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Seattle Coalition for Affordability, Livability, and Equity (SCALE)

Meeting at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard, 2116 E. Union Street

Monday, February 24, 2020

Frank called meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Present: Bonnie Williams (WCC), Chris Leman (ECC 7:20), David Ward (U-District), Debra Hannula (CHARM), Frank Fay (WCC), Ira Appelman (SFG), Jon Lisbin (SFG), Judy Bendich (Ravenna-Cowen), Lisa Coon (SUN), Mary Pat DiLeva (CHCC), Nadine Morgan (Georgetown), Penni Cocking (South Park), Sarajane Siegfriedt (SFG), David Moering (MCC).

Treasurer's Report

Sarajane reported that SCALE has \$593.38 in the bank. SCALE owes our attorneys \$1,521.69. (Note: since this meeting the attorney fees have been completely paid off!)

Report on HB 2343 & SB 6334, increasing the density of urban housing

David W reported that he testified against these bills that would increase housing density and exempt certain projects from the Growth Management Act (GMA) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

David will send Judy his testimony before the Senate Housing Stability and Affordability Committee. Frank, David, and Judy will work on a template to encourage comment against the bills.

Discussion of the future of SCALE and Ira Appelman's draft proposal for future local involvement

There was a general discussion on SCALE's future, how would it be organized, & what would it do?
Should SCALE be made up of groups, as it is now, or made up of individuals?
Should groups be required to attend meetings, which may lose groups?
Should SCALE be connected to national organizations?
Should SCALE encourage and connect with neighborhood councils?
Can SCALE counterbalance local organizations that have lots of urbanists?
Can SCALE attract younger members using social media, since they don't like meetings?
Should SCALE sponsor public forums and expend the effort to maintain a blog?
SCALE is needed because livability (trees, parks) is being ignored.

Ira Appelman's written "Draft Proposal for Continued SCALE Involvement in Local Politics," was considered. The proposal claims SCALE should continue because: (1) all the work it has taken to organize shouldn't now be discarded; (2) SCALE is needed to hold the City to its MHA promises; (3) SCALE has developed expertise that would be lost on dissolution; (4) SCALE has established credibility as an alternative to urbanists; (5) SCALE is uniquely positioned to propose fixes to MHA; and (6) SCALE as an organization is in a much stronger position to advocate than are individuals alone.

SCALE is needed to propose: (a) passage of a robust tree ordinance; (b) restoration of neighborhood planning; (c) increases in MHA fees; (d) mandatory INCLUSIONARY housing; (e)

restoration of staff support for district councils; (f) SAVE the AVE; (g) ADU owner occupancy requirements; (h) restoration of parking requirements for new development in crowded neighborhoods; (i) surveys of historic resources by neighborhood; (j) 1-for-1 replacement of demolished affordable housing; (k) restoration of goals for parks and open space in the Comp Plan; and (l) reversal of specific upzones like Boylston & CHARM.

SCALE would stay essentially the same but rely less on meetings, such as once a quarter, using technology for less dependence on physical presence. The object is to maintain a powerful alternative to the urbanists while advocating for affordability, livability, and equity.

After some discussion, **Sarajane moved acceptance of the draft proposal & Chris seconded.**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Submitted by Board Secretary Ira B. Appelman