

Seattle
Department of
Parks and Recreation



Holly Miller, Superintendent
Norman B. Rice, Mayor

February 24, 1994

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Seattle City Council
City of Seattle

Via Mayor Norman B. Rice

**Attention: Diana Gale, Director
Office of Management and Budget**

Dear Councilmembers:

It is with great pleasure that I am forwarding this proposed resolution to approve the Kubota Garden Master Plan and authorize the Kubota Garden Foundation to begin fundraising efforts for development of the plan.

Since the 20-acre Kubota Garden was purchased by the City in 1988, the Department has maintained the property primarily as passive open and garden space. Over the past several years, the Department has gradually restored the historic "core" garden. The Kubota Garden is currently open to the public daily and is free of charge.

In 1989, the Department completed a concept plan for the Garden outlining two alternatives: Alternative 1, "Core American-Japanese Garden", and Alternative 2, "Extended American-Japanese Garden". Alternative 1 proposed a modest garden development and future amenities aimed at serving local (to Seattle) public interest. Alternative 2, anticipating regional use, suggested additional amenities and garden development beyond the 4.5 acre Core developed by Mr. Fujitaro Kubota, the original owner and creator. These two conceptual alternatives (plus a "no action" alternative) were the basis of the EIS review process that followed in 1992.

I agree with the Kubota Garden Foundation and the Board of Park Commissioners who reviewed the EIS and endorsed Alternative 2. I recommend that you approve the Master Plan concept for an "Extended American-Japanese Garden" (Alternative 2 in the EIS). Your approval would provide a City-endorsed plan so that the Kubota Foundation or others could raise funds for future development. Attachment A is a draft resolution for this purpose. Attachment B provides a description and a site plan of Alternative 2.

Two major issues, park security and unrestricted park access, were most often discussed by the public during the EIS process. Although nearby residents would like to continue to enjoy unlimited public access to the quiet garden, most realize that the site's lack of restriction invites a growing amount of vandalism.

Public access also remains a concern of nearby residents. Some feel that Alternative 2 would invite too many visitors and spoil the tranquility of the park. Free or unrestricted access might also end if a fee were charged and gates installed as suggested in the EIS. There is neither a specific proposal nor a schedule to establish an entrance fee. In response to this concern, we have suggested that local access could still be provided during non-peak weekdays. We also suggested that a small corner of the garden be reserved as a neighborhood park space but this was rejected by the public who wanted to see the entire 20-acre site preserved as a garden in keeping with Mr. Kubota's original concept.

The following is a summary of additional issues examined during the planning process and environmental review:

1. Regional vs. Local Park

Of the EIS's three alternatives (including "no-action" option), Alternative 2 proposes a bolder approach to meeting future visitor needs as well as to fulfill Mr. Kubota's vision for horticultural displays throughout the 20-acre site. Alternative 2 proposes a maximum of 80 parking spaces on site to accommodate peak weekend use, in anticipation of a visitor pattern similar to but less in volume than the Conservatory, Japanese Garden and the Arboretum. Although the EIS acknowledged some potential for traffic congestion at the park during peak visitor periods (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. during fair weather weekend days), it noted that the impact on traffic and public safety does not significantly impact traffic at Renton Avenue South and 55th Avenue South. Added signage and a crosswalk would improve pedestrian safety at this intersection.

2. Impact of additional structures on the Garden

Alternative 2 proposed a visitor center no larger than a 3,000 square foot footprint and development of plant display areas surrounding the historic landmark core garden. This visitor/interpretive center would be developed, along with new maintenance buildings, using design concepts to minimize the buildings' aesthetic impact on the Garden. The former Kubota residence is to be demolished. This house is vacant and abandoned, except for the Department's gardeners crew quarters located in the basement. The EIS process determined that a visitor center and new crew facility, properly placed on the 20-acre site, would not adversely alter the aesthetic character of the garden.

3. Service delivery

The 4 year-old, 400-member Kubota Garden Foundation, while not yet financially well-endowed, has a proven record of assistance to the Department by providing public information and tours of the Garden and assistance to staff with grounds maintenance and educational opportunities. The Foundation has strong ties to the surrounding Rainier

Beach Neighborhood as well as to various cultural and horticultural organizations. The Extended Garden Concept (Alt 2) would enable the Foundation to take an even greater role in developing the garden's full potential as a horticultural and cultural resource on a scale roughly equivalent to that of other special gardens or arboreta in greater Seattle. The Department and the Foundation are currently working on a Use-Management Agreement that outlines the Foundation's future role in fundraising, public education and operational support.

