

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS ACTION MINUTES**

February 1, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Ballinger – Patty Dooley  
Briarcrest – Arthur Peach, Kathy Hall  
Echo Lake – Diane Hettrick, Jeanne Monger  
Hillwood – Ann Erickson  
Innis Arden – Judy Allen  
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson, Naomi Anderson-Murphy  
Richmond Beach – Jack Malek, Tom Peterson  
Richmond Highlands – Lisa Surowiec  
Ridgecrest – Stefanie Gendreau, Patty Hale  
Westminster – John Ramsdell

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Sid Kuboi, Echo Lake neighborhood resident; Karen Dean, Hillwood neighborhood resident; Kim Mahoney, Ridgecrest neighborhood resident, Tony Dondero, Shoreline Patch.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator.

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Arthur Peach called the meeting to order. Roll was called.

DECISION: The February 1 agenda was approved.

DECISION: The January 4 minutes were approved with an edit to the minutes to read “Diane Pottinger, District Manager for Shoreline Water introduced herself to the group.”

**II. Public Comment**

Judy Allen of Innis Arden announced the Innis Arden Rummage Sale will be held March 17-18.

**III. Highlights of the 2010 Census – What it Means for Shoreline**

George Smith, Human Services Planner for the City of Shoreline explained that the nature of the 2010 Census is different from previous years. The new census measures age, sex, Hispanic origin, race and housing tenure (owner or renter). The American Community Survey (started in 2005) has replaced the Census “long form,” gathers information on a continuous basis on economic, social, housing and financial characteristics of the population. Based on size, Shoreline will get estimated updates every three and five years.

Mr. Smith reports on a variety of facts from the 2010 census: Shoreline’s population is essentially the same as 2000, while King County grew 11.2%. The population in the 25-34 year old age range is about 13%, much smaller in Shoreline compared to neighboring Seattle which is over 20%. Only 18% of Shoreline population falls in the category “married with children” under 18. More information, with links to the census, is available at [www.shorelinewa.gov](http://www.shorelinewa.gov).

**IV. Overview of SPU Acquisition Process**

Mark Relph, Director of Public Works, provided a broad introduction to the ongoing process to evaluate the City of Shoreline acquiring the water distribution system in Shoreline currently owned by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU). The last few years of negotiation between Seattle and Shoreline has led to a negotiated price of \$25 million for all of the assets with the City taking possession on January 1, 2020. One of the key parameters Council established was that if the City was to acquire the system, then two conditions have to

be met; a rate structure would have to be equal to or less than what SPU would forecast, and the City would invest into the system at a rate higher than what SPU has historically completed.

Mr. Relph reported the City has formed a Steering Committee of 28 individuals to review all the financial and engineering data to create a City utility as part of a “due diligence” process. The Committee has been asked by the City Manager to make a recommendation on the acquisition later this spring. The City Manager will then in turn review the recommendation and supporting data and make her own recommendation to Council.

If the City Council decides to proceed with an agreement, and the City of Seattle Council agrees as well, the decision will go to all Shoreline voters in November 2012. If approved, the City Council would issue “revenue bonds” to pay Seattle for the system and that debt service financed likely over 30 years would be paid for only by those users within the SPU system. Therefore, those residents as part of the Shoreline Water District are not financially affected by this decision.

## **V. Neighborhood Coordinator’s Report**

Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator reported on several items.

- As a result of the January snow, the design input meeting for the new community garden at Twin Ponds Park is now scheduled for February 9.
- Nora, Rob and the Council of Neighborhoods Board are scheduled to present an update on the Neighborhoods program to the City Council on February 21.
- Upcoming Training – There are two trainings training for neighborhoods scheduled
  - The annual Mini-Grant workshop to get new folks interested in neighborhood and environmental projects is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29.
  - Washington state PTA Executive Director who conducts a great training on “how to operate as a non-profit” is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14.
- The Facebook workshop, a hands-on workshop geared towards the volunteers who will maintain neighborhood Facebook pages, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25. There are only 10 laptops in the room, so seating is limited to one or two people per neighborhood. RSVP to Nora.

Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager, reported

- The One Night Count for the Homeless took place throughout King County on January 27. Homeless counts were up about 3 around King County.
- The Neighborhoods Coordinator job share hiring process continues, with no specific news at this point.

## **VI. Neighborhood Reports**

Neighborhood representatives reported on events in their neighborhoods, including upcoming Youth Jam, Barter Party, and Echo Lake Park planning.

## **VII. Old Business**

Chair Peach asked for a show of hands about how many meetings neighborhood of other neighborhoods the neighborhood representatives had attended to follow up on the Bingo challenge issued by the Board several months ago. Starbucks cards were awarded to Judy Allen, Gretchen Atkinson and Patty Hale for their cross-neighborhood attendance (boosted by attending candidate forums).

## **VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.