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Comment Emails Received

Barber, Dave

From: Haver, Virginia M. [Virginia.Haver@va.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 4:53 PM
To: Barber, Dave
Subject: RE: Surplus property Disposition Study-Former Dakota Substation

Thanks for thinking of me. Unfortunately, I will be out of town the week of Aug 12 as well.

From: Barber, Dave [mailto:Dave.Barber@seattle.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 4:52 PM
To: Haver, Virginia M.
Subject: RE: Surplus property Disposition Study-Former Dakota Substation

Dear Ms. Haver:

The Genesee Schmitz Neighborhood Council has asked Seattle City Light to attend their meeting at the Westside Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm on August 15th to discuss the former Dakota Substation. Perhaps you could attend that meeting.

Dave Barber
Seattle City Light
206-684-0400

From: McShane, Colleen
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 3:59 PM
To: Barber, Dave; Moody, Effie
Cc: Best, Lynn
Subject: FW: Surplus property Disposition Study-Former Dakota Substation

See comment below.

From: Haver, Virginia M. [Virginia.Haver@va.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 5:10 PM
To: McShane, Colleen
Subject: Surplus property Disposition Study-Former Dakota Substation

Colleen,

I am not sure you are the right person to contact, but I would like to comment on the plans for the surplus of the former Dakota Substation (4918 SW Dakota St, Seattle). The substation is no longer used, but the area around the substation has a beautiful tree and other plants that enhance the neighborhood. I would suggest that if the substation is dismantled, that a way be found to keep the trees and plants in the area. Perhaps a small park with benches or peapatch could be planned if the substation itself is dismantled. It is a respite now for neighbors like myself that frequently walk the area, and I would hate to see all of it removed/replaced with a new building/structure. Green spaces enhance a neighborhood and their inherent value.

Thanks, and please forward this if you know of a more appropriate recipient. I will be out of town and unable to attend the community meeting on 8/27.

Ginny Haver
4003 45th Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116
206-832-5470

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From: Karen Lyons [karen@kjlyons.com]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 4:17 PM
To: Barber, Dave
Subject: Re: Plants and Trees at City Light's Former Dakota Substation.

Dave,

My name is Karen Lyons. I have a B.S. degree in Botany and have worked for several Botanical Gardens. During 2012 I worked with the Genesee Schmitz Neighborhood Council as we prepared presentations to the Seattle Park System concerning several properties in our district. Our largest presentation was concerning the abandoned Genesee Hill School property (6.3 acres). I prepared a vegetation survey of the property which included over 100 species; the star a record setting American Elm that is being considered by the national Heritage Tree Association. The Seattle Parks System had our property rated 2nd, out of over 100 submitted sites, as suitable for park consideration. We were very disappointed when we found out that the school system had decided to tear down the current school and replace it with a school more than twice as large. The new school would cover, with concrete and asphalt, almost every part of the grounds. We were thrilled when we heard that the Dakota Substation was being labeled as surplus. (Janet Jones, one of our members, had inquired about the property over a year ago and was told it would not be available.) The reason I conducted the survey was, more or less, for the same reason I did the Genesee School survey. We heard it might come up for sale and we thought by conducting a survey and taking photos we might interest some backers that could help us buy and save the property for neighborhood use. Plus, it is a beautiful green space and we are loosing much of our open green spaces in this neighborhood. **Please contact me if you need further information:**

Karen Lyons
karen@kjlyons.com
 (206) 420-3540
 4321 SW Genesee St.
 Seattle, WA 98116

Substation Description

Location: 4918 SW Dakota St., West Seattle / Corner 101, Dakota St. & 50th Ave.
Owner: Seattle City Lights
Size: 9,790 sq. ft.
Appraised at: \$231,000