4. Finance and operational cost

It is anticipated that the non-profit Kubota Garden Foundation would provide fund-raising for a new visitor center and other capital improvements. No estimates are available for this development. The City may be asked to provide some phased site improvements to coincide with capital improvements, such as upgrading or constructing new park infrastructure (utilities, roads and paths, security, crew facilities and public restrooms).

Annual maintenance and operation costs of the garden would be expected to be marginally higher than Alternative 1 (by about one-third to one-half) if Alternative 2 were fully implemented. Specific operating budget increases have not been estimated. If an entry fee was charged, at a rate comparable to the current fee at the Japanese Garden, the City would likely offset only a portion of the projected M&O costs based upon comparable costs of other special gardens. It is unlikely that Kubota Garden will be entirely self-supporting. Before any capital development is approved, we will submit maintenance and operations cost estimates, but until then we plan to maintain the site at the same level as we are now.

5. Timeliness

This action is not directly associated with this year's CIP submittal. However, the Kubota Foundation is anxious to complete the environmental review process and to receive an endorsement of this future plan (Alt 2) so that fund-raising efforts can be launched.

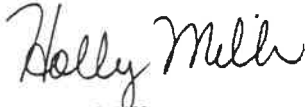
6. Commitment

This proposed Resolution does not commit the City or the Kubota Garden Foundation to specific promises in funding, scope or schedule of any improvements in the garden for any future increased maintenance, or for any fee generation requirement to support these planned improvements.

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If you have any questions concerning this draft Resolution or the Kubota Garden EIS, please contact Kevin Crouthamel, Park Planner, at 684-7049.

Sincerely,



Holly Miller
Superintendent

Attachments: A: Draft Resolution B. Site Description and Map PL-240.KGC

Rainier Beach Community Club March 1994

Next Business Meeting fourth Tuesday, March 22, 1994, 7:30 PM

Newsletters have been absent for a few months but that doesn't mean the board hasn't been working. Business meetings take place the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30 PM, at the clubhouse, 6038 S Pilgrim. Led by President Norm Sargent and Vice President Norm McAdory, these meetings are a great way to stay current with what's happening in your neighborhood. At recent meetings:

- Officer Kim Wiggins of the South Precinct Community Police team reported on area problems;
- Nancy Paino Robinson of Rainier Photo Supply told of the "Welcome to Rainier Beach" signs that will soon be going up (Henderson and MLK, 57th & Rainier, Kenyon & Rainier), paid for by the Rainier Beach Merchants;
- Jeff Spelman of the non-profit Mt. Baker Housing Association gave details of his group's pending purchase of the Starliter Apartments (on Rainier Ave next to Rainier Photo Supply);
- Mary Ann Parmeter of the Kubota Gardens Foundation got the club to endorse a proposal to post Kubota Gardens as closed from 11 PM- 6 AM in an effort to control vandalism there.

So you see, lots goes on that is useful to know about and that could use YOUR input. See you March 22! It's time to be thinking about officer and trustee positions for the coming year.

Open Space Nominations

Mary Wieckowicz, Land Use Committee

Since 1991, the **largest** open space purchases in Southeast Seattle have been 17 of the 50 acre East Duwamish Greenbelt along I5, 8 acres in the Cheasty Blvd. natural area, and 14 acres at Kubota Gardens. (The Sturtevant Ravine purchase, promoted by club member Louisa Saemmer, was also achieved.) Through the efforts of Ron Sims on the King County Council, an additional \$2 million has been allocated to acquire lands in Southeast Seattle. Among the 50 people attending the February 23 Parks meeting, the largest number advocated purchasing the portion of the East Duwamish greenbelt currently threatened by the "brick pits" landfill/apartment proposal. The community club and the Kubota Gardens Foundation supported acquisition of a small piece along the north edge of Kubota Gardens as a visual buffer for the core garden. Other nearby candidate sites were portions of Deadhorse Canyon, portions along Carkeek Drive that curves down from Beacon to Henderson St., and the hillside along ML King north from Ryan Way. The Parks Dept. will present its final recommendations March 14 at 7 PM, Hawthorne Elementary School lunchroom, 4100 39th Ave S. For information call Catherine Anstett, Seattle Open Space Program, 684-7046. Final recommendations are due to the King County Council on April 15.

7-11 Problem Addressed

Sheryl Perry, Community Facilities and Services Chair

The 7-11 Corporation asked for help in solving a loitering problem that was intimidating store employees as well as bus riders at the stop in front of their store (56th and Rainier), especially between 5 and 8 PM weekdays. In a joint effort of Metro and the Southeast Community Police Team, the problem appears to have been resolved.

Word from 1993 Scholarship Recipient

Jodi Maxfield, who is attending Seattle University to study nursing, wrote on January 4: "During the first quarter I did fairly well. I enjoy my winter classes which include: Chemistry, Literature and The Changing Family. Once again, THANK YOU. I can't tell you enough how much of a difference this scholarship has made for me."

