
The FREMONT Neighborhood Council

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Summer 2001 Newsletter

WHO WE ARE

The FNC is a chartered organization representing the residents of Fremont [officially: 8th Ave NW to Stone Way N; 50th St to the Canal]. All residents are eligible to join, and members are eligible to serve on the board.

NEW MEETING LOCATION & TIME

The Fremont Neighborhood Council (FNC) board recently decided to change our regular meeting place. In the future meetings will be held at History House, 790 N 34th St. Meetings are still the fourth Monday of each month, now starting at 7:00pm (there will be no August meeting).

If you haven't yet been to History House, you are missing out on a wonderful part of life in Fremont. *"History House strives to discover, interpret, preserve and exhibit the history and heritage of Seattle's diverse neighborhoods."* This will allow us to use a fully-accessible space, and to have more flexibility in our scheduling.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Please note our new address (PO Box) on the back.

SO FAR THIS YEAR...

The FNC has experienced an invigorating influx of new talent, and various committees are getting stuff done! There is still lots of room for you to join in, and plenty of opportunities to make your voice heard and help make Fremont your home.

ISSUE UPDATE

Since our last newsletter, the FNC has reached a settlement with the developers of the Block 40 (old Red Door site) property. We believe this settlement, while less than we hoped for, strikes a balance between the desires of Fremonters for a better community and the risks of less desirable options.

FREMONT PEAK PARK \$ CAMPAIGN!

The FNC supports the efforts of Friends of Fremont Peak Park (FoFPP) to create a new Seattle Park at 44th & Palatine. We believe that new parks are an important resource in our increasingly dense community.

The FNC has pledged \$2,500 towards the Peak Park fundraising campaign. In order to move forward, a total of \$75,000 in local donations will be required. To make a pledge of money or time, please contact FoFPP at 206/781-7920 (Jack Tomkinson) FoFPP, PO Box 17781, Seattle WA 98107

More information inside →→→→→

GUERRILLA GARDENERS UNITE

Mark your calendars for October 27th. Guerilla gardeners will organize to clean-up Fremont by planting bulbs and picking up litter. Hours for the guerilla gardening event will be between 9am and Noon. Meet at the Troll if you are interested in cleaning up Lower Fremont or call Julia DeBroux at 545-4483 or Sheridan Hammond at 634-3562 to find out the meeting locations in North Fremont or Ross Park. If possible, please bring a gardening spade or shovel. Donations of bulbs appreciated.

=====OTHER GROUPS=====

David Moore spoke to the FNC about the non-profit **Fremont Unconventional Center** located at 180 Canal Street (the old Red Hook Keg Storage). The Center's Event Space is available to organizations in King County and any profits made there will be given back to charities that use the space.

M. J. Kiser, Shelter Program Director for **The Compass Center** has attended several recent FNC meetings to keep us updated on their non-profit shelter for homeless men. The shelter is now at St Paul's Lutheran Church at 701 N. 43rd Street. (Their building in Pioneer Square is being repaired after damage from the Nisqually Earthquake). Meetings about their operations, open to the public, are scheduled at St. Paul's Sanctuary (upstairs), the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.



view from proposed park, looking west over Ballard

(photo: FoFPP)

A Few Minutes of MINUTES from the FNC Board Meetings for 2001

CONGRATULATIONS!! At the FNC Annual Meeting in April, five fresh-blooded volunteers stepped forward while nine brave souls rededicated themselves to serving us. They are: Curtis Boozer, Julia DeBroux, Jenny Eichwald, Benjamin Grossman (Treasurer), Sheridan Hammond, Pete Hanning, George Heideman (Vice President), Norma Jones, Chip Nevins, Joan Reid, John Ryan, April Thanos, Toby Thaler, and Dic Selin courageously took on the mantle of President for the 2001-02 year of the FNC. Thank you, Dic!

Thank you, Olive DeShaw, and all the volunteers for contributing to the garden at the Troll Park "East" and towards Troll Way. Another Neighborhood Gardening and Clean-up Event will be scheduled to take place in mid-October. There will be a clean-up of the Burke-Gilman Bike Trail in September.

John Ryan proposed, and received approval, for a letter of support to the City for adding bicycle lanes to Fremont Avenue North between N. 36th and N. 42nd Streets.

The building of a Community Center [long-time FNC goal] is being considered on the west side of the B. F. Day Elementary School property (Fremont Avenue N.) and north of the Fremont Arts Council powerhouse. Next step is a feasibility study of the contemplated site. The study will look at suitability, stewardship, financial feasibility, etc. Steve Ruden presented the plan.

At the July meeting, Norma Jones and Pete Hanning reported on the progress of their search for a new meeting space for the FNC monthly meeting. History House was selected as the future monthly meeting location, starting in September.

Also in July, the Board determined to continue its support for the development of Fremont Peak Park with financial assistance. Jack Tomkinson gave a presentation of his on-going attempts to bring people together to build this park.

