

Cavalier Park – Bay Colony Community League – Autumn General Meeting – 23 October 2024

Meeting Notes

Meeting commencement at 7PM.

April 2024 General Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved through general meeting.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Esther not present (as presented by Eric Gardner): Balance of \$9872.74 after all Labor Day picnic expenses paid. 145 of 602 have paid annual dues.

Reminder to please mention to your neighbors to pay their annual dues.

Labor Day Picnic: great job by Adam; attendance was good and solicited dues which worked out pretty well.

Environmental, hospitality and registered agent updates available on the back of agenda.

Betty Ann Desroche: fed the police muster last week and they were very appreciative. Tiffany at Tempt donated food and Dave's BBQ provided a good discount. Donations welcome; donation was a still a little bit short.

Meeting Presentation: Councilman Worth Remick: Update on the State of District 6 Priorities, Cavalier Park-Bay Colony Initiatives, and other City Matters.

Atlantic Park: \$335 million project. Anticipated late May/June for entertainment venue opening. The city insisted on replacing the dome. Apartments late 2025. High caliber of retail and dining coming in. 325 apartments, will open in late 2025 likely. The city owes the garage (1400 parking spaces) and entertainment venue.

\$153 million of TIP (tourist investment program) contributed to the project by the city.

A suggestion that Live Nation should pay at their expense to shuttle patrons from parking lots to the venue. Office is 12000 square feet and the developer will take 10000.

Anticipated tax revenue: based on 2020 estimates of revenue pays back over 10 or 12 years. But, have already seen investment in and around that area increasing values of real estate.

Rudee Loop:

Worth is on board for this investment – this has been discussed for 30 years. 6-8 acre site. \$60 million place holder (in TIP fund) with a lot of that earmarked for parking. Anticipate private management vs. public management. (timeline included in Worth's presentation)

Pathway down Bay Colony Drive: remains on “requested but not funded” and does not meet any grant program requirements. Local funds would be needed to move forward. Other ideas presented regarding widening the shoulder – Worth asked for a small committee to be assembled to work with Worth on this project. Widening the road could be less intrusive and the “s curve” will be very difficult rather than pursuing a path to disrupt landscaping, hardscape, etc.

Worth requests this civic league form an ad hoc committee to talk with city manager and public works.

Playground: Design has been completed and funded with ongoing fundraising. City Council agreed to fund \$150,000 for Seatack or Bay Colony park. About a month ago \$3million approved to upgrade city park. That may not be enough to fund the playground.

Want to make sure we are not encroaching on existing sports practices. Don't want to encroach on existing use of the field.

Christen Faatz leads the playground committee and suggests that we should utilize the funding, whether it is for a playground as designed, or swings, or nets or some ways to improve the property.

Tax Assessment: Bay Colony is separated into two market areas for assessment valuation purposes. Inflation has an effect on salaries (police, city workers, etc.). Stormwater bond referendum. When taxes go up; interior lots land increase averaged by 32% and waterfront land increased an average of 24%. Feels we have not been fairly represented on return for our investment in our neighborhood. Two recent sales (tear downs) purchased at lot value well over \$600,000. Land value not far off.

Flood Protection: (four areas in Bay Colony in the city program queue): Some tax dollars are going towards flood protection program. City installing better storm water drainage. Used to have storm water pipes but no longer, but most is done underground perhaps.

**** Follow up with Worth on Bay Colony Drive (West end) issues with installed drainage.**

Comments from Jim Sherlock. We are bonded to improvements from rain; another project that citizens need to make input on. Corps of Engineers with previous delegate – Corps brings 65% federal funding if they fix it. Citizens may be asked to go to meetings before April session – which is about coastal storm surge, which is a huge issue unaddressed. Those of us in Bay Colony and Cavalier Park (even if you do not live on the waterfront) it's a major issue. Being able to get out of the neighborhood would be impossible. We should all participate in meetings and listen.

Comment: City Council needs to look at investments and what can or cannot be done. A lot spent on design work, without budget to execute. One example is \$15Million to get to 30% design for three schools. We may build one of them, but not three. Should be more budgetary discipline and planning.

If we can get out of public private partnerships as a city, we will be in good shape. Have set a precedent in funding developments.

VB Trail (Norfolk Southern right of way) status: City paid \$40 million for the property. Dominion Energy leases a portion for power distribution. Do not have a total project cost yet, but city matching and grant money for \$20 million. Some input that the project could be \$60 or \$70million.

Worth is holding a community meeting on November 21st 6:30 at MOCA for those interested.

Election of 2025 Community League Officers and Board of Directors via vote:

President: Adam Newman

1st Vice President: Miller Bundy

2nd Vice President: Bailey Allman

Treasurer: Kara McCaa

Secretary: Amanda Parnell

Director through 2027: with nominations from the floor, the following were confirmed by vote:

1. **Eric Gardner**
2. **Fran Kelly**
3. **Stephanie DeMarco**

Kelly Disharoon: nominated for social committee chair

Any new business from Community League members

Sue Lichacz: reminder to run or walk facing traffic as opposed to with traffic.
Recent burglary by a contractor; SWAT team deployed to handle second robbery in same residence. Recent ding-dong-ditch incidents is hazardous to elderly and those with young children.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM