

Squire Park Community Council

Our Central Area Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

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April 2026

SPCC Quarterly General Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Byrd Barr Place

722 18th Ave

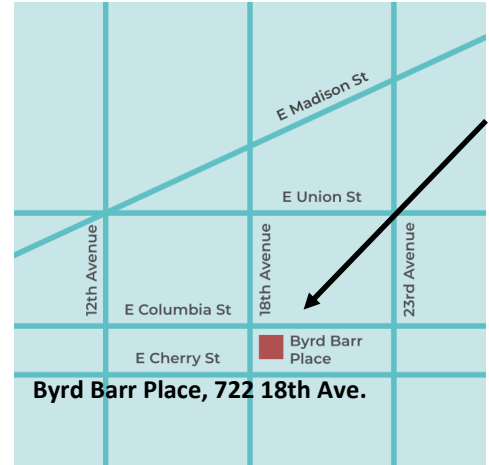
Agenda includes

1. Introductions
2. Conversations with Guests
3. Community Updates
4. New Board Member Ask

Welcome Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos and the Casa Latina Executive

Connect with your neighbors. Enjoy coffee and snacks. Meet Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos and Casa Latina Executive Director Jennyfer Mesa for community conversations.

Attend and share your community updates and let us know if you have specific programs and guests ideas or via our Facebook post



Sharon Tomiko Santos has represented the 37th Legislative District in Washington State House of Representatives since 1998. Let us know if you have some advance questions for her. There will also be time for audience engagement.

She chairs the House Education Committee, and serves on the Consumer Protection & Business Committee and Finance Committee, and has been appointed to the Washington State Education Opportunity Gap Accountability and Oversight Committee, the Legislative Oral History Committee, and the Public Stadium Authority advisory.



Meet New Leadership at Casa Latina

Please join the April 18 SPCC meeting to show your support for Casa Latina and take part in an important conversation with its newly appointed executive director, Jennyfer Mesa.

Arriving in Squire Park in 2007, Casa Latina was then known mainly as a referral service for temporary workers. SPCC was a strong leader in welcoming Casa Latina (and easing doubts expressed by some). One of the tangible results of cooperation between SPCC and Casa Latina was the establishment of a series of Spanish language classes. The program, “Somos Vecinos” was an idea of Squire Park neighborhood hero, the late John Jeannot. Eighteen years later the classes are more popular than ever

with neighborhood residents. Check out <https://casa-latina.org/work/spanish-classes-seattle/>

Now Casa Latina is much more than a referral service. They “combine direct services with community organizing, helping Latino immigrants meet their immediate needs and become key spokespeople in the fight to build a more equitable future for all immigrants.” Last month Casa Latina celebrated a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights becoming law, ending the long-standing exclusion of domestic workers from essential labor protections.

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn more

Save the Date: July 18th for Squire Park Community gathering and lunch following the quarterly meeting at Byrd Barr Place. Food and entertainment provided thanks to a City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Matching Fund grant.

The Future of the City's Design Review Program Still Unknown UPDATED

As reported in the SPCC Newsletter in October, 2025, and January, 2026, <https://tinyurl.com/8c74mxe>, the City of Seattle's Design Review program which involves community meetings to review major development projects has been suspended. The old Design Review process has ended, but there could be a new stripped-down process. We're told that new rules are being developed by City staff, but requests by community members to be involved in the drafting of new rules have not been answered.

We know the process will be simplified, but we believe it's important to preserve an opportunity for the community to be informed of major new developments. The City Council will decide and your help in advocacy is needed.

An example of the benefit of a community meeting to consider new developments: Byrd Barr Place, April 6 at 6:00 PM ---In person and by Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/4dn8y8j4>

Meeting ID: 884 6870 7037
Passcode: 288289

The developers and architects for the projects at the CAYA site (23rd near Yesler) will attend to discuss their development project that will replace the CAYA building with new offices and affordable condo units in a new four-story building. The meeting is arranged by the Central Area Land Use Review Committee (LURC).



Thank You, 2025-2026 SPCC Donors

Your continued support was and is essential to the sustainability of our newsletter and community council. All and any donations to support the SPCC Newsletter are much appreciated. SPCC is also thankful for a recent City of Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund grant that will support the printing of two newsletters.

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If your bank offers Zelle, go to your account, find **"Send money with Zelle"** and **follow the steps. In the Zelle section, find us via our email, council@squirepark.cc, or use your phone app to scan the QR code here.** This process is free of fees and is ideal for small donations. We also accept checks or cash at our meetings. **Mail checks to Squire Park Community Council (or SPCC) C/O Central Service Center, Suite 100, 464 12th Ave Seattle WA 98122.**

SPCC depends on donations to produce the newsletter and hold quarterly meetings. We print 3500 newsletters quarterly, costing just under \$1000. A printed newsletter is important to reach as many people as possible in the neighborhood. A team of dedicated neighbors delivers them to your doorstep. Donations of any amount, even a few dollars will make it possible for us to continue. Thank you for your help!

