

Next Meeting:
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Thu, Jan 24
Franklin School

Northwest Neighborhood

Winter 2008



1. Association Housekeeping

The first meeting each year includes election of officers. (Anyone wishing to serve as President, Vice President or Secretary/ Treasurer is encouraged to attend.) Also, in order to keep this great neighborhood association rolling along, we will look at our by-laws with an eye on updating the document from 1984.

2. Columbia River Crossing

With ink drying on planning documents and options being winnowed down to a single recommendation, it's time to hear from the CRC committee. See page 2 for a preview.

3. Port Vancouver, USA

Following a major setback at the polls last summer, the Port continues to develop, but will "pay as they go". Katy Brooks returns to NW NA for an update on progress!

Future Meeting Dates

Thu, Mar 24

Sat, July 12 (picnic)

Self-reflection leads to proposal and vote on minor makeover of Association By-Laws

by Leonard Bauhs

Periodically, we need to take a good look in the mirror to see what's become of us. That is true of us as individuals and also of us as a Neighborhood Association.

Hm, not too bad!

We are a comfortable collection of single-family houses off main arterial roadways. Our meetings, compared with others in town, are well-attended, volunteerism is good, and our newsletter is heavy, if not heady, with information and news.



We have a little money in the bank and continue to meet quarterly at Franklin School on a predictable date and time (even when not consistently or accurately reported -- my apologies for that).

My own participation began as general helper, which led to delivery volunteer, newsletter editor, "VP for IT", and now President (Volunteer in Chief?) for two years.

Two years. That number prompted me to review our By-Laws, which date back to 1984.

It led me there because it was a number that my predecessors had suggested was the limit for serving as President.

Late in December, I called a meeting of the Executive Committee to revisit the Association By-Laws and to take a look in the mirror. Vice President Fred Bateman, prior President Tom Knappenberger, Gloria Matthews, new-comer Carla Ringey and I read the By-Laws aloud, compared portions with those of other area neighborhood associations, and then carefully edited our own.

Here, then, we present the proposed changes for your review. The current By-Laws can be found at the city's Office of Neighborhoods website (see page 7).

Executive Board. Current By-Laws state that "members of the Executive Board will include the officers and committee chairmen". We proposed that the (see **By-Laws**, page 3)