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COMPLAN MEETING at GARFIELD

BY S. Wilson

As a preliminary, continuing effort of the Parks Dept. to gain local input on parks-recreation related needs, a meeting was held on April 9 at Garfield Community Center.

Neighbors suggested future improvements might include more ballparks, renovation or construction of a community center offering greater services, a pedestrian tunnel from the Valley into the Arbor etum; improved basketball hoop maintenance, increased transportation assistance, more senior activities; landscaping and added benches along Madison and Washington Ballpark; use of Martin Luther King School--after hours--for park-supervised ethnic, cultural activities, and tutoring; acquisition of 3001 East Madison for buffer zone and a possible site (E. Dewey Place) for a pedestrian tunnel; purchase of lots at E. Harrison & MLK Way for a "vacant-lot" ballfield.

Langston-Hughes Center is to be remodeled.

Another meeting was requested to give more Central residents chance to speak.

**SON HOME from WAR
by Larry Forest**

Gary L. Forest, son of Larry and Patricia Forest 3001 East Republican Street, recently returned home from Saudi Arabia where he was serving with the First Armored Cavalry, 1/32-HHC Co., as a medic. Gary had been stationed in Saudi for the past five months.

His unit returned on 4-18-91 to their home base at Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas.

Gary was a 1987 graduate of Franklin High School. He has served in the US Army since Feb., 1990.

During the closing battle of the War in Iraq, (Desert Storm), Gary and his sergeant, Bruce Kommla, rescued eight fellow-soldiers, who had been wounded and were being held down by enemy fire. In recognition of their actions,

Gary and Bruce were nominated to receive the Bronze Star.

Gary was welcomed home to Seattle in late April with a large bar-b-que hosted by his parents.

Gary has a sister, Tracy Forest-Tillman, who lives in North Augusta, South Carolina.

TO GARY from a NEIGHBOR
by S. Wilson

Dear Gary,
In the minds and hearts of your neighbors, we are happy you are home, that you are safe! We are proud of you. Thank you!

HARRISON-DENNY MAY MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, from 7-9 PM, at Martin Luther King Jr. School.

ONE BLOCK AWAY, ALL SEEMS OK...

by a Concerned Resident

Illicit drug activities continue to be a source of community concern.

On one neighborhood block the appearance may be that "all is well."but that may not be the case on the next block. Residents

ONE BLOCK AWAY... cont.

quietly, but earnestly, persevere in pressuring offenders. One can push the pusher, but his problem remains--in the area--and probably will, until he changes, not only his residence, but his "occupation", or leaves the area entirely.

Typically, groups congregate at the corner of 31 & East John to "deal", "hang out," and make general nuisances of themselves drugging, drinking, playing music too loud, and using all available parking space. This occurs day and night.

The neighborhood lost, unfortunately, one good resident who decided to move.

The police have been contacted several times and visited the group. Negotiation with family & landlord are ongoing.

DOLORES ALEXANDER ASKS to SAVE 3001 E. MADISON

Addressing the Parks & Citizens Committee at the Open Space Hearings, D. Alexander made a plea for 3001 E. Madison to be purchased as open space. Alexander, Doris Magnusohn, Irene Brown, Rita Mazingo, & the late Louella Andrews and Immanuel Odom initiated preservation of the site in 1987.

J. Sussman detailed Harrison-Denny support.

Notable was how long neighborhood pleas have been ignored.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS "NEEDS ASSESSORS"

by David Foecke
What are the greatest needs & missed opportunities in our area? How can we involve more folks in tackling community problems? What are the steps to follow to involve many different people from many different parts of the neighborhood in our community council activities?

If the Harrison-Denny Community Council has its way, a small portion of the City's nearly \$1.5 million Neighborhood Matching Grant Fund will be spent helping us answer these questions.

We have applied for funds to hire a community organizer to help us conduct a needs assessment & to stimulate participation in campaigns and activities.

This grant would require neighborhood residents donate their time to "match" the dollars provided by the City.

Volunteers are needed to help plan & conduct the needs assessment, starting this summer. If you are interested in contributing a few, well-spent hours, to strengthen the sense of community in our neighborhood, please call David Foecke at 323-4709.

THANK YOU...

... photogenic people--and their dogs--who gathered for a neighborhood picture to support 3001 E. Madison.

HARRISON-DENNY COMPOST PROJECT

By C. Nunneley
Seattle Solid Waste Utility has grant money for neighborhoods to invent and experiment with new methods to reduce garbage.

Toward this end, David Foecke is formulating a proposal to set up compost stations throughout our neighborhood, using a variety of rodent free devices. Resulting compost would be shared by participating households. An employee would collect garbage & keep records for the project; the recorded data would be analyzed by the Utility for possible application in other communities.

This exciting project will reduce our garbage costs, beautify our gardens and protect the environment.

UNLAWFUL CONSTRUCTION

By J. Sussman
A few pirate developers who break rules in the construction business give the ethical builders a bad name. Neighborhoods like ours want sensible renovation & affordable new homes which will add to the beauty & livability of our area. Reasonable building is more likely to occur when builders respect the permit & public notice procedures of DCLU (Seattle's Department of Construction & Land Use). Recently, a large house & an illegal addition both snubbed the permit process. If no permit is posted or shown you, call 684-8420.