

# ANGLE LAKE SHORE CLUB

## OFFICIAL 2014 MEMBERSHIP FIREWORKS SURVEY

The information contained in this letter is addressed for the attention of all Angle Lake Shore Club Members in active status as of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Each individual membership will be entitled to one ballot vote whereas a family membership will be allowed no more than two votes. Votes will be counted via printed ballot only.

At the 2013 ALSC Christmas Party we conducted our customary year end board meeting open to all members in attendance. As announced on the blog the fireworks committee presented different options regarding the future of our long standing fireworks show with indication that these options would be presented to all our active membership in the form of a survey or ballot so that the board could act in accordance with what the majority of the members decided.

The following background information provided by the committee is intended to help you in making your decision:

1. To continue delivering a \$20,000 - \$25,000 show, we need approximately 1,400 sf of surface area for the Temporary Floating Platform (henceforth known as the TFP) from which the show is launched. Ideally these could be configured in 6 equal sections, each measuring 10' x 24' with the capability of being easily connected and disconnected to form a variety of configurations and would meet the minimum legal and safety requirements to perform the show from.
2. The preferred dimensions indicated above and method of construction for the TFP would classify it as a temporary facility as current regulations restrict using any or all portions of the TFP sections as a residential dock. Attempting to utilize TFP sections for residential dock sections would require they be constructed in accordance with current municipal codes which would result in the need to build at least double the sections and find at least 12 or more residents willing to use these sections as their personal docks except for a week before and after the 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. The cost to procure the preferred dimensions and method of construction of the TFP is approximately \$30,000. The cost would be considerably more if we need to build it to meet the current regulations for residential docks. Currently the club has about \$20,000 that could be applied towards the cost of the TFP. The balance of funds would need to be secured through a capital call to our membership for the balance.
4. The cost of the show we would like to see, excluding the cost for the TFP, would be at around \$20,000 - \$25,000 but of course is subject to adjustment according to the funds that are at hand.
5. The City of SeaTac Festival Committee (henceforth known as the Festival Committee) has verbally committed to funding \$6,000 for the 2014 show although we were recently informed that may drop to as low as \$5,000. (They have previously committed to contributions of \$10,000 for the past 4 years). The Festival Committee has decided to reduce their contribution for 2014 due to the problems encountered the past two years even though they have \$10,000 currently appropriated in the 2014 budget.
6. The City's 2014 commitment, as we currently understand it, would be revised to be payable only after the ALSC delivers a flawless show. (In other words the City wants the ALSC to take all the risks up front while the City would be getting credit as a cosponsor if all goes well and can disavow any involvement if things go awry.)
7. Part of the City's (Parks and Recreation) final plans for the Angle Lake Park upgrades include replacing the existing fishing pier in 2014. The ALSC Fireworks Committee has been engaged in discussions with the city about the possibility of repurposing the existing pier dock sections for use as our fireworks TFP. The Fireworks Committee feels these replacement sections would be perfect for this use, however current regulations would require that these dock sections be removed from the lake immediately after they are used for the event in question and because of their weight are considered too heavy to be economically stored when not in use and therefore have been deemed unusable for our purpose. However the City has expressed interest in continuing our partnership relative to the fireworks and have suggested that there may be a way to construct and configure the replacement dock sections for the fishing pier and the new boat launch dock areas so that we can remove these sections for approximately 10 days around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to be used as the TFP at no cost to the membership. Details are still being discussed relative to this concept but we have been verbally informed that these could possibly be available for the 2014 show.

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The options under consideration are presented below:

**OPTION ONE:** Due to the acquisition expense and logistic problems surrounding a temporary floating platform (TFP) from which the fireworks must be staged, and the continuing uncertainty with the City over whether or not they will cosponsor the show I, as an active member, feel it is in the best interests of the ALSC to simply walk away from the fireworks and turn it over to the City knowing that the City may or may not have an interest in financing and producing a show for the general public going forward and if they do the location of the TFP would be at their discretion and would most likely be positioned closer to the Angle Lake Park.