McDermott at South Shore Middle School in April

Talk to Jim McDermott at a community meeting Saturday, April. 16, 10-11 AM. It doesn't get more convenient than this – an opportunity to exchange ideas with the 7th district congressman on issues like health care. South Shore Middle School Gymnasium, 8825 Rainier Avenue South.

Pine Pruning Workshop

A 3 hour workshop on pruning pines in the style of trees found in Japanese gardens. Instructors Don Brooks, senior gardener at Kubota Gardens, and David De Groot, curator of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. April 23 and May 7, 9-Noon or 1-4 PM. \$25 for members of Kubota Gardens Foundation, \$40 for nonmembers. Contact Mary Anne Parmeter, 522-3832.

Spring Clean 94

Clean streets and sidewalks are vital to community pride, feelings of personal safety, and perceptions of health and prosperity. Here's what Seattle is doing and how you can help. When calling, be specific about the location, license number of any vehicle involved or other information that will help the city contact the responsible party.

Illegal Dumping hotline: 684-PKUP.

Graffiti hotline 684-PKUP

Litter: 684 PKUP

From April 16 through May 1, join Seattle's coordinated city-wide cleanup effort. Last year 20,000 volunteer hours were contributed. The city provides litter bags, burlap and plastic, and support services for disposal of collected debris. For information, contact David Hunter, Anti-Litter Coordinator, 684-4163.

Emerson Fundraising Cookbook

History and Reunion Cookbook 1993, \$5, with proceeds going to the 4th and 5th grade camp fund. Available through Emerson Elementary School PTA. Contact Linda Whitehead, 281-6380.

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Rainier Beach Community Club April 1994

Mary Wieckowicz, Editor

Tues., April 12:

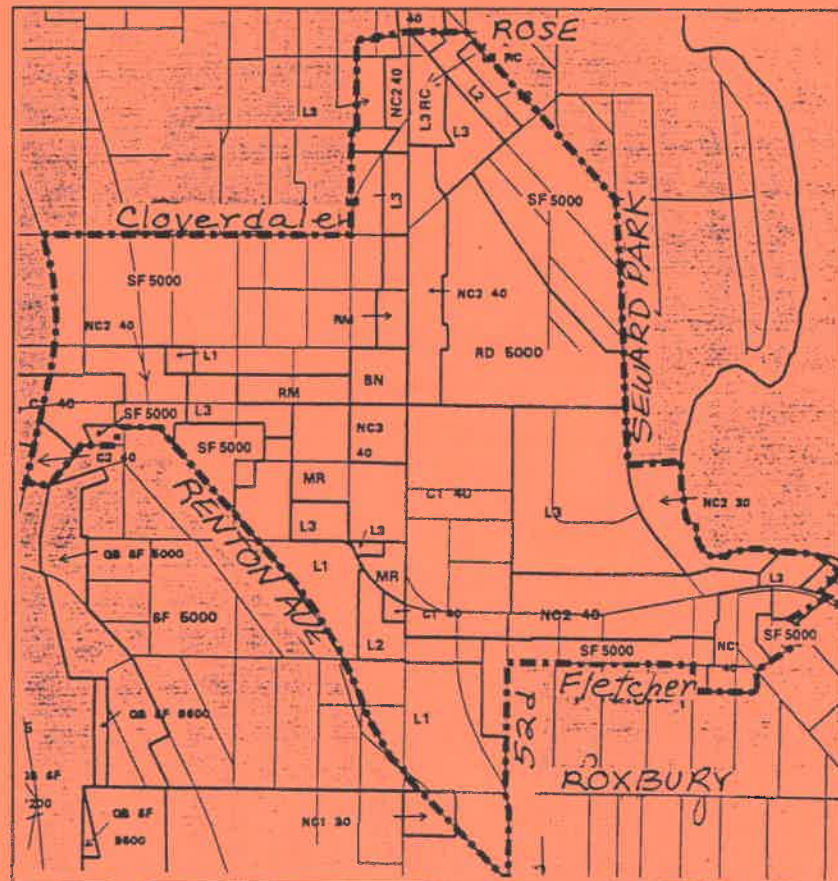
Gary Lawrence, Director, Seattle Planning Department:
"How Will the City's New Land Use Plan Affect Rainier Beach?"

On Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 PM, at the clubhouse, 6038 S. Pilgrim, Gary Lawrence, Director of the Seattle Planning Dept, will explain how the City's proposed Comprehensive Plan affects Rainier Beach, Southeast Seattle, and the region as a whole. Expect a short presentation on how the Plan fits in with Rainier Beach, followed by plenty of time for questions and answers. Several features/goals of the proposed 20-year plan:

- Establish a "Residential Urban Village" in Rainier Beach (see map for boundaries)
- Preserve the residential nature of the greater Rainier Beach area.
- Prevent "strip development" along arterials by strengthening local business areas like Rainier Beach and Columbia City.
- Increase residential growth, generally around the neighborhood business district. (The plan does not upzone any areas currently zoned single family, but neighborhood plans could allow higher density single family zones, and accessory housing is allowed in all single family zones with certain restrictions).
- Use "neighborhood-based planning," in which neighborhood groups work with city planners to identify their greatest needs and opportunities, prioritize local capital projects like parks, streets, libraries, and open space, decide if they want to ask for certain zoning changes, or use optional tools such as "cottage housing."
- Develop a new public transit shuttle system (called LINC) to move residents from home to neighborhood commercial district and back again.

Changes and

improvements to the Plan, based on public input, will be accepted between now and the June 30th adoption deadline. Review copies of the plan are available at branch libraries and community service centers. For notices about upcoming meetings and City Council hearings, call the Comp Plan Hotline, 386-9040. **AND COME TO THE COMMUNITY CLUB ON APRIL 12, 7:30 PM!**



From the March business meeting:

Rainier Beach Scout Troop 234

Craig Orff and Carol O'Brien, Scoutmaster and Committee Chair, respectively, are recruiting new members for their year-old troop. The boys, ages 11-18 years, meet every Friday, 6:30-8 PM, in the basement of St. Paul's Rectory. Scoutmaster Orff grew up in Rainier Beach, was active himself in scouting and now is giving back to the community what he received. He particularly enjoys backpacking and the great outdoors. The scouts participate in a food drive every November and are available for flag ceremonies or to help with other worthy community projects. For more information on joining the troop or volunteering as a leader, call 721-0247 ((O'Brien) or 725-4087 (Orff).

Mentoring Program Starting in 1995

Denise Fuller and Mark Long of Rainier Beach Presbyterian Church described current and new efforts their church sponsors for area kids. Besides a Day Camp, about 26 adults donate 200 hr/month tutoring 20 first to sixth graders from Emerson. Starting in 1995 they will add a mentoring program, will increase their program to 4 days a week (presently 2) and have applied for a city and neighborhood grant to establish a partnership with the schools. They invite community residents to help them identify other needs of children and families in addition to tutoring and mentoring (tutor = academic skills; mentor = adult friend). For more information or to volunteer as a tutor or mentor, call the church at 723-3131.

Renton Avenue Speeding

Karl Schmidt, club member who lives on Renton Avenue, would like to see the club tackle Renton Avenue traffic problems (speeding and passing on the right). He has data from a speed study done by the city last summer (3 samples of around 100 cars each measured 7:45-9 AM, 1-3 PM, 4-6 PM) showing a median speed of 39.4 mph (ie, half the cars measured traveling faster and half slower than 39.4), and 5% above 47 mph. Karl's idea is to get the city to paint a stripe designating the parking strip so that it is clear that in the city limits Renton Avenue is two lane. Residents with experiences of dangerous speeding or passing on Renton Avenue should contact Karl (722-4480). The club will consider what action to take at its **next business meeting Tues. Apr 26, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse. All members welcome.**

Rainier Beach Cleanup

Time to think spring and clean up that attic and basement junk. The club expressed a spring preference for the city's annual curbside pickup, but the actual dates determined by the city will be mailed to people's homes.

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Mary and Donald Wieckowicz
6520 S Hazel
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RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

March 22, 1994

Presiding: President Norm Sargent

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Stu Weiss, Mary Wieckowicz, Mike McCarty, Jeanette Joyner, Eva Victor, Alex McConnell, Gene Lux, Karl Schmidt, Mark Long, Denise Fuller, Carol O'Brien, Craig Orff, Norm McAdory, Norm Sargent, Howard Wilson, Marie Wilson, Bob Ridder, Mark Murray.

Craig Orff and Carol O'Brien reported on the new Scout Troop 234 which meets at the St. Paul's Rectory.

Denise Fuller and Mark Long reported on programs sponsored by the Rainier Beach Presbyterian Church for children.

Karl Schmidt described studies on Renton Avenue traffic speeding.

Minutes of the February 22, 1994 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Norm Sargent reviewed the financial report.

Marie Wilson reviewed correspondence.

Norm Sargent discussed the annual scholarship award.

Stu Weiss reported on land use items.

For the April 12, 1994 General Meeting: the City will be requested to provide a Planning Department speaker on the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Stuart Weiss

Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

General Meeting

April 12, 1994

Presiding: President Norm Sargent

Held at Clubhouse

President Sargent lead the audience in the flag salute.

