

Rainier Beach Community Club

February 1989

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High School Principal Featured

The next general meeting is Feb. 14, 7:30 PM, at the clubhouse, 6038 South Pilgrim. *Happy Valentine's Day!*

Thomas Bailey, principal of Rainier Beach High School, will talk for about 20 minutes on what's new at the school and then take questions. Several students will offer a musical contribution, so come and enjoy.

Mr. Bailey taught at Garfield and Meany Middle School before coming to Rainier Beach this past fall. He graduated from Oregon State and has a Masters Degree from Seattle University. He has two children, ages 2 and 5.

- *Reminder, the board meets the fourth Tuesday, Feb 28, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse.*

Attention Kubota Gardens Enthusiasts

Murase Associates, design consultants, will present three conceptual alternatives for the future use and development of the 20 acre Kubota Gardens. This is an important meeting for the community to review design alternatives. Members of the Parks Department, consultant team, and Kubota Gardens Oversight Committee will be available to respond to questions.

The meeting, rescheduled because of snow, will be Tues., Feb. 21, at 7 PM. As of newsletter deadline, we do not know the exact location, though it will be somewhere nearby. If you don't receive written notification, please confirm location either with Stuart Weiss



725-1078 or with Rick Nishi, parks planner for Kubota Gardens, 684-7047.

Rick Nishi also invites the community to look for the Parks Department photo display of Kubota Gardens at the upcoming Northwest Flower and Garden Show Presidents' Day Weekend, Feb 17-20, at the Washington State Convention Center. For tickets or information, phone the show office at 789-5333.

SESCO Chooses 1989 Goals

Gerry Tarver, SESCO Rep.

The SESCO Convention Jan. 29 was attended by an enthusiastic group.

Four resolutions were voted for the coming year:

- Strengthen the organization and community by organizing member groups and individuals for action on common concerns
- Community economy campaign to increase lending programs for South Seattle

Public Hearing on Siting Child Care Facilities

Weds, Feb. 15, at 7 PM, the City Council Land Use Committee considers a proposal to ease restrictions on siting of child care facilities in single family neighborhoods. The board at its January meeting voted to express concern about the council considering this change independent of new siting policies for accessory housing (duplexing) and special needs housing in single family neighborhoods. All three proposals have cumulative effects on the evolving character of single family neighborhoods, and should be assessed together. The CAP citizens' initiative grew out of a failure to give full consideration to cumulative impacts of all the elements of the downtown plan. Are we headed for another CAP in the neighborhoods?

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Submitted Waters Avenue Grant Request

- Crime control
- Increased recreational opportunities for youth
- New officers are Mawg Ellithorpe, President; Sandra Ayers, Vice-pres; Ron Ellison, Treasurer; Harold Murphy, Corresponding Secy; Floyd Halstead, Recording Secy; at-large North, Michael Brunner; at-large South, Jerry Phillips.
- SESCO needs volunteers to help work on these issues!

A request for \$4000 in matching monies for the Waters Avenue median project was submitted to the Office of Neighborhoods January 30. Howard Davenport, Howard Wilson, Norm McAduy, and Mary Wiecekowitz teamed up to complete the paperwork. If approved, the community will have \$18,000 made up of cash and volunteer labor (including a youth crew from Southeast Effective Development) to complete a demonstration landscaping project along the median. Any possibility for further funding hinges on the community uniting behind this self-help demonstration project. Interested Waters area residents are urged to contact Howard Wilson 722-4885 or Willie Gray 725-4597. We should know in about a month whether the grant was approved.

Rainier Beach Community Club

General Meeting

February 14, 1989

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson, who opened the meeting with the flag salute.

Held at Clubhouse.

Mona Sobottka, Program chair, introduced the speaker Thomas Bailey, principal of Rainier Beach High School. Mr. Bailey spoke on current operations and conditions at the High School. He invited neighborhood residents to tour the school. Best times are 7:30 to 10:30 A. M., Tuesday thru Thursday. By calling him at least two days in advance, he can arrange to personally conduct the tours.

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

Howard Wilson reviewed the January 24, 1989 Financial Report.

Gerry Tarver reported on SESCO - they are having a membership drive with individual dues being \$15 per year.

The Kubota Gardens public meeting, rescheduled from the snow cancelled Feb 2 date, will be held at Emerson School Feb. 21, 1989 at 7 P.M. Several people volunteered to call and tell Club members about the meeting.

Various current Land Use items were discussed.

Marie Wilson reported on her letter to Park Superintendent Holly Miller to show appreciation for the Kubota Gardens public meeting held November 17, 1988. Marie discussed other correspondence.

Howard Wilson reported on Water's Ave. median improvement progress.

Board meeting will be February 28, 1989.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98118

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

9612 - 55th Ave S
Seattle WA 98118

February 15, 1989

Land Use and Community Development Committee
Jim Street, Chair
Seattle City Council
Municipal Building
Seattle WA 98104

Re: February 15, 1989, public hearing on proposed text amendment to the single and multifamily chapters of the Seattle Land Use Code (Chaps. 23.44 and 23.45)

The City Council is considering the proposed text amendment to reduce locational and procedural limitations on child care facilities in residential neighborhoods independent of active proposals for siting of

- (2) special needs housing and
- (3) accessory housing.

All three proposals have a synergistic and cumulative effect on the evolving character of Seattle's single family neighborhoods.

At the January 24, 1989, board meeting of the Rainier Beach Community Club, the Board voted to urge the Seattle City Council to consider the dispersion and procedural standards of the three proposals jointly in order to assess and respond to their combined impacts rather than attempting to assess and respond to impacts based on separate analysis.

The CAP initiative grew out of a failure to give full consideration to cumulative impacts of all the elements of the downtown plan. Are we headed for another?

Sincerely,

Rainier Beach Community Club Executive Board

Stuart Weiss
Stuart Weiss
Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Financial Report

Checking Account Balance on February 28, 1989 \$4214.38

RECEIPTS

Rentals \$480.00
Rental Deposits 125.00
Advertising 10.00
Interest 14.93

Total Receipts \$ 629.93

Working Capital \$4844.31

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising \$ 46.00
Newsletter Postage 25.00
Utility Bill 31.56
Lights 37.38
Building Maintenance *new lock* 21.80
Misc. Waters Ave. 11.22
Custodial - Cleaning 60.00
Custodial - Rentals
February and March 130.00

Total Disbursements \$ 362.96

Balance in Checking Account on March 28, 1989 \$4481.35

SAVINGS

\$4301.80

WATERS AVENUE MEDIAN ACCOUNT

\$2030.09

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

presented at Board March 28, 1989

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

February 28, 1989

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Gerry Tarver, Agness Webster, Jeanette Joyner, Joe Marley, Howard and Marie Wilson, Howard Davenport, Mike McCarty, Stu Weiss, Ed Welch.

Minutes of the January 24, 1989 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Gerry Tarver reported on SESCO - they are short of money since grants have not been coming in.

Marie Wilson reported that our \$100 dues for 1989 were sent to SESCO. Our corporate report and \$5 dues were sent to Olympia.

