

CEG Meeting Agenda – May 26, 2017

1. Sonia Baker, Facilitator opened the meeting at 4PM in the Mt. Baker room.
2. **Comments from the past two weeks:**
 - **May 18: ACLU meeting held @ Moore Theater** reported by Sally Soest with comments from Michael Caplow and Katherine Graubard. Meeting very well attended led by Anthony Romero, Exec. Director. Average age from 40-45. Membership has grown from 400,000 to 1.4 million since the election which has included an increase in donations as well. This money is being used to hire more litigators in states where deportation is considered a high risk. Other areas ACLU working on include voter suppression, LGBT, reproduction and transgender issues. Other meeting dates:
 - June 3rd: local meeting
 - June 25th: Gay Pride Parade
 - **May 22: Compass Housing Shelter at First Presbyterian Church** reported by Joan Conlon for Alice Wesley. Signs were displayed Y.I.M.B.Y (Yes in my back yard). Shelter will open in August for homeless men who can bring a pet; can be on drugs but cannot use while there as well as having the ability to return the next evening to sleep. Representatives from Seattle's government were very pleased with the positive response.

Additional Notes on the Compass Housing Shelter meeting: Alice Wesley could not attend yesterday's meeting, but wishes to thank all those who had written the 22 letters and the 12 who had attended the meeting at First Presbyterian.
 - **Does anyone else have anything they'd like to report on?** Joan Conlon reported on the Art Advocacy Committee. Needs people who are willing to phone bank. A script and phone numbers will be available.
3. **CEG Page on the 725 Blog** reported by Jim Tanner. Currently the agenda, calendar, links and King County Alliance for Human Services on the blog. Issues that need to be addressed include: time frame on the blog, calendar (has been removed once event has passed) and how to fill out a form that is then forwarded to Jim. At the end of the meeting he demonstrated through PowerPoint information currently available to blog users.

4. Coming Events

- **June 5: Sound Transit Hearing** reported by Suzanne Hittman with comments by Bob Terrell as the representative from First Hill Improvement Project. A brief history of how the land became available which Seattle Transit currently owns bordering Madison and Boylston Avenue. Transit must declare the property as surplus. \$5 million was awarded in 1980, now with the current market it would buy only a small parcel of the property. An amendment ST3 was added to the transit vote last fall which assured the future of at least 20% going towards affordable housing. The current thought is for 60% for affordable housing and the rest would be retail or community space as well as family affordable housing.
The meeting on June 5th from 6 – 8 PM @ the Silver Cloud Hotel is to build consensus with an RFP to be delivered by June 22nd.
- **June 12: Democracy Voucher Program** report given by John Harkins. A representative will be at Skyline on June 12th, time not established. He will be able to answer questions; have more vouchers available as well as assist residents with a change in their voter registration as needed.
- **June 16: Senator Al Franken talk at Town Hall to be streamed to Skyline** as reported by Joan Horner. The live stream will begin @ 7:30PM in the Mt. Baker Room. Town Hall will make every effort to live stream and podcast while the building is closed. It was suggested that Town Hall remind speakers and people with questions to speak into the mike.
- **June 29: Dow Constantine visit being arranged by Katherine Graubard.** She requests anyone wanting to interact with the speaker, let her know in advance. She is currently working on getting Senator Maria Cantwell to speak to Skyline. She would like to know if anyone would like to help.

5. Other Things:

- On Tyranny more books are available for \$7 through Kendall Baker.
- Voter Registration forms to New Residents. Diana Caplow. As noted earlier, these forms will be available on June 12th.

6. Are there other things folks would like to discuss?

Concern was raised about very conservative companies taking over networks such as MSNBC and KOMO.

7. Next Meeting: Friday, June 9, Mount Baker Room 4PM

Note Takers: Kathe Dobbs, Jim Tanner