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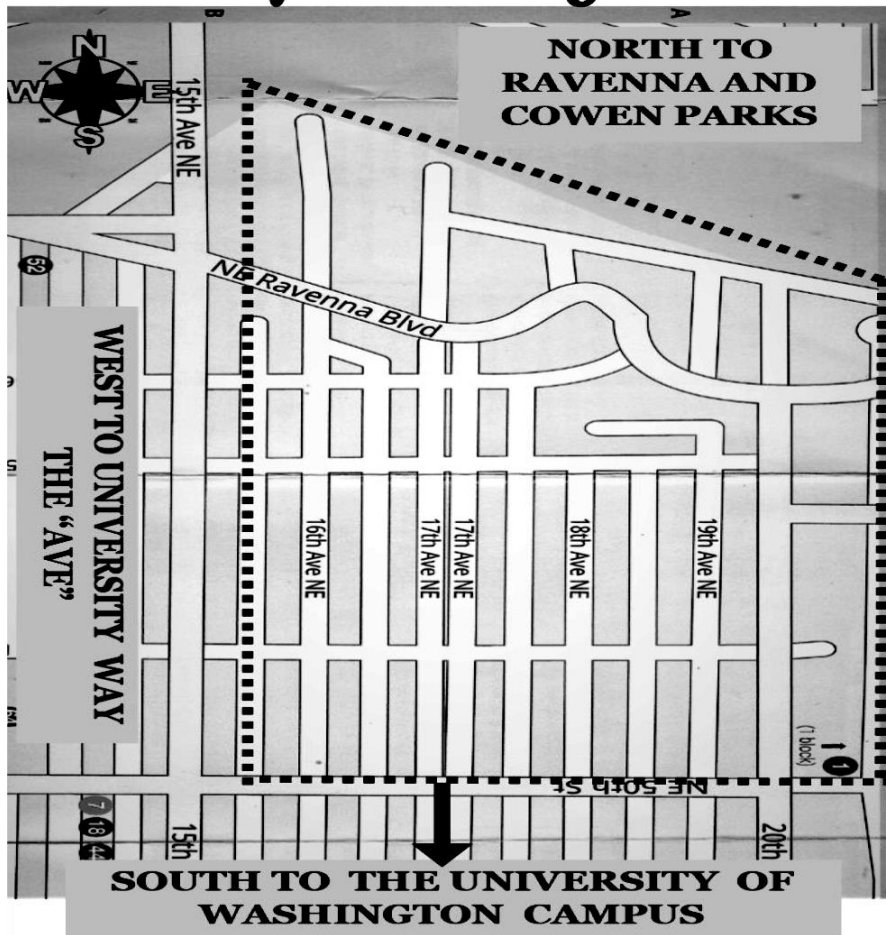
WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

In order to reach out to our membership more effectively, efficiency, and inclusively, the UPCC board has decided to send periodic and timely communications via an E-Newsletter through Mailchimp. Our goals are to keep in touch with the residents of University Park, keep you informed about actions taken by the Board, discuss any issues of importance, and announce any upcoming events.

For this transition to be successful, we welcome your feedback. Only through your input can we design a newsletter that is relative, interactive, inviting, and productive

Let's prove to the City of Seattle that its neighborhoods are alive and well.

University Park Neighborhood



UPCC BOARD MEMBERS 2019-2020

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**BOARD DECISION:
to discontinue our Quarterly Community Meetings**

Throughout the last twenty (20) years, the UPCC has hosted quarterly community-wide meetings to address issues that may affect the quality of life in our community. These meetings require a lot of time-consuming steps: This includes selecting a topic, seeking a speaker, reserving the room at the University Lutheran Church, distributing the flyers door to door throughout the neighborhood, displaying the A-Board signs, and the setup and cleanup at the church.

In spite of selecting topics of interest, we have unfortunately witnessed a steady decline in attendance. So, after much consideration, the board has voted to terminate these quarterly meetings, unless a specific issue arises necessitating such a meeting. We will continue to hold an Annual/Election Meeting each June.

**UPCC
Two- Way Communication
with our Membership**

Remember that this is your organization. It exists to foster a healthy, safe neighborhood; to represent your concerns before the City Council and other city agencies and departments; to proactively challenge the City concerning chronic and acute issues as a means of reaching practical solutions; and, most importantly, to create a true sense of community through various activities, such as our annual picnic.

The board always faces a balancing act: how much information to send out to the membership, how involved the membership should be in major decisions, and how to encourage its members to be alert to issues which may affect the security and integrity of our neighborhood.

Communication and participation are still the hallmarks of our organization. To that end, the board will keep the membership actively involved, engaged, and informed through electronic options, such as emails, our official website, and a periodic e-newsletter. It is our hope

that this approach will be practical, effective, and inclusive, given the advantages of today's communication technology.

