

## CEG Meeting Minutes—September 22, 2017

Lorraine Sakata, facilitator for this session, opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

### COMMENTS ON THE PAST MONTH

**Fact vs. Fake – Fighting Back Against Fake News:** On September 13<sup>th</sup> *The Seattle Times* hosted a panel discussion at Kane Hall (University of Washington) titled “Fact vs. Fake—Fighting back against Fake News.” Thanks to Eugene Webb for handling the electronic streaming here at Skyline. Thanks also to Jensen Ng, who contacted UW during the event to ask them to boost the volume.

Jim Sander’s note: “The event was lightly attended, possibly because of the timing (6:30 p.m.) and possibly because I neglected to send out a CEG notice the day before the session; my apologies.”

Eugene Webb, who had agreed to offer some comments on the event, was unable to attend due to illness. Lorraine Sakata asked for comments from the floor, but none were forthcoming.

### COMING EVENTS

**Thursday, Sept. 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m.                      Mayoral Forum on Homelessness –  
St. James Cathedral**

Shirley Adler reminded us that the Saint James Cathedral Housing Advocacy Committee is sponsoring a Mayoral Forum in the Cathedral Hall, focused on housing and homelessness.

Those who wish to walk to the meeting (entrance on the east side of the Cathedral) are invited to join Shirley at the 5<sup>th</sup> floor Skyline lobby at 6:15 p.m. that evening.

**Tuesday, Oct. 3, 4:15–5:00 p.m.                      Attorney General Robert Ferguson**

Attorney General Robert Ferguson will join us in the Mount Baker Room for a discussion of state issues and legal matters. If you have questions or issues you would like the Attorney General to address, please send them to Peg Haggerty via email at [peghaggerty@gmail.com](mailto:peghaggerty@gmail.com) or call her at (206) 935-5277. Peg will forward them to the Attorney General to let him know what our particular interests might be.

It was noted that the Attorney General’s visit conflicts with the Skyline Chorale practice. We will try to avoid conflicts in the future, but we also need to recognize that we don’t control the schedules of our guest speakers.

**Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:00–9:00 p.m. League of Women Voters Mayoral and City Council Forum**

Diana Caplow reported that The League of Women Voters of Seattle and King County is sponsoring a Mayoral and City Council Forum on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. Those interested in going as a group are encouraged to meet at 6:15 p.m. in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor lobby for the walk to the church. (Google Maps indicates that the walk is about ½ mile each direction.)

***Opportunity for Service:*** If you are interested in being the contact point and leading the Skyline Delegation, please contact Jim Sanders at [jimsanders1947@gmail.com](mailto:jimsanders1947@gmail.com) or by telephone at (206) 323-8952. We will send out an email ahead of time identifying you as the person to look for in the lobby.

*Post-meeting note:* The League website now lists this as a “Seattle City Council Races” event, without reference to the Mayor’s Race. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m.

**Skyline Candidate Forums: Each Monday and one Tuesday in October**

All of our invitees have confirmed that they will participate in our Skyline Candidate Forums (see schedule below). This is your chance to see the candidates without having to leave the building. As in the past, these will be moderated forums, using questions submitted by Skyline residents in advance of the event.

*Note:* Each of the events below will be included in the Lifestyle Monthly Calendar and the Weekly Updates, and will be posted in the elevators. We will also send out CEG Calendar notices and post them on the 725 Blog CEG page for events.

**FORUM SCHEDULE**

Monday, Oct. 2, 3:00 p.m.	City Council Position 8:	Jon Grant and Theresa Mosqueda
*Monday, Oct. 9, 3:00 p.m.	Port Comm. Position 1:	Ryan Calkins and John Creighton
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.	City Council Position 9:	Lorena Gonzalez and Pat Murakami
Monday, Oct. 16, 3:00 p.m.	Port Comm. Position 4:	Preeti Shridhar and Peter Steinbrueck
**Monday, Oct. 23, 3:00 p.m.	Mayor of Seattle:	Jenny Durkan and Cary Moon

\* ***Opportunity for Service:*** We need one greeter who can meet a candidate for Port Commission #1 in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor lobby on October 9<sup>th</sup>. You will need to be in the lobby by 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for this task, or wish further information, please contact Jim Sanders by email at [jimsanders1947@gmail.com](mailto:jimsanders1947@gmail.com) or by telephone at (206) 323-8952.

\*\* The Mayoral forum schedule may change to a 2:30 p.m. start time to accommodate a change in candidate schedules. Stay tuned.

## OTHER ISSUES

**Internal Communication:** We will continue to use email for alerts, meeting notes, and announcements, and will post events on the CEG pages of the 725 Blog. If you are not familiar with the 725 Blog, please contact Jim deMaine or Jim Tanner about how to find and use the information.

**Candidate Recommendation Letters:** In response to a discussion with other residents, Jim Sanders asked if we should use the CEG email distribution list to share our views regarding candidates in the upcoming election. Skyline residents who are new to Seattle or Washington State sometimes ask us for our opinions regarding political candidates.

### Comments:

Frank Conlon suggested that some residents might be more comfortable sharing their views verbally, rather than consigning them to the “everlasting record of the internet.” (We will have that opportunity at the Skyline Soapbox II on October 30<sup>th</sup>.) Joan Conlon suggested that more information is better than less. There seemed to be a consensus that this is reasonable and those who wished could offer their opinions.

*Note:* We do ask that those offering recommendations do so in a positive and respectful manner, addressing the strengths of their recommended candidates, rather than focusing on the deficiencies or negative aspects of their opponents.

If you would like to submit a recommendation, please send it to Jim Sanders via email as a word.docx or word.doc document. Please limit your comments to one 8½ x 11 page or less.

The recommendations will be sent out to the CEG distribution list as pdf attachments and may be grouped with other recommendations.

Sue Van Leuven asked which candidates were eligible for Democracy Vouchers.

***Post-meeting note:*** The following candidates are currently eligible to redeem Democracy Vouchers:

- Jon Grant (City Council Position 8)
- Teresa Mosqueda (City Council position 8)
- M. Lorena Gonzalez (City Council Position 9)
- Pat Murakami (City Council Position 9)
- Pete Holmes (City Attorney).

Candidates for County, Port, or School Board are not included in the Democracy Voucher program. The Mayoral race was not included in this first round of the City’s Democracy Voucher program.

Frank Conlon asked about an allegation of possible fraud regarding the use of Democracy Vouchers. It was noted that the individual who was alleged to have falsified reporting records was eliminated in the primary, and the matter has been referred to the Seattle Police Department for investigation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Mount Baker Room**

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