

Coffee Chat Q&A from August 15, 2009
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1.	Is there a schedule for cleaning garbage off the streets? Also, what is the best means of reporting debris on the streets?	PW	Yes. Call the Maintenance Facility, 206-973-4770, to inquire about litter pick-up schedule and to report debris on the streets.
2.	Is there a way to protect ditches from clogging from debris?	PW	If you observe debris in a ditch and feel there is a problem, call the Maintenance Facility, 206-973-4770.
3.	Can we have more "Littering is Illegal" signs posted?	PW	Signs have been posted in hidden areas where dumping has been a problem, however illegal dumping still continues. An alternative to signing is creating neighborhood stewardship programs, e.g. Adopt-a-Street. If you are interested in developing a stewardship program in your neighborhood, please contact Trudy Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator, 206-973-4763.
4.	Would like City to provide web links for: CERT, Map your neighborhood, Police citizens academy, FEMA, Howard Hanson Dam updates	Various staff, Lesa to coordinate	Cert and Police Citizens Academy information is currently found under both "What's Happening and Police" on the city website. The website committee will discuss adding the additional links mentioned on the new website.
5.	How much fuel in reserve at the airport in case of a disaster? Why are there not more reserve tanks? What is the federal regulation of volunteer of storage requirements?	Port of Seattle/Todd Cutts	<p>1. How much fuel in reserve at the airport in case of a disaster? Although the fuel facility does not maintain a reserve inventory, it Maintains about 8 - 12 days of operating supply most of the time.</p> <p>2. Why are there not more reserve tanks? The cost of building and maintaining such assets along with the cost of a Reserve inventory would greatly exceed the benefit in all but the most Disastrous situations.</p> <p>3. What is the federal regulation of volunteer of storage requirements? I don't know that I fully understand the question being asked. If you are asking what the federal regulations are for</p>

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			airport storage requirements, there are none. Storage capacity for airport operations is sized as a function of fuel uplift demand, fuel supply logistics, and available real estate.
6.	Can we provide the web link to the following: DOT, South King County Traffic, Port of Seattle Public Affairs and 3 rd runway updates/PSRC, possibly on our web site?	Various staff, Lesa to coordinate	The new website, which will be launched this year, will have a “government” category under which other government agency website links can be provided. The website committee will assemble a list.
7.	Can there be an agreement with the local utilities to remove tennis shoes hanging when they are working in the area?	PW	If you find shoes hanging from overhead wires in your neighborhood, leave them alone and contact the Engineering Division, 206-973-4730. Provide the address location and we will contact the utilities and have the pros safely remove the shoes.
8.	Provide information on our graffiti removal program. Do we have a 24 hr graffiti removal program? Do we have a volunteer group to assist in removal?	Police	The graffiti removal on private property is handled through the Code Enforcement Officers with notification to the property owners. Graffiti removal kits are available to borrow from the Parks Department. Graffiti found on public property is addressed by the code enforcement, Public Works, or Parks Department staff. We do not have a 24-hour removal or volunteer programs in the city.
9.	Please provide the definition of “junk car”.	Bldg/code enforcement	<p>The SeaTac Municipal Code defines junk vehicles as follows: 7.25.020 Definition of junk vehicle.</p> <p>“Junk vehicle” has the same meaning as defined in RCW 46.55.010, as now or hereafter amended.</p> <p>The definition from RCW 46.55.010: "Junk vehicle" means a vehicle certified under RCW 46.55.230 as meeting at least three of the following requirements:</p> <p>(a) Is three years old or older;</p> <p>(b) Is extensively damaged, such damage including but not limited to any of the following: A broken window or windshield, or missing wheels,</p>