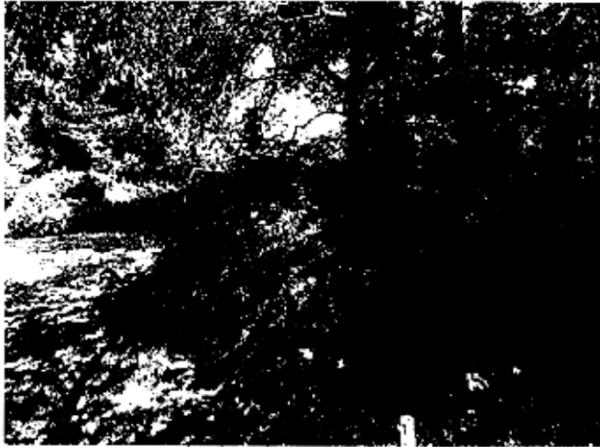
Dakota Substation Plant List (partial)

(There were two or three shrubs that I need to key down to identify)

Japanese Cherry
 Privets
 Japanese Maple
 European White Birch
 Japanese Black Pine
 Douglas Fir
 Arborvitae
 Pacific Rhododendrons
 Flame Azalea
 Purple Smoke bushes
 American Chestnut *(The American Chestnut is virtually extinct in the US, wiped out by the Chestnut Blight. These specimens (2) are small trees.)*

***Photo~ Dakota Substation, corner of Dakota Street
 and 50th Avenue***

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On Aug 19, 2013, at 12:09 PM, Barber, Dave wrote:

Karen:

At last week's meeting of the Genesee Schmitz Neighborhood Council, you brought an inventory of trees and plants at City Light's former Dakota Substation. I'd like to include your inventory, where it came from, and why it was done, in our report to the City Council on the Surplus Southwest properties.

We don't know yet, and won't know for a while, whether a cleanup will be required, and if required, how much these plantings will be disturbed. You can send me scanned material by return email, or by mail to the address below. Please call me at 206-684-0400 if you need any more information.

Dave Barber
Real Estate Services
Seattle City Light
P.O. Box 34023
Seattle, WA 98124-4023

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Barber, Dave

From: HPAC [hpacchair@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 8:02 AM
To: Barber, Dave; Henry, Naomi
Subject: City Light Surplus Properties

David and Naomi,

Thank you for coming to Youngstown to speak about City Light's surplus properties in Highland Park- specifically the one on 16th and Holden, and the one on 9th Ave adjacent to West Crest Park. We would like to invite you to come speak to our neighborhood group, HPAC (Highland Park Action Committee), to get better feedback from our neighborhood specifically. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month- our next meeting is September 25th at 7:00. Our meetings are held at the Highland Park Improvement Club on 12th and Holden. Please let me know if that time works, otherwise we can look at October's meeting.

Thank you again,
Carolyn Stauffer (chair, HPAC)

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Highland Park Action Committee

We meet on 4th Wednesday of the month at HPIC on 12th and Holden, 6:30 Potluck, 7:00 meeting.
www.hpac1919.org/hpac

Barber, Dave

From: Jean Veldyke Properties LLC [veldykeweb@seanet.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 12:37 PM
To: Barber, Dave
Subject: Former Wabash Substation
Attachments: Barber Sept 2013.PDF

Jean Veldwyk

See attached.

EMAIL to DAVE BARBER
DAVE.BARBER@SEATTLE.GOV

RE: FORMER WASH STATE SUBSTATION SALE (SEATTLE CITY LIGHT)
HEARING SEPT 17, 2013

Hello Dave! Thanks for your quick response AND quality discussion on this issue. It is of substantial concern to many folks. AND unfortunately the DATE set for hearing is occurring when several of us will be out of town or have already committed elsewhere, so I'm trying to be sure all issues are covered with input before.

I am a Brook @ Jean Valdyke Properties representing Neighborhoods, owners of the building adjacent to said Substation property @ the NE corner of Rainier + Cloverdale. We are very interested in what happens to this property for a number of reasons. Since it is known for presence of substantial wetlands covering soil AND NO fortification exists against the water adjacent to the Neighborhood property any activity to alter what is there poses a threatening situation. If the new entity is going to now or ultimately take action which would disturb adjacent fragile soils in any way it could cause negative impact on the filled properties adjacent.