Howard Wilson discussed the Treasurer's financial report.

Stu Weiss reported on land use and Kubota Gardens planning. It was MSP that the Club offers to Rick Nishi, Park Dept. Planner, the use of our Clubhouse at no charge for Park Dept. Kubota meetings. Ask Rick to call Howard Wilson for available dates.

Mike McCarty discussed providing new kitchen counter surfaces and a dishwasher.

March 14 General Meeting will have a speaker from the Postal Service. Marie reported on the City's Dept. of Neighborhoods.

Howard Wilson said the Waters Ave. median proposal has been submitted thru channels to the City. Hopefully, it will be approved about the middle of March.

Stuart Weiss

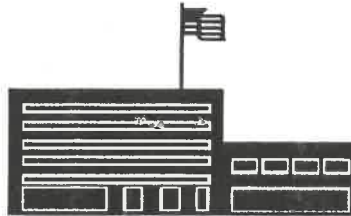
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OFFICIAL

March 14: Behind the Scenes at the Post Office

Questions or complaints about postal rates or service? Ernie Swanson, manager of communications for the Seattle post office, is the man to ask. He'll give a 15 minute film presentation on how letters go through the postal system, and then take questions. He's a dynamic speaker so don't miss the next general meeting March 14, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse, 61st and Pilgrim.

Also, Mike McCarty is bringing his historic 1908 map of Rainier Beach. The official 26 x 30 map shows streets, houses and lots from Cloverdale south to the city limits.

Reminder, the board meets the fourth Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse. Be thinking about a nominating committee and officers for the 89-90 club year.

Kubota Gardens

At a public meeting February 21, Murase Associates presented their three design concepts for development of Kubota Gardens: American Japanese, family of gardens, or a neighborhood park concept. The majority of people attending stated their support for a less developed version of the American Japanese concept. The Landmarks Preservation Board had concerns over some proposed changes to the core Japanese garden. Other issues raised: formal vs more natural garden, high maintenance vs low maintenance, use of existing vegetation, size and use of visitor center, extent of manmade structures, funding.

Written comments were solicited on what people liked most and least of the three plans, and these results will be discussed at a meeting of the oversight committee March 23, 7-9 PM, at Jefferson Community Center (Beacon Ave. near the golf course). The public is welcome to attend and observe. The Parks Dept will present its final recommendations to the city council in April.

"Single family attached" zoning

Slipped quietly into the zoning code, this new category of zone makes possible duplexes and triplexes in single family zones. It was enacted without environmental review or notice of hearing, except to Ballard and

Fremont, for whom this zone means less intensive development. For single family areas it means more dense development. All council members voted its approval.

Waters Avenue Grant

Howard Wilson

Our Waters Ave Median demonstration project proposal is one of three projects submitted to the city by the Southeast District Neighborhood Council for matching funds. The demonstration proposal would include that portion of the median between 61st Ave S and 62d Ave S. Only after the city council makes its final award of funds for 1988 neighborhood matching monies, will the amount of money for the project be specified.

SESCO Report

Gerry Tarver

Membership drive is in progress, \$3600 brought in to date.

The committee on banking is making good progress. Banks will soon be furnishing packets on how to apply for home and business loans. Any members interested in working on projects such as crime control, increased recreational opportunities for youth, or the community economy campaign are urged to call the SESCO office, 722-0075.

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Seattle WA 98118

Omnibus Drug Bill

Bob Ridder

Friday, March 10, at noon, supporters of the \$150 million omnibus drug bill being considered by the Senate are rallying in Olympia on the Capitol steps. Organizer Norm Chamberlain, chairman of the Washington State Committee on Crime and Delinquency, and the South Seattle Crime Prevention Council encourage supporters to meet at 9:15 AM at Stan Sayers hydro pits to car-caravan to Olympia.

CLASSIFIEDS

Paid classified ads are accepted only from members
Wonder Years Preschool-Day Care now accepting registration for fall 1989. Academic readiness, language development, socialization, community awareness. Home environment. Field trips. M-F 9-12. Judy Glein, certified public school teacher, upper Rainier Beach 722-0116.

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Gerry Tarver, Agnes Webster



RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

General Meeting

March 14, 1989

This is recorded from info given to the Secretary (absent from the General Meeting) at the March 28, 1989 Board meeting.

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson

Held at the Clubhouse

Ernie Swanson, Manager of Communications for the Seattle Post Office, was introduced. He gave a film presentation on letter flow through the postal system.

It was MSP to authorize Mike McCarty to buy a new wall clock for the Club house. Also, Mike discussed new counter tops for the kitchen.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

March 28, 1989

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse.

Attendance: Harvey Watanabe, Jeanette Joyner, Agness Webster, Mona Sobottka, Eva Victor, Howard and Marie Wilson, Joe Marley, Mary Wieckowicz, Howard Davenport, Mike McCarty, Stu Weiss, Ed Welch.

Minutes of the February 28, 1989 Board meeting were read and approved.

Planning for Kubota Gardens development was discussed at great length. It was MSP to write a letter to Holly Miller, Park Dept. Superintendent, recommending that only near term (approx. 5 yrs) development be considered at this time; that only structures for rest rooms, maintenance, and weather shelter be constructed; and that a fence surrounding the whole 20 acres, except for a 30 car peripheral parking area, be constructed. Marie Wilson will prepare a letter.

Discussion on SB 5185, passed by the Washington Senate, which would define a 12 child day care center as a single family residential use: It was MSP to notify the State Legislature that we oppose SB 5185; that any size child day care center should be authorized by local government; the State is usurping local control; this is bad legislation and sets a negative precedent. Marie Wilson will call the Hotline or write a letter.

MSP that Mona Sobottka request Rainier Beach High School to select a scholarship winner following past procedures.

MSP: There will be no April General meeting. Getting speakers, pro and con, on the CAP initiative (to limit downtown Seattle building sizes) will be attempted for the May General meeting.

Mike McCarty reported he bought a new wall clock for the Clubhouse. It was MSP to authorize him to proceed with new surface for kitchen counter tops, approx. cost \$ 400. It was MSP to authorize Mike to Buy donuts for the city district cleanup workers on Tuesday, April 25th, approx. \$ 20.

Marie Wilson reported on correspondence. Howard Wilson discussed the Treasurer's report.

Next Board meeting is April 25, 1989.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Checking Account Balance on March 28, 1989 \$4481.35

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$410.00	
Rental Deposits	25.00	
Dues	10.00	
Ad	10.00	
Interest	15.08	
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Total Receipts		\$ 470.08
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Working Capital		\$4951.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Fuel Oil	\$335.93	
Furnace Repair	45.40	
Custodial Cleaning	60.00	
Custodial - Rentals	65.00	
Counter Tops	505.91	
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Total Disbursements		\$1012.24
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Balance in the Checking Account on April 25, 1989 \$3939.19

SAVINGS

	\$4306.80	
Interest 3-22-89	43.35	
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		\$4350.15

WATERS AVE. MEDIAN ACCOUNT

	\$2030.09	
Interest 3-29-89	22.53	
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\$2052.62

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

*presented at april 25, 1989
Board meeting*

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April 1989

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April 18 and 25: Rainier Beach Spring Cleanup

Spring may be late this year, but Spring Cleanup is early: Tuesday, April 25, for the east side of Renton Ave. (most club members), and a week earlier, April 18, for the west side of Renton Ave. Watch for maps and flyers delivered to your door. Large appliances and general house throwaways are good candidates for the cleanup. DO NOT include tires, toxic wastes, or yard wastes. All materials should be on the curb by 8 AM. Trucks will assemble at the clubhouse to start their runs. The board voted to provide coffee and donuts for the workers.