But let's not forget our new neighbors. Let's show our enthusiasm for University Park by reaching out to them. Here are some ideas:

- - forward to them any interesting UPCC email;
- - encourage them to access our website (www.upcc.org), where they can download a pdf of our "Welcome to University Park" booklet; and
- - introduce them to other members, including board representatives.

We hope that this new method of communication will reach those who have been unable to participate in the past, due to already hectic lives and busy schedules. But this new effort will be meaningless if our emails and newsletters go unread and our website is not actively accessed. If the UPCC board is to faithfully represent the entire neighborhood, it needs and seeks your input.

**Ultimately, an active membership is imperative
to a healthy, happy community.
You are our "eyes and ears";
you are the sole purpose for our organization.**

ANOTHER U DISTRICT UP-ZONE This time it's "THE AVE"

University Park Neighborhood may be nestled near Ravenna Park, but we are still connected to and affected by the U District as it deals with a drastic Up-Zone, including massive high-rise structures and a new light-rail station. So, we must continue to partner with other groups, such as University District Community Council.

After only a few short years since the original up-zone was implemented, the U District is again being asked to sacrifice for second up-zone, one that will up-end the entire business district, affectionately known as The Ave.

Various groups have now gathered momentum in opposition to the rush to disrupt the character of University Way. Unfortunately, the City of Seattle has never lost its ambition to maximize density in our community, so much so that they refuse to acknowledge the failures of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) drawn up during the initial up-zone: many of its assumptions, expectations, statistics, and timelines have proven to be inadequate and short-sighted. Present rate of growth was unexpected and negative impacts were more rapid than anticipated, demanding that the City redo the entire EIS, rather than merely augmenting the existing document in limited areas. before moving forward on any renewed aspirations.

Working in cooperation with other groups, such as the University District Community Council, we have now become engaged in the actual process by which the City selects alternatives to be analyzed in the upcoming Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for this latest Up-Zone. We have successfully introduced concepts which are more compatible with our priorities, our long-term vision, and the history and uniqueness of our University District's main shopping area.

The UPCC board will continue to monitor the process and participate on behalf of a livable, healthy, and unique district. We will keep you apprised of our efforts, including any official decisions we may make as your representatives.

**REMEMBER TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES,
especially those who are at risk of displacement.**



DID YOU KNOW:

That Seattle was incorporated in 1869? This makes our city 150 years old this year- 2019! YEAH!

THE UPCC BOARD - Its Activities and Past Achievements

Working hard behind the scenes, the active UPCC board never ceases to represent our neighborhood. It works with other groups, such as CUCAC (City University Community Advisory Committee); NPAC (North Precinct Advisory Council); NEDC (Northeast District Council); UDCC (University District Community Council); the UW Police Department; UDP (University District Partnership); and the North of 45th Working Group—to collectively discuss various issues and promote practical solutions that will improve the health and vibrancy of our neighborhood.

Board members always strive to attend pertinent City Council meetings, open houses, and other opportunities, representing our neighborhood. And we will continue to hold monthly board meetings to discuss many current issues. Here is a partial list of past achievements:

- Revising the city-wide residential noise ordinance
- Enhanced zone 6 and game day parking enforcement
- Establishing the North of 45th Working Group, which led to the UW off-campus student code of conduct
- The implementation of the RRIO (Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance)

- **The Mobility Plan to create a multi-faceted approach to the transportation needs in the U District**
- **Influencing various plans and legislation: the Up-Zone, the UW Campus Master Plan, ADU/DADU (attached and detached accessory dwelling units) regulations, etc.**
- **Reporting zoning and code violations and representing our concerned members.**
- **Use of your membership dues as a fund to hire land-use experts in support of our various efforts.**



SUSTAINING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

The UPCC will continue its annual traditions to foster a sense of community and to promote a healthy, safe, and robust neighborhood:

- - UNIVERSITY PARK ANNUAL PICNIC in Ravenna Park (Summer) (See photo above from this year's picnic - lots of fun!)
- - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Membership renewals, election of board members, summary discussion of on-going issues (every year in June)
- - NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME Block Parties (first Tuesday in August)

DID YOU KNOW:

That not all University Park residents are human?

Please watch out for our furry neighbors!



THE OFFICIAL UPCC WEBSITE: www.upcc.org

Please visit this site to learn more about our organization and the various issues we are currently addressing, as well as upcoming events.

The website also contains the following information:

- - Announcements of upcoming events
- - Updates of current issues
- - ***"WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY PARK - Where things are and how stuff works."* (PDF Version)** This is an introductory booklet to our unique neighborhood. Be sure to share this valuable resource with your neighbors, especially those new to University Park.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE

- Don't forget to become a member or renew your membership - it is so easy to do online @ <http://www.upcc.org/membership>. You may pay your dues with PAYPAL or simply select the debit/credit option. Alternatively, you may also pay by check. **It's only \$20 per year - oh, what a deal!**

Remember to invite your neighbors, especially those new to University Park, to visit our website and sign up for membership.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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