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GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2011
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Cherry Crest School

Bridle Trails Community Club General Meeting Agenda:

1. Club Business
2. WSDOT 520 toll Q&A
3. Detached ADU Plan Update
4. Neighborhood Enhancement Program
5. Park Levy Update
6. New Business
7. Refreshments

KEEPING THE POWER ON!

– ELLEN KERR

The Electrical Study is moving along! Bellevue City Council approved a contract to proceed with the scope of work. We are excited to get the project started and look forward to our continued partnership with the city and consultant. The project has a new manager, Sheida Sahandy who is replacing Bob Derrick. We will miss working with Bob and welcome and look forward to working with Sheida.

PSE has finally agreed to do some additional electrical work in BT! Besides the rotating tree maintenance, they will be installing some overhead wire to protect the lines from falling limbs (tree wire) and converting some overhead wire to underground. Hopefully this will help with reliability. The work is scheduled in the next couple of months.

Please check out our website or the City's for current information or contact Ellen Kerr or Norm Hansen (contact information on masthead).

NEW PARKS IN BRIDLE TRAILS/ PARK LEVY UPDATE

- LORETTA LOPEZ

In 2008 Bellevue voters approved a park levy. The City determined that \$2.5 million of the levy funds should be used for park and natural area acquisition or development in the Bridle Trails area. The BTCC formed a Park Levy Committee and in May 2009 started the process of gathering information from Bridle Trails residents.

In August 2010, the Park Levy Committee presented its recommendations to the BTCC Board. In September 2010, BTCC members and non-members of the BTCC were invited to vote on the recommendations. The recommendations were:

1. Obtain an agreement with the State to develop, operate and maintain a park at 5220 132nd Ave NE.

2. Acquire the property located at 134th and NE 24th for the purpose of providing Park and Open Space.

3. Proceed to develop a Master Plan with the Bridle Trails Neighborhood and with owners of contiguous property for a neighborhood public park at 5220 132nd Ave NE.

4. Proceed to develop a Master Plan with the Bridle Trails Neighborhood and with owners of contiguous property for a neighborhood public park at 2402 134th Ave NE.

5. Develop a neighborhood public park at 5220 132nd Ave NE.

6. Develop a neighborhood public park at 2402 134th Ave NE.

The BTCC presented the recommendations to the Bellevue Parks Board in October, which the Parks Board approved. In the Fall of 2010, City Council authorized the acquisition of the property at 134th and NE 24th. The sale of the property to the City closed on January 31, 2011.

On February 22, 2011, the Parks Department presented the BTCC's recommendations to City Council, which endorsed the recommendations. Next, the Parks Department will negotiate with the State to obtain an agreement to develop and maintain the "Acheson" property at 5220 132nd Ave NE. The City will develop a schedule for the Master Plan process and will gather public comments as part of the Master Plan process. If you have any questions, send an email to Loretta Lopez at llopez@mstarlabs.com or call 425 885-1851.

TOLLING ON THE SR 520 BRIDGE

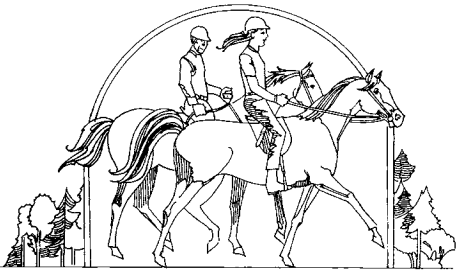
– NANCY BENNETT

This spring the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin tolling the SR 520 bridge. The SR 520 corridor will use all-electronic tolling, meaning there will be no toll booths. Drivers on SR 520 will be able to cross without stopping to pay, allowing traffic to flow at normal highway speeds.

This project is part of the Lake Washington Urban Partnership, a collaborative effort between WSDOT, King County, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to explore innovative ways to help manage congestion on SR 520.

In May 2009, Gov. Gregoire signed ESHB 2211, which authorizes tolling on the SR 520 bridge. Tolling the SR 520 bridge allows WSDOT to secure revenue in order

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Tolling on the SR 520 bridge contiued...

to begin pontoon construction in 2011, which is critical to replacing the SR 520 bridge by 2014.

