



BALLARD DISTRICT COUNCIL

MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING AGENDA

Location: Merrill Gardens, 2418 NW 56th Street

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

The format for the March meeting will be somewhat unusual as we focus on the demographic changes and growth Seattle is now seeing and will experience over the next one to two decades. With a better understanding of these wider changes we can be better prepared to intelligently evaluate options and lobby for the best interests of our community. Following up in April we will focus more tightly on competing interests in Ballard along the transition blend of ship canal maritime, industrial, commercial and residential. In both cases the meeting structures will be panel discussions with invited guest panelists bringing a variety of appropriate expertise.

7:00-7:15 Introductions and brief announcements

7:15-7:25 Update on BDC non-profit application, letter of support for industrial use of Interbay land

7:25-7:30 A rapid fire look at changes past, present, & near future to illustrate magnitude of changes

7:30-8:30 Panel discussion with audience participation encouraged.

A few of the panelists who have generously offered their time and expertise to give us an inside look at this basket we're all in:

- Tim Thomas, PhD candidate in Sociology at the UW and demographer with a focus on how neighborhoods affect different populations. His research includes topics such as gentrification, segregation, migration, crime, housing, poverty, and homelessness; all with a particular focus on the Seattle and Puget Sound area.
- Joshua McNichols, KUOW "growing pains" reporter since 2015 and a primary reporter for KUOW's "Region of Boom" series.
- John Fox, Seattle Displacement Coalition, focused on changing housing needs
- Steve Cohn, retired city planner having worked with several surrounding municipalities dealing with the Washington State Growth Management Act

Other specialists may also join us as they sort out their schedules. It promises to be an educational and interesting evening. Please join us. All are welcome whether you are part of our member organizations or not.

Ballard District Council has been an active coalition of Ballard and Crown Hill organizations for over a quarter century.. Originally established under auspices of the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods we are now independent of the City. We continue our mission as a forum for community engagement, discussions and information sharing. Previously stated Ballard District Council positions should be presumed to continue as we increase lobbying efforts on behalf of our neighborhood interests.

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