He introduced Mark Murray of the Mayor's office who in turn introduced Gary Lawrence, Director, Seattle Planning Dept.

Gary described the proposed comprehensive Plan and the Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village and answered questions from the audience. He suggested that if the Club were so inclined, a letter could be sent to the Seattle City Council saying we want to make the Rainier Beach Village work.

Stuart Weiss
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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

April 26, 1994

Presiding: Pres. Norm Sargent

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Mary Wieckowicz, Howard Wilson, Marie Wilson, Eva Victor, Joe Marley, Stu Weiss, Norm Sargent, Walter Beauchamp Jr., Mark Murphy.

Minutes of the March 22, 1994 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Norm Sargent reviewed the financial report.

Marie Wilson reviewed correspondence.

The Proposed Comprehensive Plan for the Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village was discussed. It was agreed among some Board members that Joe Marley would prepare a letter to the City for Norm Sargent to sign.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

May 24, 1994

Presiding: President Norm Sargent

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Norm Sargent, Stu Weiss, Mike McCarty, Joe Marley, Jeanette Joyner, Eva Victor, Mark Murray, Mary Wieckowicz.

Minutes of the April 26, 1994 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Joe Marley read his proposed letter on the Comprehensive Plan. After discussion it was motioned to "Request that the City designate the Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village as a Level Two dwelling unit density and that we object to the proposed Level One designation". Seconded and passed.

Norm Sargent discussed the Treasurer's Report, reviewed correspondence, and discussed Jim Street's request to come to a Club meeting on the proposed Comprehensive Plan. A meeting will be arranged.

Eva Victor reported that the Women's Club will meet the first Thursday in June.

The City Council Resolution that Kubota Gardens would be developed as the Extended American - Japanese Garden, outlined in the 1993 Environmental Impact Statement, was discussed,

Stuart Weiss

GENERAL MEETING

June 15, 1994

Presiding: President Norm Sargent

Held at Clubhouse

Pres. Sargent opened the meeting with the flag salute. He introduced Jim Street, President of the Seattle City Council, who discussed population growth trends since 1970, the Washington State Growth Management Act, and the proposed Seattle Comprehensive Plan to meet growth demands. The audience made comments and asked questions.

Stuart Weiss

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Recording Secretary

Reviewed RBCT

Board 5-24-94

A RESOLUTION approving the master plan for Kubota Garden , authorizing the Kubota Garden Foundation to initiate fundraising efforts to begin phased development and setting forth principles for managing and developing the garden.

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WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Board approved in 1980, the 4.5 acre core garden portion of the 20 acre Kubota Garden site as a Seattle landmark in accordance with SMC 25.12.

WHEREAS, the City Council appropriated funds for the 1988 CIP in Ordinance 113605, authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to purchase the Kubota property on behalf of the City for park and recreation purposes.

WHEREAS, public support for a significant Kubota Garden development (Extended American Japanese Garden) was expressed in public meetings held by the Department of Parks and Recreation to complete the planning study and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from 1988 to 1993.

WHEREAS, the Final EIS was completed in May 1993 and following public meetings and review, the Board of Parks Commissioners voted unanimously to recommend Alternative 2 (Extended American-Japanese Garden), outlined in the EIS and summarized in Attachments A and B of this resolution.

~~WHEREAS, As Community support grows for Childrens' play areas it is anticipated that th~~
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, AND THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

1. The Master Plan for Kubota Garden
The City Council approves the "Extended American-Japanese Garden" alternative, designated "Alternative 2" as described and illustrated in Attachments A and B of this Resolution. *plan will be amended to include such facilities*
2. Statement of Intent
The City Council approves a park master plan to be used as a guide for future development. Implementation of the plan will be contingent upon the amount of private funds raised by the Kubota Garden Foundation and other interested private resources and any potential matching grants from State or Federal agencies. By approving this plan the City is not committing additional resources to either further development or additional maintenance of Kubota Garden.
3. Principles for Future Negotiations with Major Parties of Kubota Garden
 - A. The Department of Parks and Recreation should work closely with the Rainier Beach Neighborhood to ensure public access and to implement security and public safety improvements in and around the park.
 - B. The Board of Park Commissioners, in their recommendation, urged additional on-site parking improvements to include overload peak use of parking for up to 80 cars, as a means to reduce neighborhood on-street parking congestion during peak weekend use. This peak use capacity should be included in subsequent development plans.
 - C. The Department of Parks and Recreation will negotiate a new agreement with the Kubota Garden Foundation (KGF) to enable the KGF to carry out fundraising and management of public education tours and other interpretive programs and related events. For the time being, the Department shall continue to be responsible for facilities and grounds maintenance of the park facility.

