



**Board Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2018  
Brown Paper Tickets Conference Room**

**Attending:** Pete Hanning, Suzie Burke, Phil Megenhardt, Marko Tubic, Ken Saunderson, Stanley Jaskot

**Staff:** Trisha Rarey, Caroline Sherman

**Guests:** Amina Kapusuzoglu, David Roman, member as Clear Water Gardens/Fremont Arts Council, Sara Kennedy, Fremont Vintage Mall, Boyd ??... (maybe from AAA Fire & Safety, Thomas Whittemore, Jason Fialkoff, SDOT Project Mgr

NOTE: Sign-in sheet was misplaced.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by Pete.

Introductions

Member Engagement Telethon

Motion to approve the November Board Meeting Minutes made by Suzie, seconded by Marko and were **APPROVED**.

**Finance Report – Phil**

- See Financial Position and Statement of Activity.
- Bottom line: we came in at 97% of our budget, including buying an awesome website!
- Chambers are struggling and to have us doing this well is a real testament to our efforts and our dedicated members and board members.
- Rain City CPA, our CPA wants to have a better understanding of our Oktoberfest account. Will plan a meeting with Rain City to review this account and how we manage it.
- Draft Budget for 2018 will be presented prior to Board Retreat.

**SDOT—N 34<sup>th</sup> Mobility Improvements – Jason Fialkoff**

- Kudos for light at Troll Ave!! Continuing to review how this intersection works, as new buildings go up and more people use it.
- Early in the project to make mobility improvements at N 34<sup>th</sup>. See handouts.
- Comments about bike lane on 34<sup>th</sup>—not well implemented or planned and a poor use of transit resources. Jason will take feedback back.
- Would like to attend the After Report.

- Meeting at Theo's was very contentious, and none of the business owners were in favor of the project. We put cameras up that show that trucks can't get in and out, and then they painted the lines.
- Using community feedback, modelling & data analyses are considered before doing anything. SDOT will be showing options at the east leg of 34<sup>th</sup> street. Will look at curve radii. There is an online survey link that should be sent out to members, esp the ones on 34th St.
- Can look at a sidewalk widening, but it is a major project to deal with the retaining wall.
- Parking is an issue. Loading zones are an issue.
- Parking between Eve & Fremont Ave needs to be removed to facilitate turning north when the bridge is up. Need to load Fremont Ave in front of bridge when it is up.
- What Jason Hears: Getting people through the intersection. Getting trucks through the street and turns. Parking in some parts of the corridor is important but it could be balanced, particularly at Fremont intersection. Safety & flow come before parking. Concerns about how a 2-way bike facility could occur on the street. Want to get input and outreach to make sure we hear all voices. Looking at how to build this project. Would need an additional funding source to build a sidewalk. Budget is Federal Money with constraints. Based on studies, the real safety issues are at the intersections, not the sidewalk.
- Implementation is not until 2020. We are really early in the process.

#### **Chamber Staff Reports—see handouts**

- A. Membership and Office Management - Caroline Sherman
- B. Marketing and Programs - Trisha Rarey

#### **Board Retreat, Feb 7, noon-4:30 or 5pm, Canal Room at Fremont Studios, then retire for an adult beverage somewhere**

- Theme: The Value of Funky. How do we bring value to our members? We are funkier with FAC & FNC & Sunday Mkt, best festivals and a great Chamber that is actually nice & healthy. We will send out an agenda a week before. Spend a little time pondering it ready to hit the ground running. Look at years past—same old same old, or distill down and re-focus.
- Ken--Would like reports from Trisha & Caroline on Good, Bad, Ugly of 2017 & view forward. What is working and what isn't working?
- Last two years without Exec Dir. Is that working for us? Discuss at retreat.
- Amina invited to attend
- Lunch—brown bag! PCC—cheese & cracker plate
- BF Day will show up later, so discussion on them will be towards the end.

#### **Old Business**

- FAC—Harper still in role as President.
- Still some domain questions. Can talk about things at Strategic Planning meeting.
- Phil has been consistent person throughout. Solid Ground dumped Fremont Fair on us and Phil stepped up.

- Suzie asked David to be the FAC rep. He moved to Fremont in '99. Texas Chainsaw Pumpkin Carving contest. Co-designer of Center of Universe courtyard. He sees benefit of both organizations, business/Chamber & art/FAC. One issue: hasn't been anyone to speak up on behalf of the Chamber to the Arts Council and vice versa. David sees benefit to work on this and mend fences. He's frisky and Rodman has been ill.
- David is accepted as liaison between FAC & Fremont Chamber.
- **Motion to accept David as liaison with FAC by Pete, Marko seconded. APPROVED!**

### **Committee Reports**

- A. North Seattle Industrial Assoc mtg. 5 police officers there. One officer assigned to homeless between Fremont & Ballard. Rocky from Economic Development is there. He is trying to get into the Mayor's office to deal with criminal encampments.
  - She recommends SafeTEd process with police walking you through area and helping identify steps that you can take for Safety.
  - Seattle Util folks here. The big tunnel is coming through. It will mess up 2nd & 36th. Biggest part is at old Canal Restaurant. Getting ready for it. It will end at the Transfer Station. Will mess up between 34th & 35th on Stone.
- B. Jennifer—there will be a new store in Ballard. Working with non-profits and donated \$300-\$500 checks to 6 Ballard non-profits: Ballard B&G Club, Ballard Food Bank, YouthCare, Family Works, Neighbor Care, Solid Ground
- C. PCC for AWARD for great Neighborhood Award!
- D. We got another award from FremoCentrist: Best Non-Profit Project Fremont got the most votes for the Lenin Statue. Kirby gave the Chamber the beautiful loving cup.
- E. Want to **nominate/recognize/AWARD** Red Door for 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary kickoff event! 80s theme prom! Jennifer & husband had first kiss there.

**Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Suzie, seconded by Marko. So moved at 10:02 am.

Minutes submitted by **Caroline Sherman**