**OPTION TWO:** The ALSC should maintain control of our long standing tradition of presenting a fireworks show to cap off a day where friends and family get together to celebrate our nations independence. We should discharge the City from further involvement and keep suggested donations at their current amount realizing that the show will go from a \$20,000 show to a \$10,000 show and as a result the dimensions and cost of a TFP will be dramatically reduced and may be able to be procured without the need for a members capital call or immediately raise the yearly suggested donation.

**OPTION THREE:** The ALSC should maintain control of our long standing tradition of presenting a fireworks show to cap off a day where friends and family get together to celebrate our nations independence. We should discharge the City from further involvement and agree to double the suggested donations from their current amount to sponsor an entirely private show costing \$20,000. As a result the cost of a TFP will still need to be procured and will require a member's capital call in addition to increasing the current annual suggested fireworks donation. For example if you live on the shore line and we previously suggested that a \$75 firework donation was in order, then this would be your capital call exclusive of the normal contribution made around the time of the fireworks donations. The contribution for the 2014 year for that same household would then be suggested to be raised from the typical \$75 to a total of \$225 (previous annual fireworks donation of \$75 doubled to make up for the city's portion plus \$75 one time capital call for the TFP)


**OPTION FOUR:** We should pursue a partnership with the City regarding the fireworks similar to these past few years where in the City would provide the TFP necessary for the show from. While this would be the most cost effective option for the ALSC members it would essentially put the control in the City's hands since whoever controls the TFP really controls the fate of the fireworks. This would involve negotiating some type of agreement with the City that specifies these dock sections be available for the public's use in staging a fireworks show on Angle Lake regardless of whether or not the City is an active financial sponsor. For this option to be considered it is contingent upon overcoming two hurdles. Either hurdle ending in a negative result could force us to adopt one of the other three options listed above.

- Hurdle #1 is City approval. The Dock Plan is currently on the consent agenda for Council vote on January 14.
- Hurdle #2 is getting the City to commit to having the dock sections built and ready in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> (this is a City project so we need assurance that all the bidding, permitting, and construction required will meet our show schedule).

Each active individual membership is entitled to cast one vote and each family membership will be allowed to cast no more than two votes. Please vote on the option you prefer by filling in the box next to the option of your choosing. Your votes will be tallied and registered by our treasurer Judy Williams. In the event that there is no clear choice then the top two options will be presented at a special board meeting and will be voted on by your 10 member board to determine which option to pursue. Your vote must be postmarked or received by our treasurer in writing **no later than January 15, 2014** to be included in the final count. If you have any questions regarding any of the options please feel free to contact Lonnie Goulet, Fuzz Hill or Steve Beck for further information.

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<b>Official Ballot</b> Fireworks Survey Angle Lake Shore Club PO Box 69477 SeaTac, WA 98168  Due By: <b><i>Must be postmarked or returned no later than January 15, 2014</i></b>	<b>Administered by the ALSC Fireworks Committee</b> Lonnie Goulet, President Fuzz Hill, Public Relations Steve Beck, Club Advisor  <b>Ballot Counting</b> Judy Williams, Treasurer
<b>Instructions to Voters</b> To vote, fill in the oval completely.  If you mark in any of the incorrect ways shown above it may be difficult to determine your intent. If you make a mistake please ask for a new ballot.	
	
<b>INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY MEMBER ONE BALLOT. Please include your personal information for ballot authentication.</b>	
Your Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	
Please indicate your preferred option below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>OPTION ONE</b> – Turn the fireworks over to the City</li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>OPTION TWO</b> – Maintain ALSC control over fireworks and downsize show to our current budget</li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>OPTION THREE</b> – Maintain ALSC control over fireworks, increase suggested fireworks yearly donation and issue capital call for securing TFP</li> <li><input type="radio"/> <b>OPTION FOUR</b> – Continue to partner with the City and negotiate the best deal we can with the City and (if approved) take advantage of their offer to use the new dock sections at the park as our TFP.</li> </ul>	
Return your ballot in the postage paid envelope to: PO Box 69477 Seatac, WA 98168	Ballots may be hand delivered to: Judy Williams (Post 72) 3790 So. 188 <sup>th</sup> Place, SeaTac, WA

<b>FAMILY MEMBER TWO BALLOT. Please include the second family member personal information for ballot authentication.</b>	
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