

West Edge Neighborhood Association

September 9, 2015

Waterfront Space

Meeting began at 6:07 PM.

Vice Chair Linda Mitchell presided in the absence of Chair Jo Vandersnick. Linda thanked our first monthly restaurant sponsor, Elliott's Oyster House on Pier 56 for the food, and our location hosts, Friends of Waterfront Seattle.

Scott Lindsay, Public Safety Advisor for the Mayor's Office, gave a presentation on the status of the 9-½ Block Strategy. The effort has been successful, with 148 identified drug dealers, 130 arrests, and a decrease in criminal incidents and disturbances in the area. Scott also spoke about the de-escalation of the environmental changes SPD made to the area and briefly spoke about future efforts in the Fortson Square area of Pioneer Square. Scott took questions, which mainly related to how resources would be allocated to maintain the progress in reducing crime in the 9-½ Block area.

Chair's Report:

- Linda reported that Virginia Gleason from SPD was the speaker at the August Downtown District Council meeting. Virginia reported that car prowls were up and noted that SPD was advising that building residents watch for prowlers entering garages behind cars, slipping in before the security gate closes.
- Linda noted that Initiative 123, that rebuilds a portion of the viaduct for a park, will be on the ballot on the 2016 Primary election in August, and reminded everyone that a clarifying document about the sponsors' use of "Waterfront for All" is posted on the WENA website.
- Linda noted that the bylaws will be available for review on the website later this month for discussion at the October meeting. The Executive Committee will adopt the bylaws at their exec meeting in October.

No other committee reports. Linda announced the committees and encouraged anyone to get involved.

Good of the Order

- Yun Pitre of the Department of Neighborhoods encouraged members to get involved with upcoming Design Review considerations, and to explore available matching grants for neighborhood activities. She also encouraged people to sign up for the Department of Neighborhoods newsletter, email Yun.Pitre@seattle.gov to be added.
- The Downtown Residents Council is hosting a candidate forum at their quarterly meeting, Tuesday, September 15 at the Hard Rock Cafe. Doors open at 5 PM.
- Next month: speakers from the Move Seattle Forward levy. Ivar's is the restaurant sponsor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.