

## 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, September 6, 2022, 5:00-6:30pm

Via Zoom Link:

**Members Present:** Geoff Eseltine, Von Perkins, Julie Holland, Matthew Curry, Terry McDonnell, Shawna McMahon, Paul Wohnoutka, Ross Leventhal, Rebecca Bryant, Renee Notkin, Jacqueline Gruber

**Members Absent:** Aaron Swain

**Guests:** Danah Abarr, Andrew Lewis

### Community Members:

Don Bennett, John Pehrson, Laura Jenkins, Charlotte Lindsey, Pat Kushmerik, Nickie Askow, Susan Callegari, Jane Blackwell, Jared Curtis, Richard Fike

## GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome (Shawna McMahon) --- **Quorum:** Yes 5 min
2. Approve August Minutes (Geoff Eseltine) --- **Shawna will submit for October** 5 min
3. Treasurer's Report (Julie Holland) 5 min
  - I. August YTD: There is \$25,554 in the bank. Expenses totaled \$50 for website and Washington SOS filing.
4. Presentation 30 min
  - I. State of SLU
    - ~ **Danah Abarr, Executive Director, SLU Chamber**
      - Neighborhood Events: Annual events returning. Some challenges for events returning include decreased sponsorships and attendance.
      - Neighborhood Challenges: Surveyed businesses and received 113 responses. Most identified issues were lower foot traffic, garbage outside of businesses, non-violent crime. Most requested services were outreach to homeless individuals.
      - Neighborhood Support: Setup SLU Clean & Safe Trial Program. Funded by one-time federal grant. Outreach to homeless individuals was cost prohibitive. Focused on next two identified priorities: general neighborhood clean-up and security services. Pursuing funding opportunities to continue clean-up services through the end of 2022 and beyond. Security risk assessment

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Immanuel Community Services

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identified hotspots. Cost is prohibitive for continuing without new funding resources.

- Would like to see sharps containers in public restrooms and playgrounds.
- Would like to see more information on location for garbage clean-up. Would be helpful in motivating businesses.
- Status of interest in joining metropolitan improvement district (MID). Will not be possible given MID capacity now or at renewal in 2023.

~ **Councilmember Andrew Lewis, Seattle City Council**

- Currently focused on renewal of Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) and next budget cycle. First cycle of MPD investments completed in 2020, received extension during pandemic. Working now on proposal for next cycle of MPD funding. For SLU priorities are new SLU community center, park property improvement, safe and clean bathrooms, and park ranger program.
- Redistricting is guided by independent commission. District 7 will require changes based on federal guidelines. Proposed map was released in August and is now open for public comment.
- Lake Union Park neglected during construction and pandemic impacts. Needs attention to address some
- SPD funding in next budget? Issue has been less funding and more attrition. There is interest at Council and the Mayor's office in diversifying approach and funding that work.

5. Committee Reports: 20 min

- a. Policy & Planning Committee Report (Matthew Curry)
  - i. Focused on Business Improvement Areas. Next meeting third Tuesday in October
- b. Design Review (Ross Leventhal)
  - i. 611 John is up for design review 7:00PM on 9/7.
- c. ST3 Update (Jacqueline Gruber)
  - i. ST Board heard community requests and is looking at possible hybrid proposal.
  - ii. Board honored Mercer Stakeholder comments to advance the SLU Station on Harrison and study a mix-and-match alignment to connect to the Denny Station on Terry.
  - iii. Seattle Center Foundation, Mercer Stakeholders, and City of Seattle asked the agency to also study alternatives for the Seattle Center Station while avoiding closures on Mercer.

6. Adjourn General Meeting

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