median (Pilgrim to Prentice) and Sturtevant (Roxbury to Rainier). An inspection has been made by Tom Lattimore of the Southeast Effective Development group. Also planned for the meeting is something light.

Next board meeting is Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 p.m. at Agnes Webster's home. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Visitor blasts garbage incinerators

BY TERRY MCGUIRE

In Rockford, Illinois, the state's second-largest city, a two-man "Trash for Cash" team shifts through a pre-selected garbage can each week and awards the unknowing owner \$1,000 or more if they don't find recyclables inside.

In Hamburg, N.Y., residents are denied garbage pickup if they fail to pre-sort their trash.

And in San Rafael, Calif., the operator of the local recycling plant raises pigs and other farm animals on the food that consumers throw away.

Other communities are finding alternatives to their garbage problems instead of building incinerators, said Dr. Paul Connett, a professor of biochemistry at New



Paul Connett

York's St. Lawrence University.

He was in town last week urging Seattle residents to do the same. He hopes residents here will join in coalitions to fight garbage incinerators being proposed for Seattle and other Puget Sound communities.

Sporting a 'No incinerators' button, Connett spoke Thursday night on the hazards of garbage incineration to an audience of about 30 people at the Beacon Avenue United Church of Christ. His Seattle visit, consisting of several lectures and a debate, was sponsored by a citizen's donation of airfare and by the environmental organization, Greenpeace.

As head of a national coalition of

community groups called "Work on Waste," Connett says he has traveled the U.S. and Europe documenting successful recycling programs.

His investigation into solid waste solutions started several years ago when his college librarian asked his opinion of an incinerator being proposed for the surrounding community. Knowing nothing about incinerators, Connett investigated.

"I was alarmed at first by the safety issue," he recalled, "and then I (also) saw what a terrible waste (of resources) it is."

His message Thursday, in a 90-minute lecture interspersed with video segments, was that garbage incinerators are the worst solution to

the solid waste problem. They produce health-threatening emissions and ash, promote the waste of resources, and invite organized crime into the incineration monopoly, he said.

"Four tons of garbage produces one ton of ash, at least," Connett said. Ninety percent of that residue is bottom or grate ash, and the rest is fly ash that is supposed to be caught before it leaves the stack for the environment, he said.

The ash contains the extremely-toxic elements: furan and dioxin, among other acids and gasses, he said. In West Germany and Sweden, traces of the two already have been found in mother's breast milk, and at

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levels nearing safety margins, he said.

Though "we don't know what it means . . . we've clearly got a warning signal regarding dioxins and furans," Connett said.

"Even with all this (incinerator) equipment working properly, there may be long-term implications down the road," he said, adding that the better they get at catching the emissions, the more toxic the ash becomes when it is buried in the ground, possibly to leach.

Connett later ran down a list of readings taken at almost two dozen incinerators in the U.S., saying that

all the plants had failed their fly ash tests, while some also flunked the bottom ash tests.

A barge-load of incinerator ash that left Philadelphia more than a year ago is still in search of a home, the latest country, Panama, having turned it down, he said.

Connett said incinerators are no more than a political solution to the solid waste problem, and he said citizens should focus their anti-incinerator pressure on the top one of two politicians who favor the plants.

He said politicians became infatuated with incinerators in the 1970s as landfills disappeared, as the

energy crisis worsened, as more throwaway products developed, and as the construction engineering to replace the fading demand for nuclear power stations.

Incinerators are a "re-run of nuclear power stations," he said.

And when a crisis comes, a "magic machine (solution) is ideal for lazy politicians," Connett said.

He likened incinerators to the cuckoo bird in Europe, which lays its eggs in another bird's nest. Then, upon hatching, the young cuckoo pushes the other fledglings out. "Recycling, composting, and

other rational solutions are smashed out there on the ground," Connett said. "Big business, from the outside, is hatching (the incinerator) as the only solution to this landfill crisis."

Given the opportunity, Americans would turn to methods such as recycling and source separation much the way they turned to small cars when the energy crunch set in, Connett believes.

Incinerators are "a sick, short-term solution, at the very best," he said. "How long can we continue to burn our valuable resources on this planet?"

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
Financial Report

Corrected Balance in Checking Account on January 26, 1988 \$3797.08

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$670.00	
Rental Deposits	225.00	
Dues	5.00	
		\$ 900.00
Total Receipts		\$ 900.00
		\$4697.08
Working Capital		\$4697.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 21.80	
Fuel Oil	218.64	
Newsletter - Postage	26.40	
Building Repairs	5.93	
Custodial Service - 3 Months	375.00	
Transfer to Savings	1000.00	
		\$1647.77
Total Disbursements		\$1647.77

Balance in Checking Account on February 22, 1988 \$3049.00

SAVINGS	\$2168.90	
Transferred from Checking	1000.00	
		\$3168.90

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

passed out at February 23, 1988 Board meeting

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

January 26, 1988

Presiding: Vice President Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance; Eva Victor, Gerry Tarver, Agness Webster, Jeanette Joyner, Marie and Howard Wilson, Peter Broto, Howard Davenport, Mary Wiekowicz, Mona Sobottka, Stu Weiss, Joe Marley, Mike McCarty.

Howard Wilson reported on City plans for recycling household wastes. It was MSP to write a letter to the 11th and 37th District State Legislatures, Seattle City Council, Mayor of Seattle, King County Council, and the County Executive, stating the Resolution adopted at our December 15, 1987 General Meeting that the RBCC opposes construction of any garbage incinerator.

The Board recommends that for our March or April General Meeting we have a program on garbage incinerators and recycling and that Seattle City Councilman George Benson be a part of the program.. This was MSP. The committee to plan the program is Marie Wilson, Mary Wiekowicz, Mona Sobottka, and Peter Broto.

Howard Wilson reported on Waters Ave. median improvement. Tom Latimore, director of Seed, plans to look for sources to finance this.

Discussion on Kubota Gardens: MSP that a letter be written to Mayor Royer with copy to Acting Parks Superintendent C. M. Girtch stating that the RBCC at its November 10, 1987 General Meeting voted to strongly advocates that the whole Kubota Gardens be developed as a Japanese Garden consistent with the 4.5 acre core area.

Gerry Tarver reported that SESCO must move its offices from the Angeline St. church location by April since the building will be fully used by a Mexican organization. SESCO's new director is Dick McGuire.

Joe Marley will attend the Feb. 3, 1988 meeting of Seattle Planning Commission Workshop on the City's Neighborhood Planning and Assistance Program.

Peter Broto discussed the Club's income report required for our City of Seattle Business License Report. It was MSP that income figures for 1987 for the Business License Tax be determined by Treasurer Billie Jacobsen.

Mona Sobottka reported on the proposed Metro Transit transfer point on Henderson St. near Rainier Ave.

Eva Victor reported on the Women's Club Feb. 4th meeting.

It was MSP that the Board send a letter to Seattle Public Schools Superintendent requesting an accounting of the 1984 Bond issue funds and itemizing costs for the purchase, demolition, and lawyers and real estate fees for homes and/or property acquired so far and plans for future acquisitions.

Stuart Weiss
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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Financial Report

Balance in Checking Account on November 24, 1987 \$3189.75

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$1010.00	
Rental Deposits	145.00	
Dues	115.00	
Interest	30.71	
	Total Receipts	<u>\$1300.71</u>
	Working Capital	\$4490.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 49.05	
Telephone	67.07	
Fuel Oil	223.44	
Newsletter - Paper	23.99	
Newsletter - Postage	48.84	
Rental Deposit Refunds	235.00	
	Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 647.38</u>

Checking Account Balance on January 26, 1988 \$3842.08

Savings Account	\$2144.58	
Interest on Dec. 29, 1987	24.32	
		\$2168.90

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

Presented at 1-26-88 Board Meeting

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BE THERE! OUR UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TUES., FEB. 9, 7:30 P.M.

It's your chance to MEET AND HEAR FROM CAPT. DONALD MARQUART, NEW HEAD OF THE SOUTH DISTRICT POLICE PRECINCT. He is actively involved in eliminating all "crack houses" - an issue which has dominated our southend news and community concerns for the past year.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! Get an answer to your questions about crime.

Our Feb. 9th meeting at the clubhouse will include the latest news on improvements to the Waters Avenue median - and what's happening re Kubota Gardens. Dancers from the Rainier Dance Studio will provide special entertainment.

RIDE THE BUS? IMPORTANT MEETING ON METRO TRANSIT, Wed., Feb. 10, 7 p.m., in the community meeting room, South Precinct Police Station at 3001 S. Myrtle St. Up for discussion and input are major service and schedule changes for busses serving the southend. Learn what is being planned! (One important improvement affecting local residents could be a direct bus to South Center.) For those unable to attend Wed. night, another meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 11, at the Center Park facility, 2121 26th Ave. S. For further information contact Bob Carroll, METRO Community Relations Planner; he's at 684-1142.

STILL COMING UP! - A TOUR OF THE FLIGHT MUSEUM! Because no Saturday dates were available in February, this event has been moved to March. There's still time for you and your friends to participate. There's a \$4 admission to the museum. We'll share rides and plan to "go Dutch" for a meal at a Rainier Beach restaurant afterwards. Call Mona Sobottka at 725-4927 if you are interested.