Boundaries are roughly Henderson St., MLK Way South, Lake Wash., and the south city limits. If you're not on the route, feel free to drop off items for pickup at the community club.

More spring cleanup news: the board OK'd new countertops for the clubhouse kitchen, installation to be completed in early April. Special thanks to Mike McCarty for leading that effort.

Next general meeting Tuesday May 9; there will be no general meeting in April. However, the board meets Tuesday, April 25, 7:30 PM, at the clubhouse, and all members are welcome.

Holly Miller on Parks

Our neighbors to the north, Lakewood-Seward Park Community Club, invite all southenders to hear Holly Miller, Parks Superintendent, address issues related to the future of Seward Park and other south end parks Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30 PM. Their clubhouse is located at 50th South and South Angeline. There will be a discussion after the presentation, for those who might want to raise questions about Kubota Gardens planning.

Kubota Gardens

Marie Wilson, Corres. Secy

At its March 28 meeting, the board reviewed the various plans for Kubota Gardens and defined a skeletal vision for submission to the Parks Dept. to guide near-term plans for the gardens. What evolved first was the decision that only near-

term plans are appropriate--that no one should be "casting in stone" any final picture of what the gardens will ultimately become.

We agreed that:

1. The core garden should be preserved as per the intent of the Landmarks Preservation Board, always faithful to the original picture. Do not fence off the core area from the perimeter garden.
2. Outside the core garden structures should be limited to screened restrooms, a maintenance building to house equipment used on-site, and an open-sided shelter or shelters for weather protection to accommodate about 30 people total.
3. Fencing in character with the garden to surround entire property, with parking outside the fence. Parking of approximately 30 cars. Gated pedestrian entries on 51st and 55th to spread out the impact of visitors.

We believe these structures will prove optimum for some years to come, and only years down the road will it be evident whether buildings such as administrative offices and visitor center are appropriate or desirable.

Above all,

- Protect what is there now
- Do research--seek advice from the Kubota family
- Gently restore
- Go slowly--give ideas time to mature and do not commit now to any grandiose final outcome or intense detailed planning.

Neighborhoods USA Conference

Partnerships is the focus of the 14th annual Neighborhoods USA national conference in Seattle May 24-27 at the Stouffer Madison Hotel. People who care about neighborhoods will be looking at tough questions like managing growth, reducing crime, and developing a spirit of cooperation between business and residential interests.

To request a registration brochure, call 684-0125 or write NUSA Conference, 618 Second Avenue, 5th Floor, Seattle 98104. Cost for the three days is \$130 by April 28; \$150 afterward.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98118

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

6606 S. Cooper St.
Seattle, WA 98118
April 2, 1989

Holly Miller, Superintendent
Seattle Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Municipal Building
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Miller,

At our monthly Board meeting, March 28th, the various plans for Kubota Gardens were discussed. We were able to identify a number of points on which there was agreement. By defining at least a skeletal vision, we hope to provide input that will be helpful in making near-term plans for the gardens. (Incidentally, what evolved first was the decision that ONLY near-term plans are appropriate-- that we should not be recommending or "casting in stone" any final picture of what the gardens will ultimately become.)

We have agreed that -

1. THE CORE GARDEN should be preserved as per the intent of the Landmarks Preservation Board. No new structures in this area. Repair what is there--always faithful to the original picture. Replant what is missing. Enhance, but do not intrude with new concepts. Do not fence off the core garden from adjoining property. It seems important that there be a natural flow. A fence here would destroy the ambience.

2. OUTSIDE THE CORE GARDEN

a. Structures should be suitable both design and material-wise, and limited to -

- (1) restrooms (discreetly positioned, perhaps screened)
- (2) a maintenance building (minimum size needed to house present equipment required to be on site)
- (3) some sort of shelter, or shelters, possibly open-sided or open on 3 sides, with a roof, to provide shelter from the weather for as many as 30 people (total).

We believe these structures will prove optimum for some years to come.

April 2, 1989

- b. Fencing should surround the entire property - be substantial and appropriate. (Thorny or prickly plantings might safeguard the fence and make it inaccessible and less susceptible to vandalism.)
- c. Gated entries (perhaps turnstiles) on 55th Ave. S. and 51st Ave. S. would provide public access to the property. Two entries could lessen the impact of visitors or at least spread it out.
- d. Parking spaces should be located outside the fence. A jog in the perimeter fencing would permit the parking of approximately 30 cars. This would be east of "the gardens" - near 55th Ave. S.

No playgrounds, please. They are inappropriate and would send wrong signals as to what this special place is all about.

No classrooms, administrators' offices, or visitors/interpretive center. Years down the road, and only then, will it be evident whether such buildings are either appropriate or desirable.

Beyond actual plans for Kubota Gardens, we would urge -

- (1) Protect what is there now.
- (2) Research - seek advice from the Kubota family.
- (3) Gently restore.
- (4) Go slowly - give ideas time to mature.
- (5) Do not commit now to any grandiose final outcome or intense detailed planning.

These are gardens to be protected and wooed - gently restored - and judiciously enhanced. This IS a case where LESS IS MORE.

ATTENDING THE MARCH 28TH
BOARD MEETING:

Howard Davenport
Ed Welch
Mona Sobottka
Howard Wilson
Mike McCarty
Joe Marley
Agnes Webster
Jeanette Joyner
Eva Victor
Harvey Watanabe
Marie Wilson
Stu Weiss
Mary Wieckowicz

Sincerely,

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
BOARD

Marie Wilson
Corresponding Secretary

copies to - Seattle Landmarks Board
Kubota Gardens Foundation
Dolores Sibonga, City Council
Jeanette Williams, City Council
Rick Nishi, Park Department
Kubota Gardens Oversight Committee ✓

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
Executive Board Meeting
April 25, 1989

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson
Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Agness Webster, Gerry Tarver, Mona Sobottka, Marie and Howard Wilson, Mike McCarty, Mary Wieckowicz, Howard Davenport, Stu Weiss.

Minutes of the March 28, 1989 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Howard Wilson read letter from Seattle Police Dept. describing their traffic patrols in selected areas, including ours. They spent one week on Waters Ave, S. Roxbury St. and Renton Ave. S. checking for traffic violators.

Marie Wilson reported responses from two Representatives on her Legislative hotline message regarding SB 5185 which liberalizes placing day care centers in single family zones.

The letter to Park Dept. Supt. Holly Miller was discussed.

Gerry Tarver reported on SESCO. They have endorsed the CAP initiative. Howard reviewed the Treasurer's monthly report.

