

August Update on Parkland Hills Village

Since our last update in June, we have continued to move toward creating a “village” that will provide volunteer services to help people in our neighborhood age in place. We had a table at the Parkland Hills Neighborhood Association (PHNA) picnic in Eunice Kalloch Park on June 24, and we did the same at PHNA’s National Night Out event on August 7 at the green strip at San Mateo and Southern. As a result, we have expanded our mailing list and increased interest in the village concept.

We had a potluck in the evening of July 21 at the home of two members of our steering committee. About 30 neighborhood residents attended and enjoyed camaraderie with their neighbors, most of us meeting at least a few others for the first time. We also raised enough money to pay for 6 more months of provisional membership in the national Village to Village network, with some left over that will help with the filing of our incorporation papers. The potluck featured music by a trio (two recorders and viola da gamba) playing Baroque music and folk music written and sung by one of our neighbors, who is a professional musician.

Our next event will be a potluck picnic in Eunice Kalloch Park on Sunday, September 16, from 4:00 to 6:00. Please save the date. You will be receiving an invitation to the picnic when we get closer to the time of the event. We hope to see many of you there.

We are making progress toward finalizing the bylaws so that we can begin the process of incorporating as a non-profit and obtaining tax-exempt status (a/k/a 501(c)(3) status). That will enable us to seek tax-deductible donations, among other benefits. We are also in the process of putting together a needs assessment survey, which, when completed, we will send to all of you in addition to other residents of Parkland Hills.

We have had several new people join our steering committee in the past several months, and they have made some valuable contributions to our project.

As usual, if you have any questions or would like to help our efforts, please contact me by responding to this e-mail. If you would prefer not to receive these updates, please let me know.

-- Rich Weiner.