Next, great attention is being paid to the growth and development of the Rainier Beach corridor - more affordable housing, support for small businesses and the need to significantly do it with the lack of destination businesses AND RETAILERS which will help us all to find all of our household needs in SE Seattle AND add pedestrian / driveby support for more customers to the village already existing.

"With all of the land available being highly acquired for public use - schools, play fields, community center - do we really want this land to go to a public utility use? The traffic count here is 21,000 vehicles a day, a major AND this is a main stop light location.

Since our phone discussion, I have discussed this with numerous others AND they are very interested in the content of the SEPT. HEARING. BRIAN LATTICH will be there representing Neighborhoods from our office since MARK SECARD is out of town AND that date. BRIAN will bring us all data discussed AND I expect, will be contacting you sometime the week of 9-23 with any feedback, concerns, ectasy or winter
Jean Valdyke, 206 755-3103

Barber, Dave

From: Ginny and Gerry [ginnyangerry@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2013 7:13 PM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: Dakota Substation

I would like comment on the plans for the SCL substation at 50th and Dakota in West Seattle. As a resident and home owner for 25 yrs in the locale, my first preference would be to have the entire space converted to some kind of green space...i.e., park like or possible pea patch and garden area. I walk frequently by the area because of the beauty of the green space and buffer it provides now. The cherry tree on the corner, the beautiful birch and cedars and pines that line the walk make for a very lovely respite from our busy lives. There is no other comparable green space that is close by. The nearest might be Schmitz Park, but that entry way (off 49th Ave) is darker, more primitive and not easily accessed by elderly people.

A second, less desirable option, would be to allow for a single dwelling residence adjacent to the one on 50th street, with a driveway that would empty onto 50th. Of utmost importance would be the preservation of the lovely cherry tree on the corner and the beautiful birch trees that line the fence along the corridor of Dakota. It'd be great if the current trees on the South side of the (current) last house adjacent to this area on 50th could be preserved as well. I realize some of the shrubbery and maybe one or 2 pine trees facing 50th would have to come out to allow for a driveway and new house area, but building there with minimal impact would be my (2nd) compromise choice.

The present green space enhances the neighborhood, and contributes to the value we find in this area. Losing it would be a tremendous loss.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Ginny Haver
4803 49th Ave SW
Seattle, WA
206-932-5470

Barber, Dave

From: ene_liis@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2013 10:31 PM
To: SCL_SumplusProperty
Subject: Dumar Substation

As a property owner I would love to see that site as some type of neighborhood restaurant.
Thanks,
Ene-Liis Arrowsmith

Barber, Dave

From: Paul W [peedublyou@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 1:58 PM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: 16th and Holden Substation Property

I am a resident of 7020 18th Ave SW, about 5 blocks from the subject property. Our neighborhood could benefit from the location of retail businesses to improve walkability and social engagement. Right now, we have several convenience stores in the neighborhood, but little else. I support the development of mixed use retail at this location to provide a critical mass for a mini business district. While I also support the neighborhood plan that calls for a business district at Delridge and Orchard, the actual growth of usable neighborhood businesses there has been slow and disappointing. This adjunct business district has potential. While I am an advocate for parks in general, this intersection is too busy to make it a safe or enjoyable place to spend time or for children to play safely. If there was an overwhelming response for a community garden there, I would be able to support that, but I haven't seen that yet.

Paul West

Barber, Dave

From: Craig Rankin [doncrankin@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 8:25 PM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: comments on the "White Center" property" and "Dumar" property

The optimal use that I have herd for the White Center property would be for it to be sold to the Rainwise Program to protect the Duamish River from storm water runoff and provide more green space and park access in Highland Park. The process should be delayed for enough time to explore this win win option.

