

## CEG Meeting Notes—July 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mary Jane Francis, the facilitator for this event.

### COMMENTS ON PAST TWO WEEKS

#### **July 18 Access for All Ballot Issue (from Joan Conlon)**

Dwight Gee, Vice Chair of Access for All, spoke to Skyline residents about the merits of King County Proposition 1—Access for All. Joan Conlon summarized his comments and shared her own views about the benefits to the City.

Joan spoke of how this comprehensive measure would benefit the Seattle Symphony, the Seattle Opera, and the Ballet, and would provide a solid arts base for music in this area. Passage of Proposition 1 would help students attend concerts and other art events. She noted that while the Seattle Symphony has an endowment, it has struggled as an institution. Approximately four percent of the Seattle Symphony's budget comes from public grants and revenues, while the Vancouver, BC, Symphony's budget includes about 35% in public support. Seattle's revenue shortage has had a significant impact, including the necessity of musicians having to take pay cuts to keep the doors open.

#### **July 19 Skyline Soapbox (from Frank Conlon)**

This experiment was developed during a brief meeting 10 days prior to the first "Skyline Soapbox" event held on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Each resident present had the opportunity to speak for up to two minutes on behalf of one or more candidates or issues. Approximately twenty-five residents attended, and some actually shared their views.

All attendees felt that the event was worthwhile and should be repeated with advance notice on the calendar. It was decided that CEG would go forward with a proposal to the Lifestyle Committee and Department to conduct a similar event prior to the General Election. Frank Conlon, Tom Gibbs, and Jim Sanders have agreed to help set up and conduct the next event. Other volunteers are, of course, welcome. Contact Jim at [jimsanders1947@gmail.com](mailto:jimsanders1947@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

### COMING EVENTS (ALL ARE IN THE MOUNT BAKER ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

#### **August 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30 p.m. Professor Kate Starbird—"Fake News: What it is, Where it Comes From, and How to Identify It" (from Shirley Adler)**

Professor Starbird is a faculty member of the UW Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering. She describes her research as being at the intersection of computer science and human interaction. Dr. Starbird began studying fake news reports after the Boston Marathon bombing. She is a graduate of Stanford University and received her PhD in Technology, Media, and Society from the ATLAS Institute at the University of Colorado in 2012, where she examined both large-scale and small group online interaction during crisis events.

#### **August 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Adam Smith Town Hall (from Alice Mailloux)**

Congressman Adam Smith's Town Hall, previously scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The town hall will be held at the Foster High School Performing Arts Center, located at 4242 S. 144th Street in Tukwila. Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or by calling (425) 793-5180 or Toll Free at (888) SMITH09.

*Note:* If you plan to attend and would like to either carpool or take others with you in your vehicle, please notify Jim at [jimsanders1947@gmail.com](mailto:jimsanders1947@gmail.com) for help in arranging transportation.

**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. Joe McDermott (from Tom Gibbs)**

County Council President Joe McDermott (who also serves as our County Councilmember) will join us for a discussion of County Government and the role the Council plays in the development and implementation of policies.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**Possible Televised Electoral Forums**

While we do not know if local television stations will conduct candidate forums (similar to what KING-5 did prior to the primary for the Mayoral race), we believe this is a possibility. Meeting attendees were interested in knowing whether such programs would be broadcast and if they could be shown in the Mount Baker Room, with a discussion to follow.

Kathleen Cunningham agreed to contact the local stations to see if there are any scheduled forums. Jim Sanders and others will prepare an Activity Proposal for consideration by Skyline’s Lifestyle Department and the SRA Lifestyle Committee. (More information will follow as it becomes available.)

**Candidate Forums: Where We Go From Here**

At an earlier meeting, the CEG decided to try to hold four candidate forums during the month of October, focusing on the following races: Seattle Mayor, Seattle City Council Position 8, Seattle City Council Position 9, and Port Commission. Skyline residents were invited to help with these events after the primary by contacting and inviting candidates to participate, developing questions to be used at the forums, and assisting at each forum.

The following people have agreed to serve on the Questions Committees: Barb Williams, David O’Hara, Frank Conlon, Judy Mills, Katherine Graubard, Rick Baugh, Sue Hogan, Shirley Adler, and Tom Gibbs. A separate email will go out to each volunteer (and anyone else who wishes to participate) in about a week.

**Volunteers Who Have Agreed to Help at Each Forum\***

<b>Role</b>	<b>City Council 8 October 2</b>	<b>Mayor October 9</b>	<b>Port Commission October 16</b>	<b>City Council 9 October 23</b>
Greeter #1	David O’Hara	David O’Hara	Judy Mayotte	David O’Hara
Greeter #2	Katherine Graubard	Katherine Graubard	Katherine Graubard	Tom Gibbs
Moderator	Frank Conlon	Frank Conlon	Tom Gibbs	Frank Conlon
Timer	Hollis Williams	Hollis Williams	Sonia Baker	Katherine Graubard
M/C	Tom Gibbs	Tom Gibbs	VACANT	Tom Gibbs

*\* This information was added from Jim’s records, but not discussed at the meeting.*

### **725 Blog CEG Calendar Page**

Jim Tanner advised that the form created to add items to the calendar has not functioned as intended and is being discontinued. Jim will be adding information to the Calendar page about what to include, if you wish to have an event listed on the calendar.

In the meantime, if you have an event you wish to have listed, please send an email to [james.g.tanner@gmail.com](mailto:james.g.tanner@gmail.com) and include the following: event title; date, time, and location of the event; and a brief description of what the event will entail.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

### **Next Meeting: Friday, August 11, Mount Baker Room**

Thanks to Mary Jane Frances for facilitating; to Rick Baugh for microphone duties; to Lorraine Sakata, Suzanne Hittman, and Lilyan Snow for taking notes; to Lilyan Snow for editing; and to Wendy Schoen for proofreading, editing, and formatting the notes. Thanks also to all of you who participated in the meeting, and particularly to those who volunteered to help.