BOARD ACTION (from Jan. 26 meeting)

KUBOTA GARDENS - Voted to write a letter to the City Council apprising them of the general membership's vote (Nov. 10, 1987) advocating that the whole Kubota Gardens property be developed

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as a Japanese garden, consistent with the 4.5 acre core garden. The Board is concerned that whatever is done should protect and enhance the garden. This is an irreplaceable treasure, precious to our community and this city. (Copy to Mayor Royer.)

"NO" TO GARBAGE BURNERS - Voted to inform our legislators in the 11th and 37th districts of the stand taken by our general membership when they voted to oppose the construction of ANY garbage incinerator. The resolution was adopted on Dec. 15 without dissent. Letters have already gone to Mayor Royer and the King County Council. Copies will be sent to all members of the City Council as well.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT - Voted to support our Education Committee's request for information from the Seattle School District on how the 1984 School Bond monies (\$64 million) have been spent to date. That committee is also interested in securing figures relative to the Power of Eminent Domain being used to obtain property for new school sites and/or for enlarging present sites -- also data on money spent for such acquisitions, site preparation, and fees to agents and lawyers.

SESCO PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY and Gerry Tarver informs us "folks to do phoning" in support of the drive are needed. If you can devote some time to help, contact SESCO at 722-0075. Individual memberships are \$15 a year.

POLITICAL CAUCUSES ON TUES., MARCH 8TH, the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Both Democrats and Republicans will be holding their precinct caucuses on this night. For that reason, our March general membership meeting will be held on the 15th. There'll be another newsletter before then to remind you of this change.

RBCC BOARD MEETING, FEB. 23, will be held at the clubhouse in front of the fireplace (and a blazing fire, we hope). Agnes Webster, our wonderful hostess for most board meetings (held in her home) has had a most difficult eye problem. To her our best wishes for a complete recovery soon!

Rainier Beach Community Club
6038 South Pilgrim
Seattle WA 98118

PSST! Did you know Mary and Don Wieckowicz have just returned from a trip to Mexico?

Or that Adele and our prexy, Newell Davis, are awaiting the arrival of a new grandchild?

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU ON THE 9TH - WITH COFFEE AND TEA READY - AND PERHAPS SOME GOODIES TOO!

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

General Meeting

February 9, 1988

Presiding: President Newell Davis

Attendance: About 40

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with a dancing performance by the Rainier Dance Studio.

Capt. Donald Marquart, new head of the South District Seattle Police Precinct, spoke on police activities and answered questions from the audience.

Earl Huffaker reported on the City's progress in work and maintenance for Kubota Gardens.

Mona Sobottka reported on the proposed Metro Transit transfer point at Rainier Ave. and S. Henderson St. She also described the Club's tour of the Flight Museum on March 5, 1988.

It was MSP to suspend reading the minutes of the Dec. 15, 1987 General Meeting.

Newell Davis reported on the Waters Ave. median improvements. SEED is requesting the Seattle Engineering Dept. to explore this with the RBCC.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

61ST AVE. SO. & SO. PILGRIM ST.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98118

John W.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

6606 S. Cooper St.
Seattle, Wash. 98118
February 7th, 1988

(appropriate salutation inserted)

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We understood that the City Council acted to acquire the 20 acres in order to "save the gardens." We hailed the Council's action as (1) an affirmation of this property's "specialness" and (2) Council recognition that the area surrounding the 4.5-acre core gardens was of paramount importance to enhance, support, and protect the more highly-developed garden spaces.

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We agree with the writer who saw the 20-acre site "not as a park but as a VALUABLE HORTICULTURAL GARDEN AND PASSIVE RETREAT which needs to be treated with respect." What a wonderful legacy! Let's not muck it up.

We trust you will understand and respect our concerns - and act in the very best interests of our communities, our city, and all the people who will appreciate and enjoy KUBOTA GARDENS through the years. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD

Corresponding Secretary

RBCC Bd./mw

*sent to Mayor R
& each City Council member
blind copy to Tom Rasmussen, Council staff*

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

February 23, 1988

Presiding: Pres. Newell Davis

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Stu Weiss, Newell Davis, Howard and Marie Wilson, Gerry Tarver, Mike McCarty, Joe Marley, Mona Sobottka.

Minutes of the Jan. 26, 1988 Board Meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the Feb. 9, 1988 General Meeting were read and no one had comments.

Marie Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, reported on her letter to elected officials on garbage incinerators. She also read her Kubota Gardens letter to the Seattle City Council members.

Newell Davis read a letter to the RBOC from South Seattle Crime Prevention Council asking for our assistance. It was MSP that we participate in the Community Advisory Committee of the Council - and that we will try to find a Club member to represent us on the Council.

Newell passed out copies of the Treasurer's Report. He explained that we now have one church group renting the Clubhouse. A committee was formed, Howard Wilson, Mona Sobottka, and Mike McCarty, to discuss with the custodian alternative methods of housekeeping and rental arrangements.

The proposed Kubota Gardens Estate subdivision, Project 8708509, at 9734-51st Ave. S. was discussed. It was MSP, resolved, to write a letter of concern to Holly Miller, Director, Department of Construction and Land Use, submitting reasons for not granting the proposed subdivision which violates the SF 7200 zoning. Copies will be sent to all City Council members. Joe Marley, Mary Wieckowicz, Howard and Marie Wilson, and Newell Davis will prepare the letter.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Financial Report

Corrected Balance in Checking Account on February 22, 1988

\$3049.31

February report indicated \$3049.00

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$1005.00
Rental Deposits	300.00
Dues	5.00
Interest	14.48

Total Receipts	<u>1324.48</u>
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Working Capital	\$4373.79
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DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 49.05
Lights	67.49
Utilities	32.16
Telephone	103.02
Newsletter Postage	33.00
Deposit Refunds	300.00
Building Maintenance	37.50
Custodial Service - March	125.00

Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 751.22</u>
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Balance in Checking Account on April 11, 1988

\$3622.57

Savings

\$3168.90

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

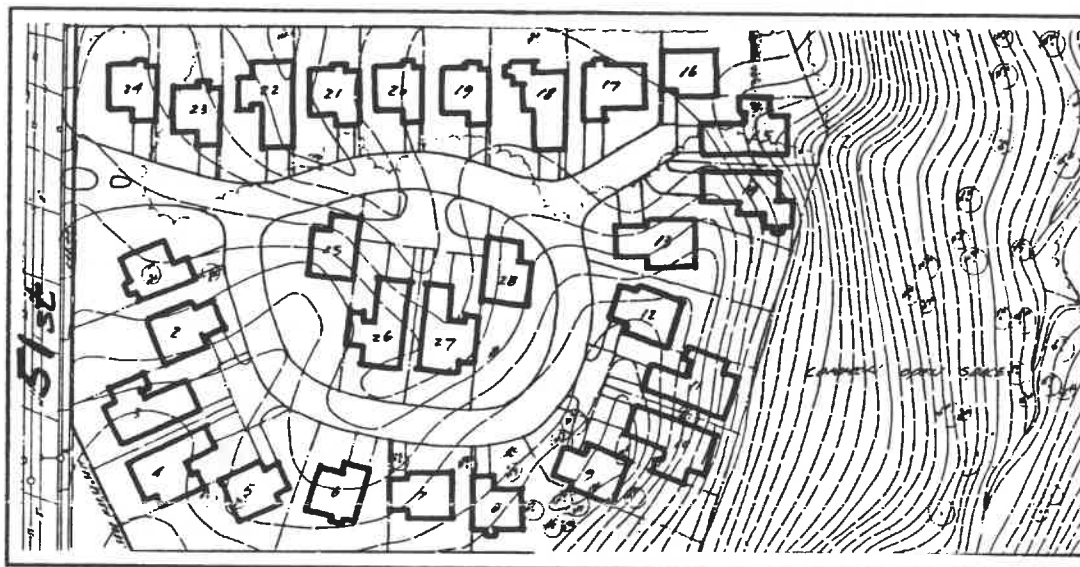
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From the President

We thank Capt. Donald Marquart for taking his personal time to advise us of his role as South Precinct Captain. One way we can help is to make use of the 723-CLUE number (see next page). Members are also encouraged to participate in Block Watch programs. If there is none in your area, or if yours needs revitalizing, call 684-7555. There is no cost, and these programs are truly effective.

We also thank Donna Lind and the Rainier Beach Dance Studio performers for an entertaining dance review at our February meeting that lightened an otherwise serious agenda. And welcome to new/renewing members Siri Bardarson, Bill Chapman and Sylvia Llewellyn! (next page)

March 15 Program: "Kubota Estates"

Once again, a revised housing development proposal is being brought to the community for the undeveloped five acres adjacent to Kubota Gardens (9734 51st S). We know it will require 'variances.' Dujardin-Fowler's past proposal from 1985-86 is shown in the accompanying map. Come to the meeting to learn details. The developer's agent Terry Harris will be there. **This meeting is the third Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 PM,** delayed a week because of party caucuses. The clubhouse is located at 6038 South Pilgrim.

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It is the opinion of your President the the club should take a very active part and not only pick up on an already accepted program but protect our identity as a strong residential community in the process. If the membership sees benefit in the 15 point crime prevention program already underway, please be prepared to support a vote at the next meeting. It will also take personal commitment and an active committee.

Finally, regarding the Waters Avenue median, the Seattle Engineering Dept has received a letter from the club requesting cooperation and a discussion meeting on the problem of turning this 'eyesore' into a greenbelt of acceptable quality. We will keep you informed.