Sheridan Hammond wrote a letter of support from the FNC to go with the Small & Simple Grant application for a feasibility study of the "Slippery Slope (Wicks Property) park beside the Fremont Library. Jack Tomkinson has been assisting on making this park come true as well.

Currently the FNC By-Laws are being reviewed. The changes will be available for voting at the September meeting.

Benjamin Grossman gave us a detailed Treasurer's Report at the July meeting as well as the news that we have 137 currently paid members. Have you joined us lately? Remember, it's cheap!

- As compiled by Sheridan Hammond and edited by Kirby Lindsay.

=====COMMITTEE REPORTS=====

HOUSING/LAND USE COMMITTEE

In August, the Housing & Land Use committee met at April Thanos' house (thank you!). There was general agreement that one committee was better than two at this point.

The committee is working on several matters:

To fix the 65 foot zoning area in downtown and along 35th Street, including working with adjacent property holders, possible trade-off arrangements, the zoning process, etc.

Talking to Homestead Community Land Trust about developing affordable housing;

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Met several times in July and August. The committee is currently working on developing a good route between the Burke-Gilman Trail and Greenlake. Route surveys and questionnaires are in the works.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Puts this newsletter into your hands! We are also working to bring the FNC's web site back to life, and put fresh information onto our telephone hotline.



Burke-Gilman re-opening Celebration (photo : Toby Thaler)
Paul Schell, Mark Simpson, and in back our own **Dic Selin**

FREMONT PEAK PARK

The FNC is excited about the possibility of a new public park in Fremont. We want to make sure that everyone in Fremont has an opportunity to join in. The FNC has endorsed the work of FoFPP in moving forward to make the park a reality. Here is their word on what's going on, and a request for your participation and support:



www.fremontpeakpark.org

Friends of Fremont Peak Park (FoFPP) is a group of citizens who are seizing the unique opportunity to turn an extraordinary view lot into a park so people can share this inspiring view for generations to come. Fremont Peak Park's site is 19,000 square feet of prime real estate with a world-class view. It is on a west-facing bluff at the very southern end of Phinney Ridge in upper Fremont. Thanks to unusual topography, the view encompasses an unobstructed 180 degrees from Mt. Rainier across the Olympics to Sunset Hill in Ballard.

We are now in Phase 1: Acquisition of a four-phase project. Acquisition is crucial. Without the land there are no other phases, just more houses. Once the land is in City hands, we can move on to the fun of Phase 2: Design, Phase 3: Building the park, and Phase 4: Adopting and Stewarding our park for years as it serves our community.

The Friends of Fremont Peak Park are busy applying for several large City and County Matching Funds and Opportunity Funds to buy this property. This includes the Neighborhood Matching Fund, with an application that is due in September. Having our pledges and fundraising plans in order by then will make or break our application.

The City and County funds depend on a strong show of neighborhood support. So we must raise a modest but critical amount of money from community members. We must raise \$75,000 in the next few months. Please make a tax-deductible pledge right away to make this spectacular park possible. Just fill out the attached form and mail it in. You're pledging to provide lifetimes of gorgeous, unobstructed sunsets over the Olympics and restful breaks during the day. Please be generous.

If in addition to making a contribution, you would like to help with fundraising efforts, please contact the Friends of Fremont Peak Park.

YES! I would like to help purchase and preserve the future site of Fremont Peak Park. Please contact me when it's time to fulfill my pledge and keep me informed of the Friends of Fremont Peak Park's progress in creating our neighborhood park.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): day _____ evening _____ Email: _____

I would like to pledge ___ hours
For the following activity:

I would like to pledge

\$ _____

I want to give now
Payable to: *Friends of Fremont
Peak Park*
\$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send to: Friends of Fremont Peak Park - P.O. Box 17781 - Seattle, WA 98107

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE FREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Membership in the Fremont Neighborhood Council is open to all residents of the greater Fremont area (Canal ↔ 50th & Stone Way ↔ 8th). Memberships are counted on an annual basis, with dues being paid every year in January. If you have not yet paid for 2001, please do so..

2001 Dues: \$12/Individual \$20/Household \$50/FreeAngel \$7/Senior-Low Income

Please make checks payable to FNC and mail to: FNC, 4509 Interlake Ave N #315, Seattle WA 98103-6773

FNC BOARD MEETINGS AT OUR NEW LOCATION!!!

**Fourth Monday of each Month, 7:00pm
Come to *History House** -- 790 N34th St**

Next Meeting: September 24, 2001

Future Meetings:

October 22, 2001

November 26, 2001

December 17, 2001 (confirm first)

*History House is a fully-accessible facility!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

* Someone to update the FNC Hotline. About 30 minutes once a month, on your schedule.

* Someone to provide meeting notices to local publications. About 1 hour a month.

* lots of other opportunities

OTHER EVENTS (NON-FNC):

Tour de Fat – August 25, 2001

Vintage Bicycles, Beer, more

http://www.newbelgium.com/n_tour.html

Car Free Fremont – September 17, 2001

Transportation Alternatives

<http://www.thinksmall.org/car-free/>

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