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Squire Park Community Council Board Meetings

See Squire Park Community Council <https://squirepark.cc/> . Board meetings are generally on the second Tuesday of the month via Zoom .

Our Next Community Meetings are scheduled for April 18, and July 18, 10:00 AM to noon at

Byrd Barr Place, 722 18th Ave
SPCC meetings are open to all residents, business owners, and interested parties. Please come. Bring a neighbor.

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Thank you **Brad Barber and Stefan Schachtell** for the SPCC Website.

President's Message from Stefan Schachtell

The rains are upon us, and with them the promise of a warm spring and summer around the corner. I've seen garage sales popping up already, along with construction projects in many a yard. Reach out to your neighbors if you have time to volunteer your labor and skills. If there are sales on your street, take a moment to say hello and peruse the many objects that have given them joy (or consternation). In just a few months we'll be enjoying the World Cup here in Seattle and the chaos that comes with it. Prepare yourself to be an ambassador of Seattle and Squire Park by taking note of all the incredible multicultural restaurants and stores around us. We're all in this together!

Lost Art Panels Found

In 2019 the USPS Terry Furchgott panel paintings disappeared when the Midtown USPS was demolished and eventually relocated. Since that time, Amy Hagopian and Mary Pat DiLeva have been leading the search for them and finally have been successful. See <https://www.capitolhillseattle.com/> and look for the "Mystery of the Missing Central District post office murals." Stay tuned for further information on finding them a home.

What is an Emergency Hub?

Over time, SPCC meetings have included information and presentations on Seattle Emergency Hubs. While the audience appeared engaged, no community members have stepped forward to take leadership roles. If you are interested, let us know and we will support your effort. See <https://seattleemergencyhubs.org/resources/> for resources and information.

Know Your Rights

- IF you see ICE in our neighborhood, or anywhere in our city, you have the right to take photos, videos and write down details. Inform the agent that you are going to use your right to record.
- Report the activity to the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) Hotline. 1-844-724-3737 They have rapid response teams that will go to verify and document the ICE activity and offer support to those affected.
- Stay connected! You can sign up to receive text alerts. Send the word ICE to 509-300-4959 WAISN.ORG

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SPCC Newsletter

The Squire Park Community Council newsletter is published four times a year-January, April, July and October. Articles for the newsletter are welcome. We edit for length and syntax. Please submit articles electronically to jfoxcullen@gmail.com by June 15, for July 2026.

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Check out the 2021 HYCAN mural on CAYA memorializing Central Seattle Legends. The CAYA Building at 119 23rd Avenue is to be demolished. Is there a plan for preserving the mural?

Can you guess who they are?
<https://seattlemedium.com/new-central-area-mural-immortalizes-those-who-created-a-pathway-for-kids/>

It's Block Party Season

Summer is around the corner and that means it's block party season! What better way to meet your neighbors? (Other than coming to SPCC's quarterly meetings of course!) Once you have confirmed your block fits the criteria for a block party and talked to your neighbors to pick the best day, you can apply for your free permit through Seattle Department of Transportation. They have videos and templates on how to apply on their website. Go to the link below for more details, easy to use templates, and more.

<https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/permits-and-services/permits/play-streets-and-block-parties>

The People's Wall Landmark Application Hearing Set

On April 15 the Seattle Landmarks Board will consider the nomination of the People's Wall, located at 20th Avenue and E. Spruce, to be designated a Landmark. The Board meeting will begin at 3:30 PM, at 600 4th Avenue, 4th Floor. The public is encouraged to attend and speak at the meeting, either in person or remotely. To make a comment in person or in writing you need to register in advance. Written comments must be received via email to erin.doherty@seattle.gov no later than the day before the meeting. For more information on how to participate see <https://tinyurl.com/LandmarksParticipation/>

The nomination is led by the Black Heritage Society of Washington State (BHS) Community Preservation Cohort which is encouraging public comment and promoting interest on its website www.bhswa.org. The website includes a link to the nomination presentation materials with detailed graphics and history of the People's Wall. (And, much more --- check it out.)

Originally commissioned by the Seattle Chapter of the Black Panthers Party in 1969, <https://revisitwa.org/waypoint/the-peoples-wall/>, the People's Wall would become one of a small but growing number of landmarks that celebrate the rich and unique history of the Central District. See: <https://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/historic-preservation/city-landmarks/landmarks-map>