- D. Governance and/or responsibilities related to operation and maintenance of the Garden may be reexamined by the City and the Foundation at some future date.
- E. The City acknowledges that the former Kubota residence on this site has no historic or economic value that would merit preservation or rehabilitation. When suitable crew quarters are developed to relocate staff from the basement, this house should be demolished.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Seattle the _____ day of _____, 1994, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 1994.

President of the City

Council
filed by me this _____ day of _____, 1994.
Attest: _____
By: _____

4-25-94

Attachment A

KUBOTA GARDEN

Summary of Recommended Plan Concept,
"Extended American-Japanese Garden Alternative 2"

RBC Board
5-24-94

Following purchase of Kubota Garden by the City in 1988, a consultant study described two alternative conceptual approaches to developing Kubota Garden.

After considering the alternatives and the public responses to them, the Department of Parks and Recreation recommends the "Extended American-Japanese Garden, Alternative 2" which was outlined in the EIS. This concept suggests a more fully developed proposal than the other alternative, for the future development of the Kubota Garden. Specific elements of the proposal plan are described below and are illustrated in Attachment B. The development of Kubota Garden plan is expected to be phased over time. No schedule has been proposed for development.

Alternative 2: Extended American - Japanese Garden

The extended garden concept, described in Attachment B, would create a park of regional interest. Development of the core garden would be similar to Alternative 1; however, more facilities would be built to accommodate the additional use anticipated under this alternative.

A community building, approximately 3,000 square feet in size, would be built near the existing gate. The new building would contain restrooms and other visitor amenities such as space for classes, receptions, meetings, and administrative functions.

A Japanese-style gate would be erected at the main entrance at 55th Avenue South. A teahouse would overlook the meadow area in the southern part of the parcel. A memorial is also planned under this alternative.

The parking lot would accommodate 60 cars. Staff/equipment parking for up to 20 vehicles would be provided in the maintenance area. The staff parking area would serve also as a peak-period overload parking, providing a maximum peak-use capacity for 80 vehicles.

It is proposed that the garden would eventually be fenced and that a fee be charged for entry to the garden.

In addition to the core garden, the following gardens are planned:

- **Display Garden** North of the community building, a display garden would give visitors their first impression of the site and provide an area for meetings and receptions.
- **Water Garden** South of the community building, a water garden would be developed within an existing intermittent stream and pond. This garden would extend west to an expanded pond and waterfall.
- **Teahouse Garden** The plan includes construction of a small, teahouse, (approximately 400sf), surrounded by a garden.
- **Woodland Garden** A woodland garden west of the teahouse would be integrated into the ravine. Native groundcovers and shrubs would enhance the existing woodland.
- **Meadow Garden** Wildflowers and grasses would be planted south of the teahouse.
- **Wetland Garden** North of the Core Garden, a garden of water-tolerant plants would be developed in a former wetland. A boardwalk would provide visitor access. The wetland garden would serve as a terminus to the Core Garden.

- **Moss Garden** Southeast of the Core Garden, a moss garden would be developed under the canopies of existing evergreen and deciduous trees.
- **Bamboo Garden** The bamboo grove southwest of the Core Garden would be enlarged.
- **Rhododendron Garden** South of the bamboo garden, a diversified rhododendron garden would be incorporated into an area of deciduous and evergreen forest. Other plants would provide a color display from late winter to early summer.

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Rainier Beach Community Club June 1994

Jim Street

President, Seattle City Council
Wed., June 15, 7:30 PM
at the Clubhouse
6038 South Pilgrim

Councilman Street will be in Rainier Beach to hear community concerns, and particularly to get input on the City's proposed Comprehensive Plan and reactions to the Rainier Beach Urban Village. The city council will vote to adopt the final plan in July.

This important meeting is the last general meeting until fall. Club activities will resume with a business meeting August 23 (fourth Tues.), 7:30 PM, at the clubhouse. Have a great summer!

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RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

Executive Board Meeting

August 23, 1994

Presiding: President Norm Sargent

Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: j Stu Weiss, Norm Sargent, Marie Wilson, Howard Wilson, Roxanne Burns, Mike McCarty, Louisa Saemmer, Eva Victor, Jeanette Joyner, Norm McAdory, Mary Wieckowicz.

Minutes of the May 24, 1994 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Norm Sargent discussed the Financial Report and the possibility of a trust account for our treasury. Sea First Bank could do the job. We would need an attorney to draw up the trust agreement.

Discussion of possible topics for a general meeting were Metro rail transit and painting white stripes on Renton Ave. S.

Mike McCarty, on building maintenance, reported the need to repair cracked windows.

