

OUR VISION

To steward a livable, vibrant, urban neighborhood supporting a diversity of residents of all ages and incomes while driving an innovative local economy and providing rich, cultural community opportunities.

OUR VALUES

Inclusiveness | Integrity | Respect | Transparency | Impartiality



SOUTH LAKE UNION
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SLU Community Council Meeting Tuesday, June 6, 2023

General Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm Board Session: 6:00 to 6:30 pm

Members Present: Julie Holland, Geoff Eseltine, Von Perkins, Ross Leventhal, Paul Wohnoutka, Jill Wiggins, Stacy Segal, Renee Notkin

Members Absent: Rebecca Bryant, Jacqueline Gruber, Aaron Swain,

Guests Present: 0

Community Members Present: 5

Julie Holland
President
Mirabella
SLU Resident

Jacqueline Gruber
Vice President
Vulcan

Geoff Eseltine
Secretary
Cascade People's Center
(YMCA)

Paul Wohnoutka
Treasurer
Allen Institute

Rebecca Bryant
Member
Fred Hutchinson Cancer
Center

Ross Leventhal
Member
NBBJ Architects

Renee Notkin
Member
415 Westlake/Kakao

Von Perkins
Member
SLU Resident

Aaron Swain
Member
Weber Thompson

Jill Wiggins
Member
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GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome (Quorum)
2. Approve Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report (Paul Wohnoutka)
 - a. Report approved.
4. Board Member Nomination: Kiki Gram
 - a. Approved.
5. Seattle Parks & Recreation (Julie Holland)
 - a. Improvement Ideas:
 - i. Provide restrooms and fresh water in all SLU parks. These basic services would facilitate broader activation initiatives consistent with the SLU community becoming an urban center.
 - ii. Secure private funding to complement SDOT and LCLIP funds.
 - iii. Replace undeveloped paths in Cascade P-Patch with cement walkways. This would integrate Cascade P-Patch and Cascade Park making accessibility consistent and contiguous between the two. It would also reduce the mobility barriers for those who want to garden and for those needing to use wheelbarrows.
 - iv. Improve park maintenance. Example cited for Lake Union Park was dry grass possibly due to faulty irrigation system. Follow on discussion noted that Friends of Lake Union Park are working with Seattle Parks and Recreation on several issues and making progress. Irrigation system defects. Broken planters. Boat pond cleaning. More robust planting program. Also noted, these issues are classified as maintenance not subject to capital improvement funding.

- b. Recreation Ideas:
 - i. Improve Denny Park’s undulating topography. The current topology renders Denny Park an underutilized space. It is difficult to stage events and to launch robust activation initiatives.
 - ii. Add bandshell shelter, specifically to Denny Park. Such an attraction would facilitate events. Volunteer Park is a good example.
 - iii. Understand Lake Union Park’s need to conform to its maritime covenant. Example, children’s play area incorporating boat theme would work. Basketball court not likely to be supported.
 - iv. Investigate opportunity to improve play area adjacent Lake Union Park that is on property owned by SDOT. This would not have the maritime restrictions of Lake Union Park.
- c. Other Comments:
 - i. Favorite Parks: Times Square NYC, Bryant Park NYC, Park Guell Barcelona
 - ii. Park activation goal should be driven by how-to-enjoy, how to be more experiential, not necessarily the “old version of parks”. Think MOHAI Neon Garden.
 - iii. Parks must be well managed and maintained to be fully utilized. Examples of current challenges include poor maintenance at Lake Union Park and deterioration of the Arboretum.

6. Public Comments/Calendar

- a. Next SLUCC Meeting is the Annual Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 5:00 pm

7. Adjourn General Meeting

Our priorities within the SLU Urban Design Framework & SLU/Uptown Mobility Plan

Equitable Housing | Design Review Collaboration | Public Safety
Equitable Community Engagement | Activation of Public Places | Sustainable Urban Mobility

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