Tolls on SR 520 will help pay for the new SR 520 bridge scheduled to open in 2014. When the corridor is complete, it will include six lanes, with two general-purpose lanes and one carpool lane in each direction, spanning Lake Washington from I-5 in Seattle to just west of I-405 in Bellevue. Designed to withstand earthquakes and windstorms, the new bridge will have carpool lanes that will allow for more frequent and reliable bus trips. It also will have space for walking or riding a bike across the lake, shoulder lanes to keep traffic flowing when something goes wrong, and new interchanges to reduce traffic impacts and improve communities near the corridor.

WSDOT will be attending the March 17 Bridle Trails Community Club meeting in order to educate how this will affect our members and answer any questions we may have.

NEP ART PROJECT UPDATE

- LORETTA LOPEZ

Bruce Myers, the artist chosen by the Bellevue City Arts Commission, presented his initial design to the BTCC at our November meeting. His work consisted of three different designs which will be placed in three locations in the Bridle Trails area. The Arts Commission asked the artist to continue to refine his designs. Once the Arts Commission approves the final design, the designs will be displayed for public comment. If you have any questions about the project, contact City Arts Specialist, Mary Pat Byrne at 425 452-4105 or MPByrne@bellevuewa.gov.

DETACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUS)

- UPDATE - LORETTA LOPEZ

The City Planning Department was to appear before the Planning Commission in February to present information about Detached ADUs. A Detached ADU is an accessory dwelling unit that the City would allow in single family zones. Currently the City allows Attached Dwelling Units and in some cases guest cottages. The allowance of the Detached

ADUs throughout the City would constitute a major change in zoning.

The BTCC is concerned about the possibility of changes to single-family zoning. The BTCC formed a committee to monitor the Detached ADU issue. The committee met at City Hall on February 9. The City informed our committee that due to heavy workload the City would not be working on the Detached ADU issue until this fall.

Despite the delay in the City's plans, the committee will continue to meet to gather more information. There are seven members on the committee. If anyone is interested joining the committee please contact Norm Hansen at 861-7333.

BTCC TO CO-HOST ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY

- ELLEN KERR

We haven't set a date yet, but: BTCC and our neighborhood watch program, coordinated by Tom Eng, will co-host another community celebration. Last year we had approximately 300 people attend! Come join in the fun and celebrate our wonderful neighborhood. Please check our website, crime vine or next newsletter for upcoming date.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS/ PUBLISHED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE

The City publishes a monthly newsletter with information about events and dates of meetings which are of interest to neighborhoods. Contact the City Neighborhood Outreach office at 425-452-6836 to be added to receive a copy.

BELLEVUE NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM

The City and several neighborhood groups are sponsoring The Bellevue Neighborhoods Forum. The first installment of the two part series is on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The Neighborhood Forum is an education and discussion forum for and about neighborhoods, The speaker on April 6 will be Peter Lovenheim, a New York journalist and author of In the Neighborhood: The Search for a

Community on an American Street, one Sleepover at a Time. For more information contact Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-6836 or NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

TREASURER REPORT/ MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – JILL LUM

Thank you for your continued support of the Bridle Trails Community Club. Annual Dues Notices are in the mail, look for the yellow flyer. You should receive a notice only if you are due. Those who have paid in advance are not sent notices.

Growing the membership of the BTCC is a primary goal of the organization. Now, more than ever, our neighborhood faces issues that will greatly impact Bridle Trails as we know it. Your membership provides the political clout needed to preserve and protect our neighborhood. There is power in numbers! We need your continued support.

How can you help? Please spread the word about the great work the BTCC does by talking to your neighbors and inviting them to join. Share your newsletter with them. Direct them to take a look at the website. All membership information is available at www.BridleTrailsCommunity.org.

Together we can make a difference! Let's band together for the health and well-being of Bridle Trails by growing our organization to provide a bigger voice for our neighborhood.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Mar. 17 at 7:00 pm**, BTCC General Meeting, Cherry Crest School Library
- **April 6 at 7:00 pm**, Neighborhoods Forum, City Hall Council Chambers
- **Apr. 21 at 7:00 pm**, BTCC Board Meeting
- **May 19 at 7:00 pm**, BTCC General Meeting, Cherry Crest School Library