Discussion on check signatures: Presently Billie Jacobson, Mary Wieckowicz, and Bob Ridder can sign checks. Billie has had difficulty in getting a second signature when Bob has been on extended trips. It was MSP to add Howard Wilson and Stu Weiss signatures to Bank records and remove Bob Ridder's name.

Mona Sobottka reported on her contacts with Rainier Beach High School staff concerning the Club's scholarship. Mona will present our check to the winner at the High School senior breakfast on June 2, 1989.

Howard Wilson reported on the Waters Ave. median improvement project.

It was MSP to write a thank you letter to Mayor Royer on the City's district clean up, trash pickup, on April 25, 1989.

Next Board Meeting is May 23, 1989.

MSP Marie will write a letter to Harvey Watanabe, President of Kubota Garden Foundation, supporting formation of the Foundation and suggesting a corporate sponsor be requested to finance a fence as one of the first priorities at the Gardens.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Financial Report

Checking Account Balance on April 25, 1989 \$3939.19

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$2625.00
Rental Deposits	275.00
Interest	61.44

Total Receipts \$2961.44

Working Capital \$6900.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 106.00
Lights	45.90
Telephone	243.03
Building Insurance	640.00
King County Taxes - 1st Half	445.66
Scholarship	500.00
Rental Deposits Refunded	462.50
Custodial Cleaning	265.00
Custodial Rentals	260.00
Postage - Newsletter	30.00
Newsletter Copies - 4 Months	32.40
Garbage	13.50
Neighborhood Clean-up	20.91
Miscellaneous	22.08

Total Disbursements \$3086.98

Balance in Checking Account on August 22, 1989 \$3813.65

SAVINGS

	\$4350.15
Interest 6-28-89	48.80

\$4398.95

WATERS AVENUE MEDIAN ACCOUNT

	\$2030.09
Interest 6-28-89	23.03

\$2075.65

presented at August 22, 1989 Board meeting

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May 1989

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Town Meeting on Waters Ave. Median

Whether you live along the median or have a commuter association with it, Waters Avenue is an important reflection of Rainier Beach and community pride. We are pleased to announce a first step in solving persistent problems in appearance, upkeep and safety.

Monies from the city's Neighborhood Matching Fund program have been awarded to the Rainier Beach Community Club in co-sponsorship with Southeast Effective Development (SEED) for a Waters Avenue Demonstration Project. This grant, plus a \$2,000 bequest from Katharine Lee, donated labor from the community, and youth crews through SEED, make possible this beautification opportunity.

ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 7:30 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE (6038 S Pilgrim), the community club is sponsoring a brainstorming session on how to shape the demonstration project. We need everybody's best ideas. Should the entire effort be directed at improving one section? Which section? Should some of the money go toward beautifying the borders around the steps in the steep sections, or toward cutting and preparing a broader area for planting in the future?

Tom Lattimore, director of Southeast Effective Development, will speak at the meeting, and city arborist Jerry Clark has been invited.

Here's also a chance to wish Newell and Adele Davis well in their new home at Kent Meridian. Newell, past president of the club, was instrumental in starting the effort to get the median improved and will be honored at the meeting.

At Random

■ Regis Co. completed installation of new formica countertops in the clubhouse kitchen this past week. They look so nice. Thank you Mike McCarty for taking charge of the project.

■ Motorcycle policemen spent the week of April 17 gathering data in Rainier Beach to determine traffic hazard areas. An officer met with Howard Wilson to get input from the community on problems. The officers wrote 40 tickets.

■ SESCO (South End Seattle Community Organization) endorsed the CAP initiative, Initiative 31, the Citizens' Alternative Plan setting limits on downtown building height and bulk. The initiative will be on the ballot May 16. Other SESCO news: took delivery of a new computer donated by the Boeing Company; two delegates will attend an organizer training session at the University of California-San Diego in July.

■ Rainier Beach spring cleanup once again was a tremendous success. On the east side day alone (April 25 pickup) 15 truckloads were hauled out to the dump. The club furnished pop, donuts and coffee for the Seattle Conservation Corps workers.

■ City Council Urban Redevelopment Committee (Chair, Paul Kraabel) is holding a public hearing Thursday, May 11, 7 PM at the 11th floor Municipal Building, on the Mayor's proposed changes to the Multifamily Land Use Policies. The infamous "single family attached" zone, a part of these policies, has been appropriately renamed lowrise duplex-triplex in this revision. The community needs to watch the locational criteria and rezone rules for this zone.

■ Plans for development of the I-90 corridor is the topic of a hearing May 4 by the Land Use and Community Development Committee of the City Council, held at Center Park House, 2121-26th Ave S., 7 PM. The public land is from the Atlantic Urban Renewal Program that demolished but never replaced homes and the excess homes and land that were bought for the I-90 project. Important issues here: will the area be a stable neighborhood of owner occupied homes, an area for light industry, or a rental area of row houses and apartments?

■ Mona Sobottka will present the club's annual \$500 scholarship to a deserving senior at the Rainier Beach High School senior breakfast June 2.

■ Final board meeting before summer break is Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse. All members welcome.

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

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May 8, 1989

Marie Wilson, Corresponding Secretary
Rainier Beach Community Club
6606 South Cooper Street
Seattle, Washington 98118

Subject: Kubota Gardens

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

The concerns and recommendations in your letter of April 2 will be considered in the next phase of review and design for the Kubota Gardens project. However, there are many factors influencing this project and all must be considered, though not necessarily adopted, before decisions are made for such an important facility.

The neighborhood community will definitely be a very influential factor throughout the planning process and the subsequent life of Kubota Gardens. As part of the planning process, comments from the Rainier Beach residents have been welcome and useful. In the next review of the design alternatives you will probably find that many of your comments have been incorporated into the plans in some form. Your additional comments at that time will help the Department and the City decide what is appropriate for Kubota Gardens and the neighborhood.

Thank you for your letter and your continued interest in the project and Kubota Gardens.

Sincerely,

Holly Miller
Superintendent

HM:rnp/d
D2A:RANRBECH

cc: Dolores Sibonga, Chair - Parks and Public Grounds Committee
Jeanette Williams, Vice Chair - Parks and Public Grounds Committee
Stu Weiss, Chair - Kubota Gardens Oversight Committee
Harvey Watanabe, President - Kubota Garden Foundation
Elizabeth Chave, Coordinator - Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board
Rick Nishi, Park Planner

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

May 9, 1989

This is recorded from info given to the Secretary (absent from the General Meeting) at the May 23, 1989 Board Meeting.

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: 30

Discussion of Waters Ave. median improvement concluded that the demonstration project would procede. Tom Lattimore, Director of Southeast Effective Devvelopment, spoke on how his group would assist the project.

Past President Newell Davis and Adele were honored and wished well in their new home at Kent Meridian.

It was MSP to support the Women's Club request to the City Engineering Dept. to study and solve the dangerous traffic situation at Renton Ave. S. and S. Bangor St. Also, MSP that 25 mph speed limit signs be installed on Waters Ave. between 61st Ave. S. and S. Ryan St.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

May 23, 1989

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Agness Webster, Gerry Tarver, Jeanette Joyner, Marie and Howard Wilson, Joe Marley, Mary Wieckowicz, Mona Sobottka, Howard Davenport, Stu Weiss.