Newell Davis, Pres.

Public Meeting: The Future of Kubota Gardens

Seattle Parks and Recreation will give a short presentation and solicit local residents' opinions on how the 20 acre Kubota Horticultural Gardens should be developed. **Time and place: March 10 (Thurs) 7-8:45 PM at the Rainier Beach Library.** At issue: pressures to develop this land in other than a Northwest Japanese-style. Read the enclosed letter explaining the position adopted by our general membership at a recent meeting. All area residents are urged to attend and express their views.

Museum of Flight Tour March 5

Meet at the clubhouse, 10:30 AM, to convoy to Boeing Field. Tour starts at 11. Admission \$4 or by membership pass. At 1 or 1:30 the group will adjourn to the Hook, Line and Sinker Restaurant for a no-host lunch.

In planning stages: tour of Kuzak Glass Works.

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COUNCIL TO REDUCE CRIME IN OUR AREA

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723-CLUE**
"NO CLUE TOO SMALL"

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Street Dealing, Graffiti,
Car Prowls, Abandoned Cars,
Abandoned Buildings, Etc.....

OR TO
VOLUNTEER:

- Hot-Line Operators
- Committee Work
- Community Clean-Up
- Clerical Support
- Legal Issues
- Financial Support



March 1989
newsletter

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9744 - 61st S.
Seattle, Wn. 98118
March 10, 1988

Mr. C. M. Girtch, Acting Superintendent
Seattle Dept. of Parks & Recreation
100 Dexter Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Girtch,

At the March 3 meeting of the RAINIER BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB there was considerable interest and conversation re the future of KUBOTA GARDENS. Also, we were informed that there would be a meeting for public input on Thursday evening, March 10th.

A letter written by our Rainier Beach Community Club was read. This letter had been sent to the Mayor and all members of the Seattle City Council.

After a brief discussion among our members, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, supporting the Community Club's stand and urging "that the entire Kubota Gardens property (acquired by the city) be devoted to Japanese-style gardens with the acreage surrounding the 4.5-acre 'core gardens' used for their enhancement, protection, and support." It was further decided that our stand should be reported at the March 10th meeting as input from our organization.

We think this area should be designated as "gardens" -- not "park" -- and we hope that the area's uniqueness will give it a very special status and consideration.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect, enhance, and support a lovely area that is rare and probably not seen in any other urban setting.

We hope it will be dealt with gently and wisely.

Sincerely,

RAINIER BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

(signed)

Eva Victor, President

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RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

General Meeting

March 15, 1988

Presiding: Pres. Newell Davis

Attendance: About 50

Isabelle and Howard Davenport hosted this meeting.

Pres. Davis opened the meeting with the flag salute. He introduced Terry Harris and Bill Fowler representing the Dujardin Development Company. They explained the proposed Kubota Gardens Estate subdivision at 9734 - 51st Ave. S. Application 8708509. Following questions and answers with the audience, the speakers departed.

Joe Marley discussed land use considerations for this proposed plat. It was MSP unanimously that the RBCC opposes this variance and plat. A draft letter to DCLU by Joe Marley was read.

Newell Davis reported on his phone conference with Seattle Engineering Dept. Director Gary Zarcher on the Waters Ave. median improvement. A Department representative will meet with Newell and a community committee at the Clubhouse - 1 P.M. March 22, 1988.

Newell reported that Dave Merrill, RBCC member, will be the Club's representative to the South Seattle Crime Prevention Council.

Reading of the February 9, 1988 General Meeting minutes was suspended.

Stu Weiss reported on land use application for an eight lot short subdivision at 11250 Renton Ave. S. Also reported was a special exception request to allow parking in the front of a proposed commercial - apartment structure at 9099 Seward Park Ave. S. It was MSP to oppose this special exception and request the City to not allow parking in front of the proposed structure.

Stuart Weiss

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LAND USE DIVISION

6615 South Bangor
Seattle, Wa. 98178
March 18, 1988

Holly Miller, Director
Department of Construction and Land Use
503 Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: Kubota Estates
9734 51st. Ave. So.
Application #8708509
Ref. Application 8601261

Dear Holly Miller:

The Rainier Beach Community Club hosted a presentation to the community by Mr. Terre Harris of Harris Associates and Mr. Bill Fowler of Dujardin-Fowler to permit community review of the development plan represented by application 8708509. The presentation focused on the developer's inability to negotiate financing for a Clustered Housing Planned Development approved by DCLU as application 8601261, and the determination to seek variance allowing less than minimum easement width and full subdivision creating 28 parcels of land.

The property is zoned RS7200.

Property survey maps on file with the application show the property to be comprised of 204,051 square feet and that 60,995 square feet will be dedicated to the City of Seattle Parks Department.

Following consideration of the developer's presentation, the Rainier Beach Community Club membership voted to unanimously oppose the application on the following grounds:

1. Decisions relative to zoning or variance requests should not be established based on accessible financing for a single project. Such considerations may be influenced by a financial institutions policies, practices, or procedures unrelated to the feasibility of the proposal, e.g. redlining.

2. Special Case Planned Developments is an issue this community fought by joining with the Seattle Neighborhood Coalition in seeking to repeal Planned Developments: Special Case Policy. It was a two-year citizen effort culminating in repeal of that policy and approval of the Clustered Housing Planned Development Policy.

3. Granting of the variance would tell developers that Seattle has no established and predictable policy governing single family residential zones. It would tell neighborhoods that they are not single family neighborhoods and that there is no predictability to their neighborhood's development.

4. There is no provision in code for clustering detached single family homes other than the Clustered Housing Planned Development Policy.

5. There are no changed circumstances in our neighborhood warranting favorable consideration of this request for variance.

6. The project, if approved outside the provisions of the Clustered Housing Planned Development code provisions, would have significant adverse environmental impacts which would not reasonably be mitigated and should be rejected using the authority granted under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

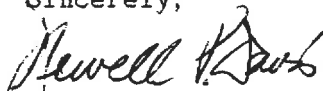
7. The developer's intent, documented by Horton Dennis & Associates Surveys, to deed 60,995 square feet to the City of Seattle Parks Department, is an inappropriate inclusion of data intended to solicit variance consideration (in the view of the Rainier Beach Community Club). We also believe the footage should be excluded from calculations of allowable sites

8. The smallest proposed site would be 3,519 square feet; the largest site would be 6,446 square feet. No site would meet RS7200 standards.

Rainier Beach Community Club asks that the requested variance be denied. We also want to bring to the attention of DCLU that four new single family homes have been built near this property in 1987, one new home is under construction, and nine new single family homes are planned within a block of the Kubota Estates site.

Rainier Beach Community Club will appeal DCLU's decision should the department choose to grant the variance.

Sincerely;



Newell Davis, President

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

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Executive Board Meeting

March 22, 1988

Presiding: Pres. Newell Davis

Held at home of Newell Davis

Attendance: Mona Sobottka, Howard Davenport, Howard and Marie Wilson, Newell Davis, Stu Weiss.

Minutes of the February 23, 1988 Board meeting were read and approved.

Marie Wilson reported on the March 10, 1988 Public Meeting on Kubota Gardens Development sponsored by the Seattle Parks Department and held at the Rainier Beach Library. She received a list of speakers from Rick Nishi, Park Dept. Planner, as she had requested.

The Club's letter to Department of Construction and Land Use, DOLU, dated March 18, 1988, opposing the proposed plat and subdivision at 9734 - 51st Ave. S. was read.

Marie also read a draft of the letter to DCLU requesting that the special exception which would allow parking in front of a structure proposed at 9099 Seward Park Ave. S. not be approved.

The Program for April 12, 1988 General Meeting was discussed. Seattle City Councilman George Benson will be invited to speak on garbage and recycling.

Nominations for 1988 -89 officers and trustees were discussed. They will be announced at the April 12, 1988 General Meeting.

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**BE THERE! OUR UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING -
Tues. April 12, 7:30 P.M.**

MEET MRS. JEAN WITT, ACTING VICE-PRINCIPAL AT RAINIER BEACH HIGH SCHOOL. Learn firsthand about activities, administration, successes and needs; possible videotape of recent student athletic awards.

Refreshments and fellowship from 7-7:30 PM; short business meeting, including time for Steve Aral of Historic Seattle and Elizabeth Yates of Lakewood-Seward Park neighborhood to answer questions on the controversial Martha Washington proposal (see fact sheet); then Mrs. Witt.

From the President

We are delighted to announce that the club's annual scholarship to a Rainier Beach High School graduating senior will this year be increased to \$500. Last year's recipient, Eric Barnes, indicates he's working hard at the University of Washington completing requirements before specializing in aeronautical engineering.

Thank you Howard and Isabelle Davenport for providing the treats and serving as hosts at the March meeting. Thank you also Mike McCarty for your continued work maintaining and fixing the club facility. Just like at home, something always seems to need attention, and Mike's always there.

A reminder again that Block Watch is considered the best residential protection. If interested in starting a new one or updating an existing one, call Stan Locke at the Seattle Police Dept 684-7555.

Finally, I regret to report that the 'old-fashioned melodrama' has failed to materialize as planned. The efforts so far will not be disbanded, however. By the way, if you know of any theater group that may be interested in using our stage, let me know.

Newell Davis, Pres.