Stu Weiss reported on the Hearing Examiner public hearing, August 22, 1994, rezone at 9245 Rainier Ave. S., Lowrise two (L 2) to Commercial One 40 foot height (C 1/40). He gave his own testimony. In answer to a question from the applicant, Larry Vinson, "Did he represent the Rainier Beach Community Club?", the answer was "no" that these were his personal comments.

Discussion on getting new members - a committee will work on this.

For the October general meeting, the Seattle Engineering Department will be requested for a speaker to discuss putting white stripes on Renton Ave. S. and placing traffic circles at street intersections.

Eva Victor reported that the Women's Club luncheon meeting will be held on Sept. 1.

Stuart Weiss
Stuart Weiss

Recording Secretary

Minutes of the RBCC Board meeting 9/27/94

Attending: Howard and Marie Wilson, Mike McCarty, Joe Marley, Norm McAdory, Mary Wieckowicz; guests were Lenore Overcash and Colette Arvidson

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Norm McAdory. Minutes of August were not available due to the absence of the secretary.

Treasurer's report was accepted with the understanding that the treasurer be asked to explain the item "oil drop tax".

Colette Arvidson and Lenore Overcash presented their concerns over the King of Glory Tent Revival located at 9368 Rainier Ave. S. The main problem was the noise that continued until 11-11:30 PM nightly throughout the summer. The attached memo gives the details. Looking to next year, Colette would like the club's assistance in seeing that the 3 week permit is enforced and that the 10 PM noise ordinance is enforced.

Marie Wilson read correspondence. She also reported that the rezone of the Vinson property had been approved by the hearing examiner. She expressed concern over the precedent this decision sets for future extension of the business zone as far up as Fletcher. She and Stuart intend to appeal the decision to the city council.

Mike McCarty reported that the Rainier Beach East cleanup currently underway will require 2 days and possibly three. The clubhouse windows have been repaired but Mike has not yet seen the bill. Figures submitted by the treasurer show that we are paying \$80 per month to heat the building. Mike would like the club to investigate the cost of converting to gas.

New Business

President Norm Sargent feels we should be getting a better return and should better assure safety of our bank account. Norm McAdory asked the finance committee (Joe Marley, Sheryl Perry) to address the problem for the next meeting.

Mary Wieckowicz, Norm McAdory and Louisa Saemmer, along with graphics help from Roxanne Burns, produced an October mailing to inform area residents about the club and about our first fall meeting Oct. 11. It was moved/seconded (McCarty/Marley) and passed that the club authorize spending of \$500 for mailing to 5 of the 8 carrier routes within the club boundaries. The full 8 would have cost \$650.

approx 2000 pieces were mailed.

Meeting adjourned 9 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Wieckowicz, Acting Secretary

*Attachment to Sept 94
Board Mins.*

Memorandum

TO: Rainier Beach Community Club

FROM: Colette L. Arvidson

RE: Annual Peace Disturbance
King of Glory Tent Revival
9368 Rainier Ave. S.

DATE: September 27, 1994

I would like to ask your assistance in bringing a few more hours of peace and quiet to our community during the summer months.

In summer of 1993 from July 1 to October, the above revival set up their tent and installed large, loud speakers to broadcast their "program" every weekday evening well past 10pm. I attempted to get compliance with the noise ordinance by calling the police, over a dozen times. They spoke with us on occasion, but said they couldn't do anything unless they heard the revival themselves after 10pm. Unfortunately, the police were only able to come to the site once during the summer before midnight or 1am, by which time the tent was closed down. I spoke with the Division of Housing and Zoning and found I could ask them to check on whether or not a permit was applied for and received by this group, when/if they setup next year.

In 1994 I called the Division of Housing and Zoning, when the tent was erected. They reviewed the situation and advised Rev. Jackson that he need to file for a permit by August 1. The zoning people seem unsure of whether or not the permit was actually paid for, but it was applied for and issued, allowing them to continue operation until August 21, 1994. I advised the zoning dept. that the revival was continuing after that date, and they issued an "immediate" cease operation order, which allowed the revival to continue through their already advertised ending of September 5, 1994.

Depending on who I've talked to I've been given different answers as to the possibility of ending or limiting this noise, which makes it impossible to enjoy the brief summers we have. Even with the doors and windows closed in our home the noise is heard.

Most recently I was told by a permit specialist at the Department of Construction and Land Use that letters to:

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

General Meeting

October 11, 1994

Presiding: Vice President Norm McAdory

Held at Clubhouse

V.P. McAdory opened the meeting with the flag salute. He then introduced speakers for the program:

Gerry Willhelm, traffic operations engineer, Seattle Engineering Department, discussed the white lines being placed on Renton Ave. S. between the south City Limits and South Roxbury St. These are intended to encourage traffic to stay to center of street and not to pass on the right. The department may consider installing curb bulbs for pedestrian's safety when crossing Renton Avenue.