The Dumar property would best serve the neighborhood if it were rezoned commercially so that we will not lose the opportunity to add more businesses to the neighborhood in an appropriate location. Please rezone before the sale to maximize the return on the property and support the community that will be affected by the sale.

Craig Rankin
Highland Park

Barber, Dave

From: holy briscoe [holybriscoe@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 10:45 AM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: Dumar substation proposal

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of the Highland Park neighborhood, the fate of the Dumar substation greatly effects my growing family, myself, my neighbors, and the community as a whole.

I believe that keeping the space green and implementing a P-patch would be in the best interest of the community. A community garden would deter drugs and other crimes that seem to be prevalent in this area, and would potentially be fostered in a housing development or public park. Additionally a P-patch would provide the community with an opportunity to come together to work, exercise, socialize, and take pride in their neighborhood.

Thanks for your time,

Holly

Highland Park resident

Barber, Dave

From: HPAC [hpacchair@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 1:47 PM
To: Barber, Dave; Henry, Naomi
Subject: Comment on Surplus Properties, website not working!

Hi Dave,
your website is not taking comments, an error message comes up... so here's my comment for the record:

I represent the Highland Park and Riverview neighborhoods as Chair of HPAC, our community group. We would like to request a re-zone of the Dumar site (16th and Holden) from residential to commercial. This would not only help City Light earn more money for the sale, but also make sense for this corner property on an arterial. The neighborhood would like to be a more walkable community, and this property's current zoning makes no sense. We would also like to encourage the sale of the White Center site (9th and Henderson) to King County Wastewater Division as a site for Green Stormwater Infrastructure. We encourage City Light to consider these requests as they have the power to positively contribute to the sustainability of our neighborhood. Thank you for taking our comments!
Carolyn Stauffer, HPAC chair

Thank you!

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Highland Park Action Committee

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Barber, Dave

From: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: FW: Comment on Surplus Properties

From: HPAC [mailto:hpacchair@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 4:21 PM
To: Moody, Effie
Subject: Fwd: Comment on Surplus Properties

I represent the Highland Park and Riverview neighborhoods as Chair of HPAC, our community group. We would like to request a re-zone of the **Dumar site (16th and Holden)** from residential to NC1-30 to match the other corner properties' zoning before it is sold. This would not only help City Light earn more money for the sale, but also make sense for this corner property on an arterial. The entire neighborhood would benefit from a re-zone as it would encourage a more walkable community. We would like to see the whole neighborhood benefit from this sale rather than the sale benefiting just a single developer.

We would also like to encourage the sale of the **White Center site (9th and Henderson)** to King County Wastewater Division as a site for Green Stormwater Infrastructure. There is great need for space in our neighborhood for stormwater infiltration and we feel that this site would lend itself well to that sustainable endeavor. We also feel that this would be in the best interest of the entire community, who would be involved in the design process if it were to go forward with King County, rather than selling the benefit to a single developer. This site has a rich history and was donated to the city by a community member- we would like to make sure the neighborhood is returned some benefit in its sale.

We encourage City Light to consider these requests from Highland Park and Riverview as they have the power to positively contribute to the sustainability of our neighborhood, and to provide benefit to the most number of people.

Thank you or taking our comments!

Carolyn Stauffer, HPAC chair

Highland Park Action Committee

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Barber, Dave

From: SCL_surplusproperty@seattle.gov
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 2:23 PM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: Surplus Property Comments

Comments: I would like to see this property re-zoned as a commercial development area and sold to a developer. However, I only want it to be something good.

Examples of good things this property could be:

- Decent restaurant
- Bar (rice)
- Hipster coffee shop
- Coffee shop / bike store
- Book store / record store

Examples of things this should not become:

- A park
- A mini mart
- A marijuana store
- A liquor store
- A place to get your nails done
- Any type of office supply store
- Subway, McDonalds, or other fast food chain.

It should be required that this remain a local community business with rent cheap enough for someone to pursue their dream.