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			tires, motor, or transmission; (c) Is apparently inoperable; (d) Has an approximate fair market value equal only to the approximate value of the scrap in it.
10.	Does Jeff Robinson know that Sky Chef is moving out? Please provide the status.	Jeff Robinson	There are strategic development plans being developed by the Port to determine the highest and best use for their property to the north of the airport, including the site that Sky Chef now occupies. LSG Sky Chef is going through a strategic planning process for the company as a whole, but at this time, according to the Port Real Estate group and Sky Chef's real estate broker, has no plans to vacate their current location.
11.	What is the average time span a cop works for SeaTac? Is there a lot of turnover? Should we consider our own police force?	Police/ City Manager	Several officers have been with SeaTac for 18 years and some have 1 year with the city. The average time for officers is 7 years. There is not a lot of turnover unless they are transferred to a Major Crimes Unit, Sound Transit, Special Assault Unit, or they're promoted to a supervisory position (Sergeant). Any consideration for SeaTac's own police force needs a thorough evaluation of costs, liability issues, staffing abilities, fleet, recruiting, academy training for 6 months, background investigations, medical and physical testing, etc.
12.	Continual problems at rental unit at 3705 S. 164 th – Barb Canfield has been working on it – What are the next steps?	Bldg/code enforcement	Various City Departments are pursuing resolution to the extent available under the law.
13.	A semi truck damaged a fence at S. 152 nd & 30 th Ave. – Is it okay that it now has cement blocks and sheets of plastic on the street side?	Bldg/ code enforcement	Code enforcement visited the site and could not locate anything like this. If there had been something found, there is nothing in the SMC that would prohibit the use of cement blocks and plastic as fence material. On the corner lot, there is a rockery inside of the fence that might have been built recently and maybe the blocks and plastic are under it.
14.	Complaints of drug deals taking place at McMicken School parking lot and guns	Police	Plainclothes Street Crimes detectives have been working on this complaint from the neighbors. Patrol focuses on this area due to various complaints and they are aware of the possible gang affiliations. Police response is based on dispatched 911 calls for service and on-view incidents. We could assign a problem solving project to a patrol officer but

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	shots. Can there be more police response?		their focus will be based on time availability / down time in between responding to 911 calls.
15.	Can we limit truck traffic on Military Rd?	PW/Police	<p>From Police: No – arterial roadway in the city. We have had a complaint of speeding involving truck traffic in the evening shift and a speed emphasis was conducted. The traffic officer determined that the trucks were driving the posted speed limit and there was a reduced amount of basic vehicle traffic on the roadway at night.</p> <p>From PW: Military Road S. is one of the three longest north/south arterials in the City. Vehicles could be limited by weight class if road damage is documented. Weight class restrictions would impact transit service in the community as sections of Military Road S. are served by bus.</p>
16.	Please explain how to insure that information presented to the city council by staff is not biased.	City Manager/Council	Staff will continue to strive to present information for Council decisions that is even-handed. The City Council will continue to discuss agenda items in Council Committees and will continue to request recommendations of advisory committees to provide independent opinions before taking formal action.
17.	Provide better communication with residents regarding the community's needs associated with disruption caused by road projects.	PW	Yes. We look forward to providing current information regarding road construction projects on City streets in a more user friendly format on the new city web site.
18.	How many rental units are in the area? Can the building division put some money into helping clean up SeaTac buildings and houses?	PW/ Bldg. Planning	<p>From Planning: According to the U.S. Census, SeaTac had 4,427 rental housing units in 2000, which represented 46 percent of the City's total housing stock.</p> <p>From PW: If, in the due process of code enforcement regulations, certain unsanitary or unsafe conditions are unresolved, the City has the authority to abate. The property owner is responsible for reimbursing costs incurred by the City.</p>
19.	There needs to be more advice and technical assistance at the building counter.	PW/ Bldg	Pamphlets available cover a wide variety of topics, including adopted current codes, code enforcement, hiring contractors/remodelers, asbestos, green building. 15 Tip Sheets are also available covering stairs, ADA, smoke alarms, decks, etc. More are available online:

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	Free permits? Improve service especially to those not fluent in English.		<p>http://www.mybuildingpermit.com/Pages/construction-tip-sheets.aspx.</p> <p>If you have ideas for more Tip Sheets, contact the Building Division, 206-973-4750.</p> <p>The permit fee assesses the cost of processing permits to the applicant so it is not borne by taxpayers.</p> <p>Multilingual translation service is available upon request.</p>
20.	McMicken School area wants to make their streets safer and slow down traffic. Would like to see more enforcement and traffic calming techniques. Work with the school district and look into possible grants. Suggested for T&PW and Sidewalk Ad-hoc Committee.	PW/Police	<p>From Police: We can assign a traffic complaint investigation to traffic officers but would need information on when the problems are occurring. We usually assign traffic complaints from citizens to traffic officers to set up the radar traffic unit and to work on speeding complaints in the neighborhood or in the school zones. Traffic officers contact the complainant about the specific complaint. We usually have traffic officers working the school zones before and after school hours. Traffic calming devices are set up through Public Works (circles, speed humps / bumps, signage, etc.). Speed zone camera systems could be set up as well but will only issue tickets usually during school hours of operation. The other consideration is cost since traffic cameras are charged on a monthly basis and the cameras are installed on a permanent platform.</p> <p>From PW: The City utilizes a progressive process to implement traffic calming. Find out more online http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/services/trafficcontroldevices.pdf</p>
21.	Can a sign be installed in the McMicken School area to read "Drive Slowly for our Children's Sake".	PW	<p>From Police: Too many signs can be distracting to drivers and the message needs to be consistent especially if police need to enforce traffic violations. There is school zone signage in place.</p> <p>From PW: Over the years, these signs have not proven to be effective in causing a decrease in speeding. Traffic calming measures supported by the neighborhood have had better results.</p>
22.	Can the speed radar trailer be set-up in the McMicken	Police	<p>Yes – we would just need a citizen to request it so they can help monitor the equipment for us. The radar trailer is left at the location usually for a 2 week time span then moved. Call: Police Services at 206.973.4900</p>

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	School area?		
23.	Can something be done about the shortcut on S. 172 nd and 54 th ?	Police	What's the main complaint? Speeding, reckless driving, etc? Requires further information to respond.
24.	Why doesn't SeaTac have more advertisements in the Highline Times Newspaper?	City Clerk	The City's "official" newspaper is the Seattle Times per Resolution #98-002. Therefore, all legal notices must be published in the Seattle Times. In order to save money, the City does not publish most notices in both papers (Seattle Times and Highline Times). Also, the deadline for including a notice in the Highline Times is a week prior to publication, while the Seattle Times is only two days prior. The Highline Times only publishes once per week, while the Seattle Times publishes daily.
25.	How can we ensure that sales tax collected on internet orders go to SeaTac not Seattle? What dept. takes care of tax code information?	Finance	The Washington State Department of Revenue is responsible for ensuring that taxpayers report using the correct tax location code. Additionally, the City contracts with a company called Microflex that performs a second verification of correct reporting, which has resulted in the City receiving approximately \$114,000 in additional sales tax revenue over the past twelve years that had originally been reported incorrectly for the incorrect taxing jurisdiction.
26.	How is our Animal Control Officer dispatched? Who do citizens call?	Police	Through 2 different dispatch offices – if a citizen calls 911 then the officer is dispatched through the King County Sheriff's Office Communications Center. If the call goes through the King County Animal Care and Control facility, then the officer will be dispatched from that office as well. Citizens can call either number. Officers however are not working 24/7 and might not be dispatched after business hours unless it's an emergency in which they will be called out.
27.	Can the city better promote the farmers market? Could other cities' markets combine with ours?	PW	Yes, any event could be more widely advertised. However, signs and newspaper advertisements do cost money. In light of current economic conditions, the viability of the market is being evaluated for 2010.
28.	Request for Safety Forums in the community with representation	City Manager/ City Council	Councilmember Gregerson submitted Council Information Request. Capt. Louie has scheduled a meeting with Councilmember Gregerson to discuss.

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	from code enforcement, police, fire, animal control, building division, community service officer, city manager, and council.		