Minutes of the April 25, 1989 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Marie Wilson reported on correspondence.

Howard Wilson reported the Treasurer was ill and not able to prepare the monthly report. A new rental, The Grace Baptist Church, will rent the hall every Wednesday for two hours, \$ 140 per month, beginning June 1, 1989.

Various land use items were discussed including Park Supt. Holly Miller's reply of May 8, 1989 to our April 2, 1989 letter recommending planning considerations for Kubota Gardens. It was MSP to write a letter to Holly Miller expressing the Board's continuing sentiment for a quiet, meditative atmosphere in planning for Kubota Gardens.

Howard Wilson reported on the Waters Ave. median improvement. For the next phase development, we would need to get a preapplication filed by June 12, 1989. It is felt by the Board that we should wait until the first phase is completed.

Discussion of possible RBCC participation in S.E. District Planning by the City: It was MSP that the Board authorizes the RBCC Land Use Committee to explore participation in Southeast District Neighborhood Planning.

Discussion of Officers for the 1989-90 year resulted in the following volunteers:

Trustees for 3 year term ending in 1992: Joe Marley, Jeanette Joyner
Recording Secretary: Stu Weiss
Corresponding Secretary: Marie Wilson
Newsletter Committee Chair; Mary Wieckowicz

Next Board meeting - Aug. 22, 1989; General Meeting - Sept. 12, 1989

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

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

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS
6606 S. Cooper St.
Seattle, WA 98118
June 2, 1989

Holly Miller, Superintendent
Seattle Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Municipal Building
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Miller,

At our recent board meeting we discussed your letter of May 8th and decided to add the following recommendations to those presented in our April 2 letter re KUBOTA GARDENS:

(1) We believe that our proposal for minimal structural development at the "gardens" will be welcomed by many people who live over a wide geographic range--not just those who live nearby in the Rainier Beach area. Over many years, visitors from all over the United States heard of this "place" and came to experience the garden's specialness. They did not stay away because there was no visitors' center or teahouse.

(2) These gardens should (and do) provide an atmosphere where people find refuge from the ever-increasing tensions of modern-day life. This is a real need. We are freed from the tedium and pressures of buildings which announce "You do THIS here!" No carefully arranged walkways with precisely edged plantings - no arbitrary directions leading us by the nose through various kinds of labeled garden styles and intricate mazes. No buildings in which classes and meetings are held. No offices to remind us that this is a planned, managed piece of real estate. No "lock-step" mentality here. We are safe and at peace.

(3) All of the Kubota land should be considered for appropriate landscaping and enhancement. The recommendations set forth in our letter of April 2 stated, "These are gardens to be protected and wooded - gently restored - and judiciously enhanced."

(4) Kubota Gardens are already of regional and national significance. Structures are not needed to give the "gardens" importance. Any classrooms, administrative buildings, etc. should be located at Park Dept. centers already developed, such as Rainier Beach or Hutchinson centers.

(5) We believe a memorial to American citizens and immigrants of Japanese ancestry who were forcefully removed from their homes and

June 2, 1989

placed in concentration camps WOULD be appropriate. We would request that this be of a monument type with no surrounding structure.

We have written this to clarify and expand on our April 2 letter. It is our goal to define in a brief manner our ideas and concerns. We hope this letter is helpful.

Sincerely,

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
BOARD

Marie Wilson
Corresponding Secretary

RBCC BD/mw

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Jeanette Williams, City Council
Rick Nishi, Park Dept.
Kubota Gardens Oversight Committee

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Charles Royer, Mayor
Holly Miller, Superintendent
June 28, 1989

Marie Wilson, Corresponding Secretary
Rainier Beach Community Club
6606 South Cooper Street
Seattle, Washington 98118

Subject: Kubota Gardens Planning Study

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Enclosed is a copy of the draft Final Design Program for the two design alternatives for Kubota Gardens to be prepared by Murase Associates. This program is a compilation of information from meetings, discussions, and letters from the Rainier Beach Community Club (RBCC), the Kubota Gardens Oversight Committee, the Kubota Garden Foundation, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board (LPB), and the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation.

In all cases, with the exception of the LPB, a compromise of issues and concerns will be represented in the designs, and is noted in the program.

This program has been reviewed by the Oversight Committee and the Foundation. It is currently being reviewed by Murase Associates and the LPB. The Department also wanted the RBCC to have the opportunity to review this document before the plans are started. Due to the summer schedule of the RBCC, it was recommended by Stu Weiss that copies be sent directly to you, Joe Marley, and Mary Wicowicz as members of the RBCC who have been involved in this project for some time.

Please feel free to call me directly at 684-7047 if you have any questions after your review. I would also be happy to meet with you, Stu, and several others at your convenience, to discuss some of these issues, if you desire.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Nishi".

Rick Nishi
Park Planner

RN:ia:#4/7:WILSON

cc: **Stu Weiss**

Mary Wicowicz

Joe Marley

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RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

August 22, 1989

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Mary Wieckowicz, Howard Davenport, Mike McCarty, Stu Weiss, Eva Victor, Jeanette Joyner, Howard and Marie Wilson, Joe Marley, Mona Sobottka

Minutes of the May 23, 1989 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Marie Wilson read and discussed correspondence.

Howard Wilson discussed the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Kubota Gardens and the Club's letters to Park Supt. Holly Miller on development planning were discussed. The fourth public meeting will present two conceptual alternatives for use and development of the 20 acres. It will be held Sept. 14, 1989, 7 P.M. at the New Life Bible Fellowship church on 55th Ave. S just south of the Gardens.

The need for RBCC candidates for President and V.P. for the coming year was discussed. There will be no general meeting in September. The next Board Meeting Sept 26, will discuss future of the RBCC.

Joe Marley discussed the SEED (Southeast Effective Development) meeting on pre-application for neighborhood project funding. Funding for the S.E. Seattle Planning Initiative was denied. The denial is being appealed.


Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

September 26, 1989

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse.

Attendance: Stu Weiss, Gerry Tarver, Mike McCarty, Marie and Howard Wilson,
Mona Sobottka, Jeanette Joyner, Agness Webster.

Minutes of the Aug. 22, 1989 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Marie Wilson reported on correspondence and copy of a letter to the Kubota Gardens Consultant by Don Brooks, Senior Gardener, Seattle Parks Department.

Gerry Tarver reported the SESCO auction will be held Dec. 9, 1989 at 6 P.M.

Howard Wilson discussed Treasurer's Financial report.

The problem of garbage pickup after people rent the clubhouse was discussed and how we want to treat it in the lease agreement.

Marie Wilson discussed the RBCC cosponsoring a School Board candidates night at Rainier Beach High School to be held in October. The audience would have little chance to ask questions. It was MSP that the RBCC not co sponsor this event because the audience will not be able to question the candidates directly.

Howard Wilson reported on Waters Ave. median and progress on the planning schedule.