Trouble in Paradise

Kubota Estates - Members at the March meeting voted to oppose a variance to allow 28 small lots on 3.5 acres adjacent to Kubota Gardens, which would create high density in an RS 7200 zone.

7-11 property - Voted at the same meeting to oppose a variance requested on Seward Park Ave between the 7-11 store and Lakeshore Apts for parking in front of a proposed mixed use building rather than in the rear as required under existing zoning.

In addition, urgent action was undertaken by the board, after a phone poll, to oppose the Dept. of Correction's desire to use the Buckner Center in the Columbia City area for pre-release prisoners. In the past this center was used to rehabilitate injured workers. The letter to Governor Gardner cited the overburdening of Rainier Valley and Beacon Hill areas with at least 14 special facilities sited by state, county or city agencies. "We stand ready to support some 'positive' plan for using such valuable in-city property like: a commercial business park for small outlets, a community college extension or any other use that upgrades the area."

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Progress on Waters Eyesore

Jerry D. Clark, city arborist from the engineering dept, met for two hours with club officers Davis, Wilson and Weiss plus members Doris Dean, Jane Harries and Joe Kristoff. The city agrees there is a legitimate complaint. The push by Willie Gray and homeowners along Waters Ave who came forward with a petition, plus a letter from this body to the city engineering department and Gary Zarker brought this about. Mr. Clark and arborist staff will develop plans with a committee consisting of H. Davenport (chair), Gray, Kristoff, Dean and Harries. All affected residents are invited to become involved.

Nominations for 88-89

The slate of officers presented to the membership for ratification at the May meeting is as follows. Additional nominations from the floor of course will be accepted.

President: Newell Davis
Vice-pres. Howard Wilson
Recording secy: Stuart Weiss
Corres. secy: Marie Wilson
Treasurer: Billie Jacobson
Trustees (thru 91): Howard Davenport
Mona Sobottka
Bob Ridder

SESCO Report

Gerry Tarver

SESCO has moved! Our new address: Columbia Congregational Church, 3902 S Ferdinand.

A pancake-eggs-ham breakfast at St Edward's Parish Hall Sunday, April 17, at 10 AM and at noon, will raise money for the Crime Prevention Council. Highlights of progress so far: lobbying efforts helped pass five legislative measures dealing with crime control or prevention; three high-crime areas identified by the Crime Prevention Council and police have been cleaned out. Work continues.

A SESCO committee is meeting independently and with a confederation of organizations with the goal of getting less dangerous and less expensive solutions to the garbage problem than burning. Much can be done. One example - the Univ. of Wash. has instituted a campus-wide ban on styrofoam. We need incentives to reduce waste generation, mandatory recycling, incentives for recycling. Curbside recycling will not be fully implemented in Seattle until June, yet in October the city council plans to decide on a burner!

Spring Luncheon

The Rainier Beach Women's Club announces a spring salad luncheon on Thurs., May 5. For information, call Marie Wilson 722-4885.

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Garbage Burner Proposed in Tukwila

Mary Wleckowicz

King County recently added the Black River Quarry north of Longacres as a potential site for the county's garbage burner. This is in addition to Seattle's proposed burner at South Park. The quarry is east of Tukwila, east of 68th Avenue South, 1/4 mile south of Empire Way, and 3/4 mile north of the Renton Metro sewage treatment plant. The plume of gases from the stack would be in a direct line with Skyway and of course Rainier Beach, Lakeridge, Rainier Valley and Beacon Hill are all in line with the southerly flow of prevailing winds into the city.

The club at its December 15 meeting adopted the following resolution, without dissent: "The Rainier Beach Community Club opposes the construction of any garbage incinerator." The statement signed by President Davis was presented at the Foster High School public hearing December 16, which members Joe and Elaine Marley, Victor and Gerry Tarver, and Don Wleckowicz and I attended. (Sorry if I missed anybody.) An estimated 500 people were there despite the holidays and the fact that only residents in a 1-mile area were notified. All other sites had notice within a 6-mile radius.

The addition of the Tukwila site occurred in response to a written request by five members of the Seattle City Council that the county add a site near Seattle in the event Seattle decides not to go ahead with its proposed burner. The five city council members are: Jane Noland, Jim Street, George Benson, Delores Sibonga and Sam Smith.

- Comments on the county garbage burner should be directed to:
Tim Hill, County Executive
King County Courthouse
3d Ave and James St.
Seattle, WA 98104.

- Comments on the Seattle garbage burner to:
Virginia Galle, Chair
Environmental Management Committee
Municipal Building
Seattle WA 98104.

The environmental impact statement "scoping document" for Seattle's garbage burner is now available from the Seattle Engineering Department, 9th floor Municipal building. The draft report on environmental impacts is expected in April.

Last month Dr. Paul Connett, biochemistry professor at St. Lawrence Univ., New York, spoke in Seattle on the problems of garbage burning and toxic waste, sponsored by the South End Seattle Community Organization and Greenpeace. Terry McGuire's writeup from the South District Journal appears on the next page in case you missed it.

Feb. 9th Features Marquart

Newell Davis, President

The festivities are over, but we still wish you and yours the very best in '88. May it be a great year for Rainier Beach!

The next general meeting is Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. We invite you to meet personally the new South Precinct commander, Police Captain Donald Marquart. He knows his job and deserves our support. We also expect to have recommendations for action on the Waters Avenue median (Pilgrim to Prentice) and Sturtevant (Roxbury to Rainier). An inspection has been made by Tom Lattimore of the Southeast Effective Development group. Also planned for the meeting is something light.

Next board meeting is Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 p.m. at Agnes Webster's home. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Visitor blasts garbage incinerators

BY TERRY MCGUIRE

In Rockford, Illinois, the state's second-largest city, a two-man "Trash for Cash" team shifts through a pre-selected garbage can each week and awards the unknowing owner \$1,000 or more if they don't find recyclables inside.

In Hamburg, N.Y., residents are denied garbage pickup if they fail to pre-sort their trash.

And in San Rafael, Calif., the operator of the local recycling plant raises pigs and other farm animals on the food that consumers throw away.

Other communities are finding alternatives to their garbage problems instead of building incinerators, said Dr. Paul Connett, a professor of biochemistry at New



Paul Connett

York's St. Lawrence University.

He was in town last week urging Seattle residents to do the same. He hopes residents here will join in coalitions to fight garbage incinerators being proposed for Seattle and other Puget Sound communities.

Sporting a 'No incinerators' button, Connett spoke Thursday night on the hazards of garbage incineration to an audience of about 30 people at the Beacon Avenue United Church of Christ. His Seattle visit, consisting of several lectures and a debate, was sponsored by a citizen's donation of airfare and by the environmental organization, Greenpeace.

As head of a national coalition of

community groups called "Work on Waste," Connett says he has traveled the U.S. and Europe documenting successful recycling programs.

His investigation into solid waste solutions started several years ago when his college librarian asked his opinion of an incinerator being proposed for the surrounding community. Knowing nothing about incinerators, Connett investigated.

"I was alarmed at first by the safety issue," he recalled, "and then I (also) saw what a terrible waste (of resources) it is."

His message Thursday, in a 90-minute lecture interspersed with video segments, was that garbage incinerators are the worst solution to

the solid waste problem. They produce health-threatening emissions and ash, promote the waste of resources, and invite organized crime into the incineration monopoly, he said.

"Four tons of garbage produces one ton of ash, at least," Connett said. Ninety percent of that residue is bottom or grate ash, and the rest is fly ash that is supposed to be caught before it leaves the stack for the environment, he said.

The ash contains the extremely-toxic elements: furan and dioxin, among other acids and gasses, he said. In West Germany and Sweden, traces of the two already have been found in mother's breast milk, and at

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levels nearing safety margins, he said.

Though "we don't know what it means . . . we've clearly got a warning signal regarding dioxins and furans," Connett said.

"Even with all this (incinerator) equipment working properly, there may be long-term implications down the road," he said, adding that the better they get at catching the emissions, the more toxic the ash becomes when it is buried in the ground, possibly to leach.

Connett later ran down a list of readings taken at almost two dozen incinerators in the U.S., saying that

all the plants had failed their fly ash tests, while some also flunked the bottom ash tests.

A barge-load of incinerator ash that left Philadelphia more than a year ago is still in search of a home, the latest country, Panama, having turned it down, he said.

Connett said incinerators are no more than a political solution to the solid waste problem, and he said citizens should focus their anti-incinerator pressure on the top one of two politicians who favor the plants.

He said politicians became infatuated with incinerators in the 1970s as landfills disappeared, as the

energy crisis worsened, as more throwaway products developed, and as the construction engineering to replace the fading demand for nuclear power stations.

Incinerators are a "re-run of nuclear power stations," he said.

And when a crisis comes, a "magic machine (solution) is ideal for lazy politicians," Connett said.

He likened incinerators to the cuckoo bird in Europe, which lays its eggs in another bird's nest. Then, upon hatching, the young cuckoo pushes the other fledglings out. "Recycling, composting, and

other rational solutions are smashed out there on the ground," Connett said. "Big business, from the outside, is hatching (the incinerator) as the only solution to this landfill crisis."

Given the opportunity, Americans would turn to methods such as recycling and source separation much the way they turned to small cars when the energy crunch set in, Connett believes.

Incinerators are "a sick, short-term solution, at the very best," he said. "How long can we continue to burn our valuable resources on this planet?"

