

## *Friends of Aldercrest*

Meeting Notes from June 28, 2010

Held at Lake Forest Park Montessori gym, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

### Presiding over the meeting (FoA board members):

Janne Kaje, Co-chair

Nancy Moreyra, Co-chair

Alice Lawson, Treasurer

Paul Yost, Board Member

### Recap of events & communications since May 2010 (correspondences are posted on [www.friendsofaldcrest.org](http://www.friendsofaldcrest.org)):

May 25, BALNA neighborhood meeting –

- Joe Tovar, Planning Director, Aldercrest discussion & economic difficulties to buy the whole property with discussion of re-zoning concept.
- Council agenda and Planning Commission work plans will need to be changed to implement FoA proposal.
- School District is not interested in a task force.
- Joe Tovar thinks the planning process will take less than 1 year.

June 2, FoA proposal letter to City of Shoreline and School District-

- Proposal letter asks city to initiate a process, with school district okay, divide property, with one part to be developed to subsidize a park on the other part.
- Letter went to district and city June 2

June 7, Shoreline City Council Study Session –

- Aldercrest & Cedarbrook were discussed
- Councilmember Eggen and Deputy Mayor Hall are interested in the FoA concept
- Chris Eggen, pushed forth idea of a task force to look at options for both sites and figure out what can be done to create park space.

June 18, City of Shoreline letters

- City letters sent out to form task force – sent to Cedarbrook and Aldercrest groups, LFP city council, and School District

June 21, School District letter to City of Shoreline –

- School district replied saying they are not interested in a task force, not interested in talking about Cedarbrook.

Subsequent Actions:

- Task forces forming, one for Cedarbrook without school district, and one for Aldercrest including School district.

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### Discussion Notes:

- Some confusion about the Task force on Aldercrest – Friends of Aldercrest is not asking for a task force but asking for a specific city initiated planning process (refer to June 2 letter). City Planning department.
- If nothing is done & no process to engage neighborhood and Aldercrest Annex is purchased by a developer, there is a high likelihood that the land will be rezoned from its current state of R6 to higher density. If developer initiates the rezone, land is rezoned thru a quasi-judicial process with formal public hearings.
- Currently surrounding properties are R48 and mixed use. City decision is guided by surrounding land uses and comprehensive plan.
- What's in it for the school district?
- School District is not interested in being developer and just wants to get the property off the books.
- Process goes smoothly, neighborhood supports the sale and development. Developer knows what he/she is getting.
- School district and city will need to agree on the appraisal. What kind of agreement between City and district for the district to follow thru with the plan?
- Park master planning will be a subsequent process.
- Planning process for land acquisition via FoA proposal to take 1 year if city is willing to move Aldercrest Annex planning to higher priority;
- Aldercrest Annex must be on City PROS plan to get any state funding.
- School district wants the city to get something done and are skeptical about the city's ability and will to follow through on acquiring Aldercrest Annex & Cedarbrook.
- Terms of engagement need to be in writing between school district and city.
- Ballinger Neighborhood will increase density in population – school district should plan for more families.
- Decaying buildings are a liability.
- Running track and field is not structural fill.
- Make a list of things neighborhood wants and what we want to hold city accountable for.

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### Questions from neighbors:

- Question about neighborhood association being involved in the planning process (task force) – can BALNA be on the task force?
- Is Neighborhood association willing to pass a resolution in support of mission?
- Have you considered the liability of maintaining the gymnasium?
- Is the park department willing to take part in the planning?
- Chris Roberts mentioned possibility of putting in light rail, transit station going in 185<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. For planning for the transit station development at the old Shoreline High School, Why not move senior center and other facilities from there to Cedarbrook and Aldercrest?
- 2005/2008 Shoreline rated high for parks and schools. City is publishing its high rating but there are not enough parks.
- How are we going to pay for this area?
- Can we tap into other people at the state level to help find money?
- Has the city responded to the School District's interest in the proposal?
- What does the School district lose if they do not support neighborhood?
- What is the status of the DEIS for Aldercrest Annex? Can we obtain it?

NEXT MEETING: TBD