Marie will contact Frank LaChance for a Club sponsored meeting on local houses of crime for Oct. 17, 1989 or when possible.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Financial Report

Checking Account Balance on August 22, 1989 \$3813.65

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$560.00	
Rental Deposits	525.00	
Dues	30.00	
Interest	12.97	
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Total Receipts		\$1127.97
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Working Capital		\$4941.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 28.75	
Lights	25.29	
Telephone	37.22	
Rental Deposit Refunds	500.00	
Garbage	13.50	
Custodial Cleaning	60.00	
Custodial Rentals	65.00	
Custodial Supplies	43.61	
Furnace Insurance Policy	59.49	
Check Order Fee	5.10	
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Total Disbursements		\$ 837.96

Balance in Checking Account on September 26, 1989 \$4103.66

SAVINGS \$4398.95

WATERS AVENUE MEDIAN ACCOUNT \$2075.65

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

Presented at Sept. 26, 1989 Board Meeting

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Financial Report

Corrected Balance in Checking Account on October 24, 1989 \$4383.68

RECEIPTS

Rentals	\$1105.00
Dues	315.00
Donations	25.00
Rental Deposit	100.00
Interest 10-20	14.93
11-21	17.84
	32.77

Total Receipts \$1577.77

Working Capital \$5961.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$ 23.00
Telephone	37.19
Utilities	20.72
King County Taxes - 2nd Half	445.66
Newsletter postage - envelopes	28.39
Lazer Quick	
500 sheets with Letterhead	42.43
Tank Insurance	18.00
Custodial Service -Cleaning	60.00
Rentals	65.00
Rental Refunds	100.00

Total Disbursements \$ 905.39

Balance n Checking Account on November 27, 1989 \$5056.06

SAVINGS \$4448.84

WATERS AVENUE MEDIAN STRIP \$2099.19

Billie K. Jacobson, Treasurer

Presented at Nov. 28, 1989 Board Meeting.

Rainier Beach Community Club

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Community Meeting: Drugs in Our Neighborhoods

Wednesday, November 1, 7 PM

Rainier Beach Community Club, 6038 South Pilgrim

It is time to act. Drug houses and prostitution proliferate in our community. Laws are flaunted, and public officials and the police do not seem to be effectively dealing with the problem.

Don Van Blaricom, former Bellevue police chief, known for his advocacy of community policing, will speak and answer questions. We'll be collecting "addresses of concern" from residents and locating these on our area maps pursuant to appropriate action. Be there and bring your neighbors. Only when we act together do we have strength.

Neighbors Against Drugs (organized by our neighbors Frank LaChance and Sheryl Perry) has been successful in confronting obvious drug houses and "encouraging" a number of them to move out. They'll be with us as we face these issues and plan solutions.

From the Board

Procedures for nominating, electing and installing RBCC officers and trustees for the 89/90 club year began in April in accordance with by-laws. The recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and trustees agreed to continue serving another term. The Board agreed that general membership meetings should not occur each month, but as-needed when important issues arise and when wide attendance and interest seem likely. The Board continues to meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse. Board meetings are open to the membership and will be publicized in the newsletter whenever possible.

WILLING to serve on the RBCC Board? Good ideas and fresh energy keep long-time organizations like ours vital and lively. Can you give just two nights a month? Please call 722-4885 to offer your help, suggestions, program ideas, etc. We need YOU! How about it?

Time to Renew Your Membership

\$5 per family, per year, and you'll be supporting the clout our community has in dealing with various government entities, politicians, developers, and sundry. Along with all that, you receive this newsletter and a 15% discount on hall rentals. Use the enclosed envelope, or bring your renewal to the November 1 meeting.

Rainier Beach Women's Club

Next meeting is Thursday, November 2, noon, at the clubhouse. A potluck buffet luncheon at noon, program at 1 PM. "General Investments and Portfolio Selections" is the subject of Deborah Lewis's presentation. She is Account Representative at the Rainier Beach branch of Metropolitan Savings and Loan. A bazaar table--donate your "not being used" items and buy someone else's. Fun! Come! Call 722-4885 for more information.

Update on Kubota Gardens

At a Sept. 14 community meeting, the Park Dept. presented two alternatives for future use and development of the gardens. Both included a play area (opposed by the RBCC Board and by the Kubota Gardens Foundation as inappropriate). Those attending voted unanimously to oppose a play area. The Parks Dept. requested \$65,000 in their budget to prepare an environmental impact statement analyzing the two proposals. The amount was removed from the city budget, but budget hearings are pending and open to public input and modification. The Open Spaces bond issue being voted on November 7 includes in the "wish list" 16 acres of ravine adjoining Kubota Gardens that if acquired could buffer development on that edge.

Thank you

Kudos to all the faithful, hard-working folks who serve our club. Gerry Tarver is one of them. She has submitted her resignation as our rep on the SESCO board after serving long and faithfully. Her dedication to this organization is appreciated. She will continue as a valued member of the RBCC board. Gerry also helps Mary Wieckowicz and Billy Jacobson in producing and mailing this newsletter.

Condolences

The community loses two long-time residents and leaders with the deaths of Hilo Hasegawa (teacher and librarian at Emerson School and community activist) and Phillip Weiss (long-time resident active with the Columbia Pioneers), father of Robin Weiss and Stuart, our club secretary and land use specialist. Our condolences to the families.

Progress on Waters Ave. Median

The median has been treated to kill unwanted weeds and vegetation. Mowing of the flat parts has been accomplished during the summer, and scheduling of the plantings should be completed by Nov. 1.

Southeast Planning Initiative

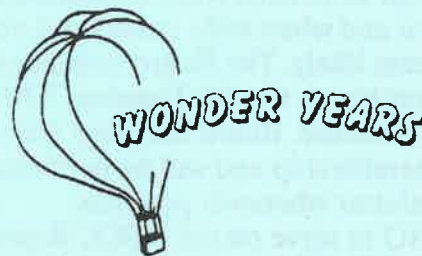
Your Rainier Beach Community Club participated in submittal to the city of a "Southeast Planning Initiative." The proposal has since been approved and funded at \$76,000. Participating neighborhoods will match the allocation at a value of \$38,000. Project applicants are Southeast Effective Development (SEED) and the Rainier Chamber of Commerce. Cosponsors included Mt. Baker, Rainier Vista, Lakewood-Seward Park, Columbia Heights and Rainier Beach Community Clubs along with the Genesee and Rainier Beach Merchants Associations. The initiative will address the following:

- Housing analysis
- Capitol improvement needs analysis
- Economic development/commercial site market/feasibility analysis
- Zoning/land use review and recommendations

Funding for the initiative begins in Jan. '90.

Scholarship to Rainier Beach Senior

Kabaka Haythorne received the 1989 scholarship awarded each year by the Rainier Beach Community Club. The \$500 check is presented to a Rainier Beach graduating senior whose grades and participation in school and community activities are outstanding. Kabaka started this fall at UW pursuing engineering.