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
Financial Report

Corrected Balance in Checking Account on January 26, 1988 \$3797.08

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$670.00	
Rental Deposits	225.00	
Dues	5.00	
		\$ 900.00
Total Receipts		\$ 900.00
		\$4697.08
Working Capital		\$4697.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 21.80	
Fuel Oil	218.64	
Newsletter - Postage	26.40	
Building Repairs	5.93	
Custodial Service - 3 Months	375.00	
Transfer to Savings	1000.00	
		\$1647.77
Total Disbursements		\$1647.77

Balance in Checking Account on February 22, 1988 \$3049.00

SAVINGS	\$2168.90	
Transferred from Checking	1000.00	
		\$3168.90

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

passed out at February 23, 1988 Board meeting

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

January 26, 1988

Presiding: Vice President Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance; Eva Victor, Gerry Tarver, Agness Webster, Jeanette Joyner, Marie and Howard Wilson, Peter Broto, Howard Davenport, Mary Wiekowicz, Mona Sobottka, Stu Weiss, Joe Marley, Mike McCarty.

Howard Wilson reported on City plans for recycling household wastes. It was MSP to write a letter to the 11th and 37th District State Legislatures, Seattle City Council, Mayor of Seattle, King County Council, and the County Executive, stating the Resolution adopted at our December 15, 1987 General Meeting that the RBCC opposes construction of any garbage incinerator.

The Board recommends that for our March or April General Meeting we have a program on garbage incinerators and recycling and that Seattle City Councilman George Benson be a part of the program.. This was MSP. The committee to plan the program is Marie Wilson, Mary Wiekowicz, Mona Sobottka, and Peter Broto.

Howard Wilson reported on Waters Ave. median improvement. Tom Latimore, director of Seed, plans to look for sources to finance this.

Discussion on Kubota Gardens: MSP that a letter be written to Mayor Royer with copy to Acting Parks Superintendent C. M. Girtch stating that the RBCC at its November 10, 1987 General Meeting voted to strongly advocates that the whole Kubota Gardens be developed as a Japanese Garden consistent with the 4.5 acre core area.

Gerry Tarver reported that SESCO must move its offices from the Angeline St. church location by April since the building will be fully used by a Mexican organization. SESCO's new director is Dick McGuire.

Joe Marley will attend the Feb. 3, 1988 meeting of Seattle Planning Commission Workshop on the City's Neighborhood Planning and Assistance Program.

Peter Broto discussed the Club's income report required for our City of Seattle Business License Report. It was MSP that income figures for 1987 for the Business License Tax be determined by Treasurer Billie Jacobsen.

Mona Sobottka reported on the proposed Metro Transit transfer point on Henderson St. near Rainier Ave.

Eva Victor reported on the Women's Club Feb. 4th meeting.

It was MSP that the Board send a letter to Seattle Public Schools Superintendent requesting an accounting of the 1984 Bond issue funds and itemizing costs for the purchase, demolition, and lawyers and real estate fees for homes and/or property acquired so far and plans for future acquisitions.

Stuart Weiss
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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Financial Report

Balance in Checking Account on November 24, 1987 \$3189.75

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$1010.00	
Rental Deposits	145.00	
Dues	115.00	
Interest	30.71	

Total Receipts \$1300.71

Working Capital \$4490.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 49.05
Telephone	67.07
Fuel Oil	223.44
Newsletter - Paper	23.99
Newsletter - Postage	48.84
Rental Deposit Refunds	235.00

Total Disbursements \$ 647.38

Checking Account Balance on January 26, 1988 \$3842.08

Savings Account \$2144.58

Interest on Dec. 29, 1987 24.32

\$2168.90

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

Presented at 1-26-88 Board Meeting

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February 1988

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BE THERE! OUR UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TUES., FEB. 9, 7:30 P.M.

It's your chance to MEET AND HEAR FROM CAPT. DONALD MARQUART, NEW HEAD OF THE SOUTH DISTRICT POLICE PRECINCT. He is actively involved in eliminating all "crack houses" - an issue which has dominated our southend news and community concerns for the past year.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! Get an answer to your questions about crime.

Our Feb. 9th meeting at the clubhouse will include the latest news on improvements to the Waters Avenue median - and what's happening re Kubota Gardens. Dancers from the Rainier Dance Studio will provide special entertainment.

RIDE THE BUS? IMPORTANT MEETING ON METRO TRANSIT, Wed., Feb. 10, 7 p.m., in the community meeting room, South Precinct Police Station at 3001 S. Myrtle St. Up for discussion and input are major service and schedule changes for busses serving the southend. Learn what is being planned! (One important improvement affecting local residents could be a direct bus to South Center.) For those unable to attend Wed. night, another meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 11, at the Center Park facility, 2121 26th Ave. S. For further information contact Bob Carroll, METRO Community Relations Planner; he's at 684-1142.

STILL COMING UP! - A TOUR OF THE FLIGHT MUSEUM! Because no Saturday dates were available in February, this event has been moved to March. There's still time for you and your friends to participate. There's a \$4 admission to the museum. We'll share rides and plan to "go Dutch" for a meal at a Rainier Beach restaurant afterwards. Call Mona Sobottka at 725-4927 if you are interested.

BOARD ACTION (from Jan. 26 meeting)

KUBOTA GARDENS - Voted to write a letter to the City Council apprising them of the general membership's vote (Nov. 10, 1987) advocating that the whole Kubota Gardens property be developed

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as a Japanese garden, consistent with the 4.5 acre core garden. The Board is concerned that whatever is done should protect and enhance the garden. This is an irreplaceable treasure, precious to our community and this city. (Copy to Mayor Royer.)

"NO" TO GARBAGE BURNERS - Voted to inform our legislators in the 11th and 37th districts of the stand taken by our general membership when they voted to oppose the construction of ANY garbage incinerator. The resolution was adopted on Dec. 15 without dissent. Letters have already gone to Mayor Royer and the King County Council. Copies will be sent to all members of the City Council as well.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT - Voted to support our Education Committee's request for information from the Seattle School District on how the 1984 School Bond monies (\$64 million) have been spent to date. That committee is also interested in securing figures relative to the Power of Eminent Domain being used to obtain property for new school sites and/or for enlarging present sites -- also data on money spent for such acquisitions, site preparation, and fees to agents and lawyers.

SESCO PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY and Gerry Tarver informs us "folks to do phoning" in support of the drive are needed. If you can devote some time to help, contact SESO at 722-0075. Individual memberships are \$15 a year.

POLITICAL CAUCUSES ON TUES., MARCH 8TH, the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Both Democrats and Republicans will be holding their precinct caucuses on this night. For that reason, our March general membership meeting will be held on the 15th. There'll be another newsletter before then to remind you of this change.

RBCC BOARD MEETING, FEB. 23, will be held at the clubhouse in front of the fireplace (and a blazing fire, we hope). Agnes Webster, our wonderful hostess for most board meetings (held in her home) has had a most difficult eye problem. To her our best wishes for a complete recovery soon!

**Rainier Beach Community Club
6038 South Pilgrim
Seattle WA 98118**

PSST! Did you know Mary and Don Wieckowicz have just returned from a trip to Mexico?

Or that Adele and our prexy, Newell Davis, are awaiting the arrival of a new grandchild?

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU ON THE 9TH - WITH COFFEE AND TEA READY - AND PERHAPS SOME GOODIES TOO!

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

General Meeting

February 9, 1988

Presiding: President Newell Davis

Attendance: About 40

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with a dancing performance by the Rainier Dance Studio.

Capt. Donald Marquart, new head of the South District Seattle Police Precinct, spoke on police activities and answered questions from the audience.

Earl Huffaker reported on the City's progress in work and maintenance for Kubota Gardens.

Mona Sobottka reported on the proposed Metro Transit transfer point at Rainier Ave. and S. Henderson St. She also described the Club's tour of the Flight Museum on March 5, 1988.

It was MSP to suspend reading the minutes of the Dec. 15, 1987 General Meeting.

Newell Davis reported on the Waters Ave. median improvements. SEED is requesting the Seattle Engineering Dept. to explore this with the RBCC.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

61ST AVE. SO. & SO. PILGRIM ST.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98118

John W.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

6606 S. Cooper St.
Seattle, Wash. 98118
February 7th, 1988

(appropriate salutation inserted)

KUBOTA GARDENS

At our January meeting the Board voted to send a letter to all members of the City Council and to the mayor urging that the entire Kubota Gardens property (acquired by the city) be devoted to Japanese-style gardens with the acreage surrounding the 4.5-acre "core gardens" used for their enhancement, protection, and support.

Our action in doing this reinforces and supports the stand on Kubota Gardens taken by our general membership (moved and passed without dissent on Nov. 10, 1987).

We are feeling concern about the future of Kubota Gardens! It seems to us that a planning process which encourages or allows the possibility of other uses for the Kubota Gardens property (that which lies outside the 4.5-acre core garden area) is inappropriate, wasteful, and confusing.

We understood that the City Council acted to acquire the 20 acres in order to "save the gardens." We hailed the Council's action as (1) an affirmation of this property's "specialness" and (2) Council recognition that the area surrounding the 4.5-acre core gardens was of paramount importance to enhance, support, and protect the more highly-developed garden spaces.

We believe that considering other options IS NOT APPROPRIATE, will mean needless, useless expense and delay, and could distort and confuse the very valid reasons for purchasing the entire 20-acre site in the first place.