Thank you,

Kirk Bentley

Barber, Dave

From: SCL_surplusproperty@seattle.gov
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 2:44 PM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: Surplus Property Comments

comments: Hello,

I am a resident of West Seattle, and I am writing to say that I oppose the sale of properties in West Seattle for development. Not enough is being done to preserve green spaces and especially trees in West Seattle. While the trees on Seattle owned land are protected, the trees on private property in West Seattle are routinely cut down by owners wanting to enhance their views, regardless of whether the tree was old growth or the home to many different species of wildlife. Where the City of Seattle has no reach, it cannot do anything to stop the tree loss. That is why it is important to all Seattlites that the city retain those properties it owns that are still safe places for trees and wildlife.

Green spaces are important for absorbing rain water and preventing polluted run-off, for promoting healthy wildlife and bee populations, for providing us all with fresh air, and for keeping Seattle beautiful and green. They also absorb sound and provide shade and cool air.

Sincerely,

Amanda Goodwin
resident of West Seattle
zip code 98146

Barber, Dave

From: SCL_surplusproperty@seattle.gov
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2013 12:45 PM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: Surplus Property Comments

comments: My husband and I have lived in this area for almost 30 years and it has been disheartening to see that property variances have been granted that have created high density housing in areas where it should have been only single family home.

We do not want the city to allow a multi-family structure of any type to be build on this site.

This site should only be used for a small community park, a P-patch or for a single family home.

Barber, Dave

From: SCI_surplusproperty@seattle.gov
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 7:09 AM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: Surplus Property Comments

comments: These comments are regarding the 58th and Dakota substation property.

This property should be kept as public property and used as open space.

The property is important as a green space to buffer the neighborhood from the visual and noise impacts expected from the 3-story building and associated traffic that are expected when the new Genesee Hill School is built directly across the street.

The disposal of this property should be deferred until the city can implement a two-step process: (a) work with the neighborhood to determine the best future use of the property in light of the city's stated green space goals and West Seattle's rising density, and (b) help the neighborhood obtain funding to implement the selected future use.

customer's email address: bullishtwir@yahoo.com

Barber, Dave

From: SCL_surplusproperty@seattle.gov
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 12:08 PM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Subject: Surplus Property Comments

comments: Please dispose the un-needed surplus sub station at 50th and Dakota and create a neighborly green space for all to enjoy.

Thanks,
Courtney Carpenter

customer's email address:

Barber, Dave

From: Kirsten Smith [kirsten210@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2012 3:36 PM
To: SCL_SurplusProperty
Cc: Pam Hince
Subject: North Delridge letter re surplus property
Attachments: WSGSC letter.doc

Hello,

Please see the attached letter from the North Delridge Neighborhood Council regarding Seattle City Light's surplus property disposition process in West Seattle.

Should you have any questions, I may be reached at 300-5561.

Regards,
Kirsten Smith
Co-chair, North Delridge Neighborhood Council



October 18, 2013

RE: Support for West Seattle Green Spaces Coalition

Dear Seattle City Light:

We are writing on behalf of the North Delridge neighborhood in support of the West Seattle Green Spaces Coalition. The WSGSC is developing a comprehensive community process to inform West Seattle neighborhoods about the disposition of surplus City Light properties and provide opportunities for citizen feedback.

There is much benefit to be gained from engaging the public in a visioning process with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhoods. The current property disposition process is moving quite quickly, and it does not provide adequate time for neighbors to learn of the opportunity and respond in a meaningful way. There are many possibilities for the surplus properties in the North Delridge neighborhood, as well as the properties located in other parts of West Seattle, and we would like to make sure that these possibilities are thoroughly investigated.

We hope that you will consider extending and expanding the opportunity for the public to be involved in shaping the future of these public lands. We support the efforts of the WSGSC and stand ready to assist with gathering input from North Delridge neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Parie Hines, Co-Chair
229-8923

Kirsten Smith, Co-Chair
300-5561

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