CLASSIFIEDS

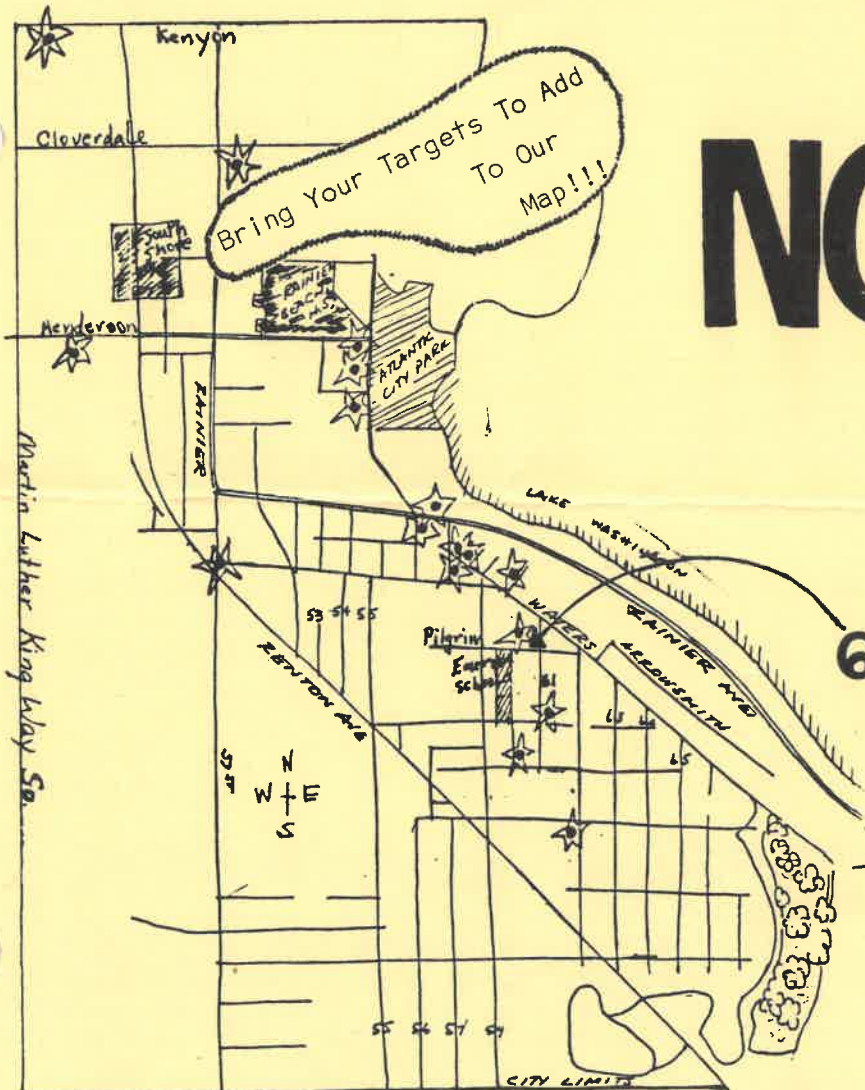
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COMMUNITY POLICING!

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GUEST SPEAKER

Don VanBlaricom

(Former police chief and current
Bellevue City Councilperson)



NOV 1ST 7:00 PM

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HOSTED BY:

RB Community Club 722-4885

WITH SUPPORT BY:

Neighbors Against Drugs 725-137

RB Merchants Association

RB Women's Club

National Family Association

Wednesday, November 8, 1989

'Community policing' discussed

(Sheryl Perry is a member of *Neighbors Against Drugs*, a community anti-crime organization headquartered in Rainier Beach.)
By SHERYL PERRY

Fired by fear, skepticism, and anger, the whispers and rumors of a burgeoning neighborhood movement became a voice that echoed loud and clear in the halls of the Rainier Beach Community Club last Wednesday, Nov. 1. It was a meeting called of Rainier Beach residents, merchants, educators and church people culminating many weeks of planning and organized by five active area groups.

Over a month ago, eight representatives and members of the Community Club, Neighbors Against Drugs, the National Family Association, the Rainier Beach Women's Club, and the Rainier Beach Merchants Association met on a Saturday morning to brainstorm and exchange ideas. The problem? How could Rainier Beach confront the crime and deterioration of this neighborhood, our home, our past and our future? The ideas and

suggestions were both varied and multiple, but those eight people agreed that we must begin to act as a community to confront the problem.

Eight people grew to over 80 people who filled the clubhouse last Wednesday. Howard Wilson, Rainier Beach Community Club president, welcomed the room full of friends and strangers, an audience that was quickly united by its expertise, energy, resourcefulness and commitment.

Moderator Frank LaChance, Neighbors Against Drugs founder, observed that although crime in the Rainier Valley as a whole may be down over eight percent, the true gauge is the community's own perception. He pointed to statistics provided by the South Seattle Crime Prevention Council that which showed that Part One crimes from January through June for two of the three census tracts that encompass Rainier Beach have increased four percent and 14 percent (CT 118 and CT 119, respectively). LaChance believes that if the community sets a standard of no tolerance for drugs,

then the city needs to provide tools and resources for the community to combat the problem.

Lee Gayles, of the National Family Association, is both a minister and a police officer who emphasized the need to stick together as a group and noted that the drug and crime problem has never been a problem that law enforcement could solve by itself.

With quiet eloquence and firm conviction, guest speaker Don Van Blaricom drew for the audience a picture of community policing, simply described as having officers permanently assigned to specific neighborhoods. Van Blaricom, a former police chief and current Bellevue City Councilman, believes the reason we are where we are today is the result of police corruption during and following WWII and the consequent reform movement that centralized the profession of law enforcement. Law enforcement became a bureaucracy that lost touch with neighborhoods. And the result of that has been the current method

of policing, which does not work. We must return to a system of self-help, a system in which residents and police share authority in identifying problems and working out solutions. He closed his remarks with the thought that there has to be enlightened leadership to accept and support community policing, and the political process can assist in this.

Questions and comments and anger debate sparked by vented anger prevailed for over an hour following Mr. Van Blaricom's speech and subsequent remarks by Chuck Pillon, Kay Godefroy, Major Ed Joiner and many others. But an underlying current of optimism continued throughout the evening, with the formation of two committees (Targeting and Youth/Education) as well as mapping of suspected drug/crime locations for follow up by the Targeting Committee.

The movement will grow, and the momentum will increase. For those wanting more information, please call 725-1374 or 722-4885.

In lieu of General Meeting minutes
Howard Wilson presided. 92 attendance

Presented at Exec. Board
Meeting Jan. 23, 1990

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Financial Report

Balance in Checking Account on November 27, 1989 \$5056.06

RECEIPTS

Rentals \$1228.00
Dues 105.00
Waters Avenue Median Account 2000.00
Rental Deposits 200.00
Interest 18.93

Total Receipts \$3551.93

Working Capital \$8607.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising \$ 52.75
Telephone 69.93
Utilities 57.66
Lights 28.58
Postage - Newsletter 31.50
SEED 2000.00
Fuel Oil 134.82
Custodial - Cleaning 180.00
 Rentals 130.00
 Repair 20.08
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New 1/2 Roof 1194.50
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Garbage 13.50
Check Order Fee 5.10

Total Disbursements \$4439.48

Checking Account Balance on January 23, 1990 \$4168.51

SAVINGS

Interest 12-2/-89 50.46

\$4448.84

\$4499.30

WATERS AVENUE MEDIAN ACCT.