We agree with the writer who saw the 20-acre site "not as a park but as a VALUABLE HORTICULTURAL GARDEN AND PASSIVE RETREAT which needs to be treated with respect." What a wonderful legacy! Let's not muck it up.

We trust you will understand and respect our concerns - and act in the very best interests of our communities, our city, and all the people who will appreciate and enjoy KUBOTA GARDENS through the years. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD

Corresponding Secretary

RBCC Bd./mw

*sent to Mayor R
& each City Council member
blind copy to Tom Reemerson, Council staff*

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Presiding: Pres. Newell Davis

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Stu Weiss, Newell Davis, Howard and Marie Wilson, Gerry Tarver, Mike McCarty, Joe Marley, Mona Sobottka.

Minutes of the Jan. 26, 1988 Board Meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the Feb. 9, 1988 General Meeting were read and no one had comments.

Marie Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, reported on her letter to elected officials on garbage incinerators. She also read her Kubota Gardens letter to the Seattle City Council members.

Newell Davis read a letter to the RBOC from South Seattle Crime Prevention Council asking for our assistance. It was MSP that we participate in the Community Advisory Committee of the Council - and that we will try to find a Club member to represent us on the Council.

Newell passed out copies of the Treasurer's Report. He explained that we now have one church group renting the Clubhouse. A committee was formed, Howard Wilson, Mona Sobottka, and Mike McCarty, to discuss with the custodian alternative methods of housekeeping and rental arrangements.

The proposed Kubota Gardens Estate subdivision, Project 8708509, at 9734-51st Ave. S. was discussed. It was MSP, resolved, to write a letter of concern to Holly Miller, Director, Department of Construction and Land Use, submitting reasons for not granting the proposed subdivision which violates the SF 7200 zoning. Copies will be sent to all City Council members. Joe Marley, Mary Wieckowicz, Howard and Marie Wilson, and Newell Davis will prepare the letter.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
Financial Report

Corrected Balance in Checking Account on February 22, 1988 \$3049.31
February report indicated \$3049.00

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$1005.00	
Rental Deposits	300.00	
Dues	5.00	
Interest	14.48	
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Total Receipts		<u>1324.48</u>
Working Capital		\$4373.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 49.05	
Lights	67.49	
Utilities	32.16	
Telephone	103.02	
Newsletter Postage	33.00	
Deposit Refunds	300.00	
Building Maintenance	37.50	
Custodial Service - March	125.00	
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Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 751.22</u>

Balance in Checking Account on April 11, 1988 \$3622.57

Savings \$3168.90

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

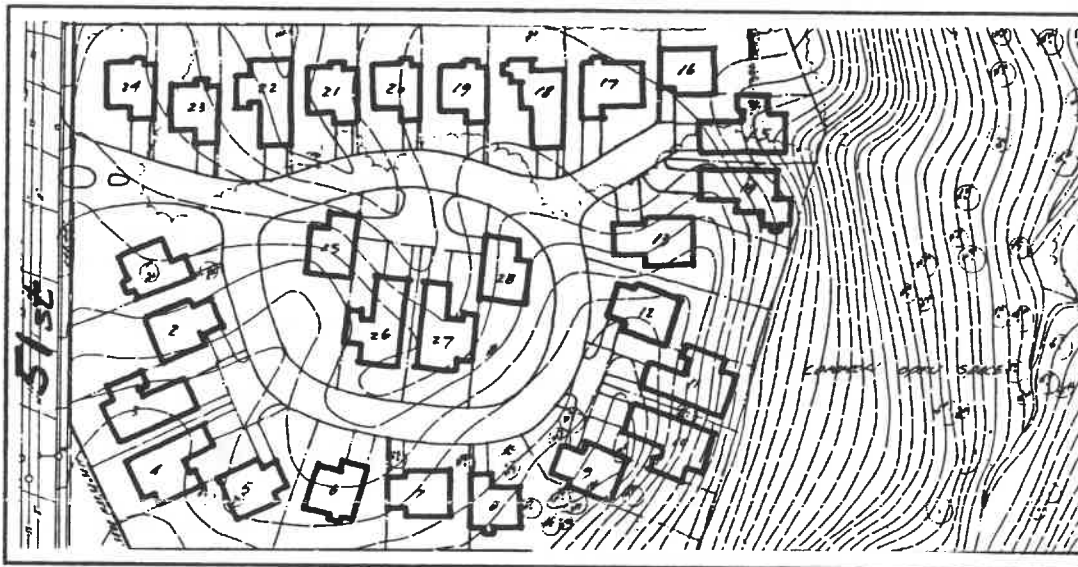
Presented at April 12, 1988 General Meeting

Rainier Beach Community Club

March 1988

Since 1923, dedicated to preserving and improving Rainier Beach as a residential community

Clubhouse information line 725-6166 or 725-7391



From the President

We thank Capt. Donald Marquart for taking his personal time to advise us of his role as South Precinct Captain. One way we can help is to make use of the 723-CLUE number (see next page). Members are also encouraged to participate in Block Watch programs. If there is none in your area, or if yours needs revitalizing, call 684-7555. There is no cost, and these programs are truly effective.

We also thank Donna Lind and the Rainier Beach Dance Studio performers for an entertaining dance review at our February meeting that lightened an otherwise serious agenda. And welcome to new/renewing members Siri Bardarson, Bill Chapman and Sylvia Llewellyn! (next page)

March 15 Program: "Kubota Estates"

Once again, a revised housing development proposal is being brought to the community for the undeveloped five acres adjacent to Kubota Gardens (9734 51st S). We know it will require 'variances.' Dujardin-Fowler's past proposal from 1985-86 is shown in the accompanying map. Come to the meeting to learn details. The developer's agent Terry Harris will be there. **This meeting is the third Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 PM,** delayed a week because of party caucuses. The clubhouse is located at 6038 South Pilgrim.

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Mona Sobottka

SESCO
Gery Taver

Sunshine
Agnes Webster

Women's Club
Eva Victor

The South Seattle Crime Prevention Council has asked the club for assistance, either financial, with volunteers to help in problem areas, or by membership on their Citizens Advisory Committee. In response, the RBCC board at their Feb. meeting voted to participate on the Council's Community Advisory Committee and to try to find a club member to represent us. Opinion was divided on further involvement.

It is the opinion of your President the the club should take a very active part and not only pick up on an already accepted program but protect our identity as a strong residential community in the process. If the membership sees benefit in the 15 point crime prevention program already underway, please be prepared to support a vote at the next meeting. It will also take personal commitment and an active committee.

Finally, regarding the Waters Avenue median, the Seattle Engineering Dept has received a letter from the club requesting cooperation and a discussion meeting on the problem of turning this 'eyesore' into a greenbelt of acceptable quality. We will keep you informed.

Newell Davis, Pres.

Public Meeting: The Future of Kubota Gardens

Seattle Parks and Recreation will give a short presentation and solicit local residents' opinions on how the 20 acre Kubota Horticultural Gardens should be developed. **Time and place: March 10 (Thurs) 7-8:45 PM at the Rainier Beach Library.** At issue: pressures to develop this land in other than a Northwest Japanese-style. Read the enclosed letter explaining the position adopted by our general membership at a recent meeting. All area residents are urged to attend and express their views.

Museum of Flight Tour March 5

Meet at the clubhouse, 10:30 AM, to convoy to Boeing Field. Tour starts at 11. Admission \$4 or by membership pass. At 1 or 1:30 the group will adjourn to the Hook, Line and Sinker Restaurant for a no-host lunch.

In planning stages: tour of Kuzak Glass Works.

JOIN THE SOUTH SEATTLE CRIME PREVENTION
COUNCIL TO REDUCE CRIME IN OUR AREA

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723-CLUE**
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REPORT: Rock Houses, Prostitution,
Street Dealing, Graffiti,
Car Prowls, Abandoned Cars,
Abandoned Buildings, Etc.....

OR TO
VOLUNTEER:

- Hot-Line Operators
- Committee Work
- Community Clean-Up
- Clerical Support
- Legal Issues
- Financial Support



March 1988
newsletter

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
61ST AVE. SO. & SO. PILGRIM ST.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98118

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

6606 S. Cooper St.
Seattle, Wash. 98118
February 7th, 1988

KUBOTA GARDENS

At our January meeting the Board voted to send a letter to all members of the City Council and to the mayor urging that the entire Kubota Gardens property (acquired by the city) be devoted to Japanese-style gardens with the acreage surrounding the 4.5-acre "core gardens" used for their enhancement, protection, and support.

Our action in doing this reinforces and supports the stand on Kubota Gardens taken by our general membership (moved and passed without dissent on Nov. 10, 1987).

We are feeling concern about the future of Kubota Gardens! It seems to us that a planning process which encourages or allows the possibility of other uses for the Kubota Gardens property (that which lies outside the 4.5-acre core garden area) is inappropriate, wasteful, and confusing.

We understood that the City Council acted to acquire the 20 acres in order to "save the gardens." We hailed the Council's action as (1) an affirmation of this property's "specialness" and (2) Council recognition that the area surrounding the 4.5-acre core gardens was of paramount importance to enhance, support, and protect the more highly-developed garden spaces.

We believe that considering other options IS NOT APPROPRIATE, will mean needless, useless expense and delay, and could distort and confuse the very valid reasons for purchasing the entire 20-acre site in the first place.

