



Winter 2004

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January meeting

Libraries and parks will be on the agenda at our winter meeting on January 22. A representative from *Yes Yes for Libraries* will give us a presentation about our libraries and the coming vote, and a question and answer session will follow. Dan George, Vancouver's Director of Urban Parks, will talk to us about the Lynch property south of the Franklin School. Come join your neighbors, see what's to learn, and take a break from winter!

The meeting will be in the media center of the new Franklin School, at 7 p.m.

Candidates' Forum - A Great Value

By Tom Knappenberger
You might not think in terms of "getting a good deal" by attending a political gathering. But October's Northwest Neighborhood Vancouver City Council and Mayoral candidate forum was a steal.

By attending the Oct. 23 meeting, about 35 interested voters not only got to meet

nearly all the candidates running for city office, but were able to tour the beautiful new Ben Franklin Elementary School as well. And for free!

Both stars of the "Mayoral Sequel" - Royce Pollard and Jeanne Lipton made the stage as did Council candidates Dan Tonkovich, David Kallstrom, Larry Smith and Tim Leavitt.

They only had a dozen other places to be that night, but chose to be with us. The questions were wide-ranging and sometimes tough. The answers were thoughtful and usually brief. In some cities, you'd have to attend a Big Event to hear your candidates and have little hope of asking a question. Here, in our own backyard, we had 'em all to ourselves. Such a deal.

