

PIGEON POINT COMMUNITY MEETING JUNE 9, 2008
(meetings held at Cooper School 2nd Mon. of even months except Aug.)

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1. Chairman Matt Swenson presented Cathy Rutherford, principal of Cooper School, with a \$783 dollar check raised by the recent neighborhood garage sale held at the school. Things people liked about this sale: items were organized the day before, neighbors got to know Cooper staff, and there was amazing generosity in donations and purchases.
2. Cathy Rutherford reported on the environmental programs the school focused on this school year. They have partnered with several organizations which will continue working with them next year: AmeriCorps, Nature Consortium, Longfellow Creek, etc.
Kathy also talked about a reading program for the coming year. Neighbors suggested involving us as "listeners" for the reading program or for the writers' workshop.
3. City Night Out is coming --- August 5, 2008, 1st Tuesday, 20th SW and SW Dakota, around 6 pm. Soft drinks will be provided and some paper plates and flatware. It was suggested that in the spirit of "going green" we encourage people to bring their own plates and flatware and take them home to wash. It is a potluck, but be sure to take home any dishes you bring (and it's best to label them in case you forget). We run out of chairs and tables, so please bring them if you can. There will be a police car and fire truck. You can bring something to put on the bar-b-q. Matt will bring the fixings for s'mores if Ed brings his pit.
4. Pigeon Point Noise Resolution Steering Committee is moving along in organizing neighbors around this issue and communicating with the City Council and train companies. The more people involved the more impact we can make, so please consider calling David Brondstetter to join the movement. Other communities have gotten "quiet zone" consideration.
5. The city is urging us all to plant trees and they're providing free trees.
6. The Pro Parks levy is up this year and the city is inviting us to provide feedback on parks' issues we feel worthy of funding in the next levy. June 17, 5:30-7:30, Lopez Room at the Seattle Center, will be a public comments opportunity. One neighbor suggested that the children's play structure at the Delridge Park is out-dated and limited and needs to be redone.
7. Comments are now open regarding "no opening of the lower W. Seattle Bridge during peak times". To comment, do a search on the W. Seattle Blog.
8. Fall Event: we are planning a meet and greet event Sat., Sept. 20. We'll advertise it at City Night Out. To get some matching city funds for this event Pete passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers. Raeann will be the coordinator. There will be activities for children, potluck (or donations of food), interest groups (computers, gardening, job sharing, etc.) It'll be held at Cooper School next to the covered play area or under it if it rains. The small committee wants more members and a lot more ideas. We need to promote all the great projects we've done and let people know we can make a difference. It would be a good idea to show people how they benefit from participating in our projects.