We agree with the writer who saw the 20-acre site "not as a park but as a VALUABLE HORTICULTURAL GARDEN AND PASSIVE RETREAT which needs to be treated with respect." What a wonderful legacy! Let's not muck it up.

We trust you will understand and respect our concerns - and act in the very best interests of our communities, our city, and all the people who will appreciate and enjoy KUBOTA GARDENS through the years. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD

Corresponding Secretary

RBCC Bd./mw

C O P Y

9744 - 61st S.
Seattle, Wn. 98118
March 10, 1988

Mr. C. M. Girtch, Acting Superintendent
Seattle Dept. of Parks & Recreation
100 Dexter Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Girtch,

At the March 3 meeting of the RAINIER BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB there was considerable interest and conversation re the future of KUBOTA GARDENS. Also, we were informed that there would be a meeting for public input on Thursday evening, March 10th.

A letter written by our Rainier Beach Community Club was read. This letter had been sent to the Mayor and all members of the Seattle City Council.

After a brief discussion among our members, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, supporting the Community Club's stand and urging "that the entire Kubota Gardens property (acquired by the city) be devoted to Japanese-style gardens with the acreage surrounding the 4.5-acre 'core gardens' used for their enhancement, protection, and support." It was further decided that our stand should be reported at the March 10th meeting as input from our organization.

We think this area should be designated as "gardens" -- not "park" -- and we hope that the area's uniqueness will give it a very special status and consideration.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect, enhance, and support a lovely area that is rare and probably not seen in any other urban setting.

We hope it will be dealt with gently and wisely.

Sincerely,

RAINIER BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

(signed)

Eva Victor, President

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RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

General Meeting

March 15, 1988

Presiding: Pres. Newell Davis

Attendance: About 50

Isabelle and Howard Davenport hosted this meeting.

Pres. Davis opened the meeting with the flag salute. He introduced Terry Harris and Bill Fowler representing the Dujardin Development Company. They explained the proposed Kubota Gardens Estate subdivision at 9734 - 51st Ave. S. Application 8708509. Following questions and answers with the audience, the speakers departed.

Joe Marley discussed land use considerations for this proposed plat. It was MSP unanimously that the RBCC opposes this variance and plat. A draft letter to DCLU by Joe Marley was read.

Newell Davis reported on his phone conference with Seattle Engineering Dept. Director Gary Zarcher on the Waters Ave. median improvement. A Department representative will meet with Newell and a community committee at the Clubhouse - 1 P.M. March 22, 1988.

Newell reported that Dave Merrill, RBCC member, will be the Club's representative to the South Seattle Crime Prevention Council.

Reading of the February 9, 1988 General Meeting minutes was suspended.

Stu Weiss reported on land use application for an eight lot short subdivision at 11250 Renton Ave. S. Also reported was a special exception request to allow parking in the front of a proposed commercial - apartment structure at 9099 Seward Park Ave. S. It was MSP to oppose this special exception and request the City to not allow parking in front of the proposed structure.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

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MAR 18 1988

DEPT OF CONSTRUCTION & LAND USE
LAND USE DIVISION

6615 South Bangor
Seattle, Wa. 98178
March 18, 1988

Holly Miller, Director
Department of Construction and Land Use
503 Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: Kubota Estates
9734 51st. Ave. So.
Application #8708509
Ref. Application 8601261

Dear Holly Miller:

The Rainier Beach Community Club hosted a presentation to the community by Mr. Terre Harris of Harris Associates and Mr. Bill Fowler of Dujardin-Fowler to permit community review of the development plan represented by application 8708509. The presentation focused on the developer's inability to negotiate financing for a Clustered Housing Planned Development approved by DCLU as application 8601261, and the determination to seek variance allowing less than minimum easement width and full subdivision creating 28 parcels of land.

The property is zoned RS7200.

Property survey maps on file with the application show the property to be comprised of 204,051 square feet and that 60,995 square feet will be dedicated to the City of Seattle Parks Department.

Following consideration of the developer's presentation, the Rainier Beach Community Club membership voted to unanimously oppose the application on the following grounds:

1. Decisions relative to zoning or variance requests should not be established based on accessible financing for a single project. Such considerations may be influenced by a financial institutions policies, practices, or procedures unrelated to the feasibility of the proposal, e.g. redlining.

2. Special Case Planned Developments is an issue this community fought by joining with the Seattle Neighborhood Coalition in seeking to repeal Planned Developments: Special Case Policy. It was a two-year citizen effort culminating in repeal of that policy and approval of the Clustered Housing Planned Development Policy.

3. Granting of the variance would tell developers that Seattle has no established and predictable policy governing single family residential zones. It would tell neighborhoods that they are not single family neighborhoods and that there is no predictability to their neighborhood's development.

4. There is no provision in code for clustering detached single family homes other than the Clustered Housing Planned Development Policy.

5. There are no changed circumstances in our neighborhood warranting favorable consideration of this request for variance.

6. The project, if approved outside the provisions of the Clustered Housing Planned Development code provisions, would have significant adverse environmental impacts which would not reasonably be mitigated and should be rejected using the authority granted under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

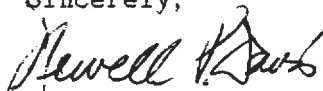
7. The developer's intent, documented by Horton Dennis & Associates Surveys, to deed 60,995 square feet to the City of Seattle Parks Department, is an inappropriate inclusion of data intended to solicit variance consideration (in the view of the Rainier Beach Community Club). We also believe the footage should be excluded from calculations of allowable sites

8. The smallest proposed site would be 3,519 square feet; the largest site would be 6,446 square feet. No site would meet RS7200 standards.

Rainier Beach Community Club asks that the requested variance be denied. We also want to bring to the attention of DCLU that four new single family homes have been built near this property in 1987, one new home is under construction, and nine new single family homes are planned within a block of the Kubota Estates site.

Rainier Beach Community Club will appeal DCLU's decision should the department choose to grant the variance.

Sincerely;



Newell Davis, President

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

March 22, 1988

Presiding: Pres. Newell Davis

Held at home of Newell Davis

Attendance: Mona Sobottka, Howard Davenport, Howard and Marie Wilson, Newell Davis, Stu Weiss.

Minutes of the February 23, 1988 Board meeting were read and approved.

Marie Wilson reported on the March 10, 1988 Public Meeting on Kubota Gardens Development sponsored by the Seattle Parks Department and held at the Rainier Beach Library. She received a list of speakers from Rick Nishi, Park Dept. Planner, as she had requested.

The Club's letter to Department of Construction and Land Use, DOLU, dated March 18, 1988, opposing the proposed plat and subdivision at 9734 - 51st Ave. S. was read.

Marie also read a draft of the letter to DCLU requesting that the special exception which would allow parking in front of a structure proposed at 9099 Seward Park Ave. S. not be approved.

The Program for April 12, 1988 General Meeting was discussed. Seattle City Councilman George Benson will be invited to speak on garbage and recycling.

Nominations for 1988 -89 officers and trustees were discussed. They will be announced at the April 12, 1988 General Meeting.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

Rainier Beach Community Club

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**BE THERE! OUR UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING -
Tues. April 12, 7:30 P.M.**

MEET MRS. JEAN WITT, ACTING VICE-PRINCIPAL AT RAINIER BEACH HIGH SCHOOL. Learn firsthand about activities, administration, successes and needs; possible videotape of recent student athletic awards.

Refreshments and fellowship from 7-7:30 PM; short business meeting, including time for Steve Aral of Historic Seattle and Elizabeth Yates of Lakewood-Seward Park neighborhood to answer questions on the controversial Martha Washington proposal (see fact sheet); then Mrs. Witt.

From the President

We are delighted to announce that the club's annual scholarship to a Rainier Beach High School graduating senior will this year be increased to \$500. Last year's recipient, Eric Barnes, indicates he's working hard at the University of Washington completing requirements before specializing in aeronautical engineering.

Thank you Howard and Isabelle Davenport for providing the treats and serving as hosts at the March meeting. Thank you also Mike McCarty for your continued work maintaining and fixing the club facility. Just like at home, something always seems to need attention, and Mike's always there.

A reminder again that Block Watch is considered the best residential protection. If interested in starting a new one or updating an existing one, call Stan Locke at the Seattle Police Dept 684-7555.

Finally, I regret to report that the 'old-fashioned melodrama' has failed to materialize as planned. The efforts so far will not be disbanded, however. By the way, if you know of any theater group that may be interested in using our stage, let me know.

Newell Davis, Pres.

Trouble in Paradise

Kubota Estates - Members at the March meeting voted to oppose a variance to allow 28 small lots on 3.5 acres adjacent to Kubota Gardens, which would create high density in an RS 7200 zone.

7-11 property - Voted at the same meeting to oppose a variance requested on Seward Park Ave between the 7-11 store and Lakeshore Apts for parking in front of a proposed mixed use building rather than in the rear as required under existing zoning.

In addition, urgent action was undertaken by the board, after a phone poll, to oppose the Dept. of Correction's desire to use the Buckner Center in the Columbia City area for pre-release prisoners. In the past this center was used to rehabilitate injured workers. The letter to Governor Gardner cited the overburdening of Rainier Valley and Beacon Hill areas with at least 14 special facilities sited by state, county or city agencies. "We stand ready to support some 'positive' plan for using such valuable in-city property like: a commercial business park for small outlets, a community college extension or any other use that upgrades the area."