Interest 23.81

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RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

November 28, 1989

Presiding: V.P. Howard Wilson

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Frank LaChance, Sheryl Perry, Joe Saemmer, Mike McCarty, Billie Jacobson, Bob Ridder, Gerry Tarver, Howard and Marie Wilson, Joe Marley, Eva Victor, Mona Sobottka, Stu Weiss, Don and Mary Wieckowicz.

Minutes of the Sept. 26, 1989 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Marie Wilson reported on her letter to Don Van Blaricom thanking him for his November 1, 1989 speech at our Clubhouse.

Billie Jacobson read and discussed her Treasurer's Report. It was MSP to approve it.

Joe Marley reported on his attendance at two meetings on S.E. Seattle Planning Initiative.

Howard Wilson reported on Waters Ave. Median meeting with SEED, Tom Latimore.

Mike McCarty reported on building maintenance. The north side roof is leaking. It was MSP to hire Mr. Ralston to put new roofing on the north side.

Next Board Meeting is the 4th Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1990.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

Sponsored by Rainier Beach Community Club
Rainier Beach Women's Club
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National Family Association

Committee Reports

***TARGETING

Goal: To identify and verify locations of concern, and to take appropriate steps to eliminate those locations.

Committee concerns identified so far:

- Tracking people evicted because of drug/criminal activity
- Encourage realtors & leasing agents to screen prospective tenants better
- Arrange a meeting with Stock Market owners & managers re: drug activity in parking lot and adjacent to Metro shelters
- Investigate possible patrolling by Guardian Angels

Specific tasks:

- compile Apartment Owners Assoc. info Re: 72-hr evictions
 - research screening process for Seattle Housing Auth/Section 8
 - contact Stock Market owner (letter/phone call)
 - contact Guardian Angels - can they do any patrolling in RB?
 - compile list of realtors & leasing/rental agents
 - learn how to use King County property records to track owners
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***YOUTH/EDUCATION

Goal: To promote and support youth in our community

Committee concerns identified so far:

- Support youth programs, such as Alpha Beach Alpha -- "they are our FUTURE"
- Promote a conference for youth (HS & Middle School), spring 1990
- Improve image of schools, especially RB High School (media blitz??)
- Why does RB High not have an auditorium?

Specific tasks:

- Re: community support for youth -- get 4 or 5 specific ideas from current students at RB High
 - Become familiar with School Board policies & procedures
 - Develop contacts with schools in RB
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CAN YOU HELP??

Please call 722-4885 or 725-1374

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO WORK ON SPECIFIC TASKS...

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROCESS, AND WE ARE ALL LEARNING TOGETHER HOW TO MAKE THIS A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS MEETING!!!

Rainier Beach Community Club

December 1989

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Merry Christmas!

The Christmas ship docks at Rainier Beach Atlantic City boat ramp on Friday, December 15, 8:10 PM. Members wishing to donate Christmas cookies to be served at the boat ramp that evening can drop them off at Agnes Websters, so give her a call at 723-4838 to make arrangements. Bob Ridder will take the cookies to the park shelter. If you are going to watch the bonfire and greet the ship, just take the cookies with you.

The next board meeting is the fourth Tuesday, January 23, 1990, at the clubhouse, 7:30 PM. The date for the next general meeting will be announced in the February newsletter.

Progress on the Waters Median

The Southeast Effective Development workers are almost finished with the steep parts of the Waters Avenue median in preparation for planting. Club members met with Tom Lattimore to discuss next steps. English ivy will be the dominant ground cover for the steep parts. Other plantings will be chosen for along the stairways and appropriate areas. Mona Sobottka, Pat Anderson and Virginia Moore volunteered to assist in plant selection. Planting will proceed as soon as the planting schedule has been approved by the city arborist and as weather permits.

Community Meetings: Drugs in Our Neighborhoods

Two recent meetings, November 1 and 28, co-sponsored with Frank La Chance and Sheryl

Perry of Neighbors Against Drugs, were fruitful in a number of ways. Over 100 people met on November 1 and about 80 on November 28 to express their mutual concerns. Don VanBlaricom, former police chief and current Bellevue City Councilperson, described community policing, which essentially goes back to the neighborhood beat cop concept, bringing officers back into the neighborhoods to talk with neighbors about what they want, and then determine how they can accomplish their goals together. His point is that traditional policing is ineffective, responding to crises instead of focusing on crime prevention, much like modern medicine spends heavily on treating disease rather than on prevention. The suggestion was made that Rainier Beach could apply for funds as a demonstration project to test the community policing approach.

Two committees were organized and are at work as a result of these meetings: (1) to target

properties of concern, and (2) youth/education to begin work on root causes of the gang and drug use problems. The targeting committee met with corporate management of Stock Market grocery in response to complaints about drug incidents in this area. A video camera is being mounted outside the building to film activities in the parking lot.

People at the Nov. 28 meeting were treated to an impressive dance and rap presentation by Alpha Beach Alpha, a group of Rainier Beach High School students who seek to be role models to their peers in an effort to stem school gang/drug pressures. The regular board meeting followed the ABA presentation.

Club Repairs

Charles Ralston, club member and owner of Ralston Roofing Company, has been authorized to install a new north half of the clubhouse roof. The south half was installed about 7 years ago. Money for the north half has been budgeted and is available. In addition, Mike McCarty reinforced the outside basement door, so there will no longer be problems with it latching. Thanks, Mike, for a job well done.

Southeast Planning Initiative

Abundance of cheap land in Southeast Seattle underscores the need for a community generated neighborhood plan. Without it city officials will plan for us and may dump unwanted projects on the area.

The City Council approved funding to initiate a planning effort in Southeast Seattle. Community clubs participating include Rainier Beach, Rainier

View, Lakewood/Seward Park, Mt. Baker, Hillman City, along with the Rainier Chamber of Commerce, Genesee Merchants, and the Rainier Beach merchants. The work will be coordinated by Southeast Effective Development (SEED) and the Department of Community Development.

An important aspect will be to set priorities to schedule future capital improvements and maintenance. Another critical issue will be an evaluation of possible future use of the land, including existing zoning and whether changes should be made.

Everyone in each community will have an opportunity to contribute their ideas about what our area should be, and what resources the city should contribute. We need broad participation for a successful project. This is our chance to help determine the future of our community.

It will be a busy but hopefully a worthwhile winter. Please think about what you like and dislike about our community. We will need volunteers to plan meetings, to work on collecting and compiling data and information, organizing the ideas and much more. You will hear more about this soon from the Land Use Committee.

Give a Gift of Membership

Give yourself and your community the gift of your membership. The red mark on your mailing label means you were a member last year but have not yet paid your dues for 89-90. Last chance: Send \$5 payable to Rainier Beach Community Club, along with your mailing label, to RBCC, c/o 6520 South Hazel, Seattle WA 98178. For all who have already renewed, thank you, friends, for your generous response to our membership drive.

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