Martha Choe, Seattle City Council Member, discussed the Regional Transit Authority which is studying light rail and regional trunk bus routes for Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties. She answered questions from the audience. Written comments may be sent to RTA Chair Bruce Laing, King County Councilmember.

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Recording Secretary

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB
Executive Board Meeting
October 25, 1994

Presiding: President Norm Sargent
Held at Clubhouse

Attendance: Norm Sargent, Stu Weiss, Norm McAdory, Mary Wieckowicz, Marie Wilson, Howard Wilson, Bob Churchill, Brigitte Hoopes, Eva Victor, Jeanette Joyner, Joe Marley, Mike McCarty, Christina Gallegos, Walter Beauchamp Jr.

Minutes of the August 23 and September 27, 1994 Board meetings were read and approved.

Norm Sargent explained the Financial Report, Sept. 27, 1994, item "Tax on Oil Drop" meant Tax on fuel oil delivery to the Clubhouse. The October 25, 1994 Report was read and approved.

Christina Gallegos, Seattle Park Dept. "Adopt a Park" Coordinator discussed Dead-horse Canyon whose northern terminus is 68th Ave. S. and Rainier Ave. S. This is the worst illegal dumping site in the Parks Dept. The Seattle Engineering Dept. must rebuild the sanitary sewer through the canyon before the pipe breaks and dumps raw sewage into the creek.

Marie Wilson reviewed correspondence.

Mary Wieckowicz reported on results of the flyers announcing the October 11, 1994, meeting. Approximately 2000 pieces were mailed to five of the eight carrier routes within the Club boundaries. Based upon the sign up sheets, probably 16 households attended the meeting as a result of the flyers.

Investing some of our Treasury in longer term funds was discussed. It appears that more info on Internal Revenue Service rules on income from such funds needs to be obtained.

Howard Wilson motioned that we retain the present Club Officers and plan for nominating officers in Spring 1995. Seconded and passed.

Mike McCarty bought a new coffee pot because parts of the old one have disappeared. MSP to pay Mike \$ 30.01 to cover cost.

Eva Victor motioned that we put hasp and padlocks on three kitchen cabinet doors. Seconded and passed.

Norm Sargent asked for volunteers to plan for the Club's scholarship award to a Rainier Beach High School student.

Eva Victor reported on the Women's Club meeting for next Thursday.

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Rainier Beach Community Club

October 1994

A non-private club for all the residents of the Rainier Beach neighborhood

Norm Sargent, President
Norm McAdory, Vice-President
Stuart Weiss, Secretary
Billie Jacobson, Treasurer



First Fall meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 PM
Rainier Beach Clubhouse, 6038 S. Pilgrim
(corner of 61st and Pilgrim)

Topics



1. Traffic safety

- Controlling speed on Renton Avenue
- Safety at intersections – traffic circles



2. Regional rail in Rainier Beach

- Pros and cons from a city perspective
- How will it serve city residents?
- Funding?

Speakers

Gerry Willhelm, traffic operations engineer, Seattle Engineering Department

Martha Choe, City Council Member and delegate to the regional transit board

This is an opportunity to become informed and voice your opinion on two issues that have substantial impact on the future of our neighborhood.

See you there!

Mission of the Rainier Beach Community Club

To work together as a group to preserve and improve Rainier Beach as a residential community by:

- Providing a time, place and an opportunity for discussion and resolution of community affairs.
- Obtaining an equitable share of civic improvements and services.
- Studying public funding and expenditures, their proper allocation and use.
- Communicating our interests, concerns and opinions to appropriate persons in or out of government.

Some recent accomplishments



Zoning enforcement and land use

- Prevented rezone of the Marlin Marine property on Renton Ave.
- Critically reviewed plans for the 29 home development on Lindsay Place across from Kubota Gardens
- Hosted meetings on the city's Rainier Beach Urban Village proposal



Maintaining a clean neighborhood

- Hosted city workers for the annual curbside trash pickup in Rainier Beach.
- Sturtevant Ravine cleanup



Community meetings on timely topics

- School Facilities Master Plan
- Town meeting with the Mayor
- Crime prevention



Open space

- Acquired Sturtevant Ravine through Seattle's Open Space/Critical Areas Opportunity Fund
- Got Southeast Lake Washington shoreline improvements into the top 10 priorities for the city's Shoreline Parks Improvement Fund



Education

- \$500 scholarship to a Rainier Beach High School student

We Need You

If you believe activities of these types are important to continue, we need your participation. Monthly business meetings take place the 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM, at the clubhouse. All area residents are welcome. Membership drive and officer elections preparing for 1995 are underway. For additional information, contact Norm McAdory, 725-1924.

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