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Progress on Waters Eyesore

Jerry D. Clark, city arborist from the engineering dept, met for two hours with club officers Davis, Wilson and Weiss plus members Doris Dean, Jane Harries and Joe Kristoff. The city agrees there is a legitimate complaint. The push by Willie Gray and homeowners along Waters Ave who came forward with a petition, plus a letter from this body to the city engineering department and Gary Zarker brought this about. Mr. Clark and arborist staff will develop plans with a committee consisting of H. Davenport (chair), Gray, Kristoff, Dean and Harries. All affected residents are invited to become involved.

Nominations for 88-89

The slate of officers presented to the membership for ratification at the May meeting is as follows. Additional nominations from the floor of course will be accepted.

President: Newell Davis
Vice-pres. Howard Wilson
Recording secy. Stuart Weiss
Corres. secy. Marie Wilson
Treasurer Billie Jacobson
Trustees (thru 91): Howard Davenport
Mona Sobottka
Bob Ridder

SESCO Report

Gerry Tarver

SESCO has moved! Our new address: Columbia Congregational Church, 3902 S Ferdinand.

A pancake-eggs-ham breakfast at St Edward's Parish Hall Sunday, April 17, at 10 AM and at noon, will raise money for the Crime Prevention Council. Highlights of progress so far: lobbying efforts helped pass five legislative measures dealing with crime control or prevention; three high-crime areas identified by the Crime Prevention Council and police have been cleaned out. Work continues.

A SESCO committee is meeting independently and with a confederation of organizations with the goal of getting less dangerous and less expensive solutions to the garbage problem than burning. Much can be done. One example - the Univ. of Wash. has instituted a campus-wide ban on styrofoam. We need incentives to reduce waste generation, mandatory recycling, incentives for recycling. Curbside recycling will not be fully implemented in Seattle until June, yet in October the city council plans to decide on a burner!

Spring Luncheon

The Rainier Beach Women's Club announces a spring salad luncheon on Thurs., May 5. For information, call Marie Wilson 722-4885.

April 1988

Public Hearing on Martha Washington Park Property

The City Council Parks and Recreation Committee and the Park and Recreation Board have scheduled a public hearing to hear comments on the Bruce Lorig and Associates proposal for rehabilitation and reuse of the Martha Washington school buildings (57th S and S Holly) for multifamily housing

Date April 21, 1988
Time 7 P.M. *Rainier Beach Community Center*
Place Jefferson Community Center
3801 Beacon Avenue S

Historic Seattle offers the following information on the proposal:

- Parking: at least one off-street space per unit will be provided and it will be screened
- No new buildings will be constructed
- No more (and probably less) traffic than the previously approved conference center
- Different uses, other than those controlled through zoning, are allowed for historic buildings. There is nothing "illegal" about multifamily housing at Martha Washington
- Lorig, through Historic Seattle, will be required to replace the park property on which

the buildings sit, with other new park property elsewhere, to be determined by the City Council. Additional land at Kubota Gardens is one choice.

- Total demolition cost if this proposal is not accepted is \$304,000.

Elizabeth Yates, representing a group of area residents, gives the following reasons why 180 of the nearest neighbors to Martha Washington Park have signed petitions opposing turning the old buildings into apartments:

- We want the entire park property maintained as a passive public area as originally promised (Forward Thrust bonds)

- We oppose turning over public lands for private profit. Two acres would be separated from the public (waterfront) park and turned over to a private developer.

- Only two narrow streets provide access for the increased traffic. The few public parking spaces proposed could easily be usurped by tenants or guests. Surrounding property values would be lowered. Increased noise and numerous other problems could develop.

Note from the president: this background information has been supplied in advance to avoid a long discussion at the meeting.

call newa 722-7342

Rainier Beach Community Club
6038 South Pilgrim
Seattle WA 98178



Stuart Weiss
9612 55th S
Seattle WA 98118



RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

61ST AVE. SO. & SO. PILGRIM ST.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98118

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

April 11, 1988

6615 So. Bangor St.
Seattle, Wash. 98178
(206) 725-7391

Mrs. Billie Jacobson, Treasurer
Rainier Beach Community Club

Seattle, Wash. 98118

Dear Billie:

At the last board meeting of the Club it was resolved to hire casual labor for a once-a-week general cleaning of the Clubhouse.

This will be accomplished every Friday so as to pickup on the Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays occupancies and prepare for any Friday and/or Saturday rentals.

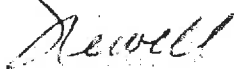
Normally such clean-up will be accomplished on Friday morning to prevent conflict with any preliminary rental setups. In order to accommodate the occasional necessity for doing the work later in the day I will need to be advised of all Friday and Saturday rentals, as they are contracted.

It will be necessary to pay for such labor in cash at a sum of not to exceed \$15.00 per week. The Board has determined that the way to fund this activity is to raise the rental fees.

Since ours seem to be below average, we would appreciate your advice on the appropriate increase to become effective immediately upon approval.

Additionally, we now can offer renters a clean-up service if they determine such is desired at a fee of \$25.00. This would not however take the place of the damage deposit fee circumstances.

Very truly yours,



Newell P. Davis, Pres.

cc: file

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
Financial Report

Balance in Checking Account on April 11, 1988 \$3622.57

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$470.00	
Rental Deposits	100.00	
Dues	25.00	
Donations	100.00	
Interest <i>on checking</i>	16.02	
		\$ 711.02
		\$4333.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising April & May	\$ 43.60	
Lights	26.47	
Utilities	33.68	
Newsletter Paper & Postage	78.34	
Real Estate Taxes - 1st half	422.28	
Insurance	744.00	
Custodial Service		
Rental for April	65.00	
Cleaning	90.00	
Neighborhood Clean-Up	17.04	
Building Maintenance	2.16	
		\$1522.57

Checking Account Balance on May 23, 1988 \$2811.02

SAVINGS

	\$3168.90	
Interest on 3-29-88	28.57	
		\$3197.47

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

Presented at May 24, 1988 Board Meeting

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

General Meeting

April 12, 1988

Presiding: Pres. Newell Davis

Elaine and Joe Marley hosted this meeting.

Pres. Davis opened the meeting with the flag salute and introduction of guests.

Minutes of the March 15, 1988 General Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Davis reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Nominations for the 1988-89 elections to be held May 10, 1988 General Meeting were read:

President	Newell Davis	Trustees for 3 year term
Vice President	Howard Wilson	ending 1991
Treasurer	Billie Jacobson	Howard Davenport
Recording Secretary	Stu Weiss	Mona Sobottka
Corresponding Secretary	Marie Wilson	Bob Ridder

Marie Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, read current correspondence and letters she wrote for the Club.

Newell reported on the committee meeting March 22, 1988 with Jerry Clark, Seattle Engineering Dept, City Arborist, on the Waters Ave. median strip.

Armen Stephanian, citizen expert on recycling was introduced and spoke on how discards are reused.

Two speakers were introduced and discussed the proposed conversion of Martha Washington buildings to multi family dwelling units: Steve Arai, Historic Seattle Public Development Authority, described the project. Elizabeth Yates, represented neighbors who want the land used only for park purposes and no multi family housing in their single family zoned area.

It was MSP that the RBCO requests the City to preserve the Martha Washington Park land as a passive use City shoreline park.

Program Chair Mona Sobottka introduced Mrs. Jean Witt, Acting Principal of Rainier Beach High School, who spoke on activities, administration, and educational processes at the school.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

April 26, 1988

Presiding: Pres. Newell Davis

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Marie and Howard Wilson, Agness Webster, Newell Davis, Mary Wiekowicz, Mona Sobottka, Mike McCarty, Howard Davenport, Jerry Tarver, Joe Marley, Stu Weiss.

Minutes of the March 22, 1988 Board Meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report for April 26, 1988 was stated to be \$30 different from April 12 report.

MARY Wiekowicz described a 10 minute slide show on recycling. She will arrange for this to be presented at the May 10th General Meeting. Also, City Arborist Jerry Clark will show a design for the Waters Ave. median improvement.

Marie Wilson reported on correspondence. Newell read a reply letter from Gov. Booth Gardner on the Buckner Center in Columbia City. The State will not establish a prison work release usage as had been proposed and subsequently widely opposed by the community.

Stu Weiss reported on the Citizens Kubota Garden Committee. An "Issues Paper" prepared by the Seattle Park Department stated that the Rainier Beach Community in 1987 had favored and supported the concept of a Chinese Garden at the Kubota Garden property. Notices of the Park Dept. sponsored meeting, held at 100 Dexter Ave. N., where this opinion was expressed, were sent only to residents living near the Gardens. Most RBCC Board members had not received such notice. The Club had not taken a stand at that time. It was MSP that the Park Dept. be requested to remove all references to the Rainier Beach Community as having supported a Chinese Garden at the Kubota property. Stu Weiss will present this at the April 28, 1988 Kubota Gardens Citizen Committee.

Gerry Tarver reported on SESCO and its recycling activities. Newell reported that the Crime Prevention Council will receive a report from the Seattle Police on results of the Council's efforts to reduce crime.

Marie Wilson reported that our Club's lease with the Women's Club expires on June 1, 1988. It was moved and seconded that the lease be extended for five years if agreed to by the Women's Club; passed by a vote of seven to one.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary