

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

March 7, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – Nancy Moreya, Joyce Lingerfelt
Briarcrest – Kathy Hall
Echo Lake – Barbara Guthrie
Highland Terrace – Krista Tenney
Hillwood – Afia Menke, Ann Erickson
Innis Arden – June Howard, Lee Lageschulte, Bill Montero
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson, Naomi Anderson-Murphy
Richmond Beach – Sheri Ashleman, Jack Malek
Richmond Highlands – Lisa Surowiec
Ridgecrest – Stefanie Gendreau, Patty Hale

VISITORS PRESENT: Budd Bennion, Briarcrest neighborhood resident; Carol Howe, Westminster neighborhood resident; Charlotte Haines, Shoreline Water District; Diane Pottinger, Shoreline Water District.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Rachael Markle, Planning and Community Development Director; Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Former Board member Lisa Surowiec opened the meeting and called it to order. Roll was called.

DECISION: The March 7 agenda was approved, with the removal of Shoreline Farmer's Market (speaker was ill).

DECISION: The February 1 minutes were approved with an edit to the minutes to add "essentially" to amend the census report to "Shoreline's population is essentially the same as 2000."

II. Public Comment

Diane Pottinger of Shoreline Water District reported on their "Fix-a-Leak Week Challenge" and handed out flyers. Charlotte Haines asked for volunteers for the August Jazz Walk in North City.

III. Introduction of Rachael Markle, New Director of Planning and Community Development

Vice Chair Jack Malek introduced Rachael Markle who has worked for the City for 14 years and was recently named as the new Director of Planning and Community Development.

IV. Comprehensive Plan Update and Speaker Series

Rachael Markle, Director of Planning and Community Development, described the current Comprehensive Plan update process. Ms. Markle stated the Council wants to complete the update in 2012, ahead of the required deadline, so that the recently adopted Vision 2029 Framework Goals are fully integrated into the Comprehensive Plan for the purpose implementing the vision. Ms. Markle said that another goal is to simplify the Comprehensive Plan to make it more accessible.

Ms. Markle also stated the City is hosting a series of speakers on topics related to the Comprehensive Plan Update, to give residents the opportunity to learn about and discuss topics such as the natural environment, economic development, and transit-oriented development. She encouraged the Council of Neighborhoods to attend the speaker series, or view the video archive on the City's website at [Speaker Series Archive](#).

V. Station Area Planning Framework Goals – Light Rail

Ms. Markle reported Sound Transit is in the process of reviewing possible locations for Light Rail stations in the North Corridor, including two proposed stations in Shoreline. Currently there are a variety of locations under consideration along the I-5 corridor, including N. 125th, N. 130th (as alternative options for N. 145th), N. 145th, N. 155th, and N. 185th (east or west side).

Although light rail stations are not expected to open in Shoreline until 2023, the City Council has already been asked to weigh in on various aspects of light rail such as the preferred alignment for the light rail on I-5. The Council wants public input from the community to develop a framework to guide future decision making regarding the planning for development around future light rail stations. The policies are also important because they demonstrate that the future land uses around Shoreline's light rail stations are expected to be very different from the current uses which may increase the competitiveness of the North Corridor project when it competes for federal money. The basic premise being that the Federal transit funds are best spent in places that will ultimately be able to serve more transit riders. Ms. Markle outlined the City's public outreach process for review of the Draft Light Rail Station Area Planning Framework Policies. She distributed draft copies of the Framework Policies to the meeting attendees and asked for their feedback. She stated opportunities for public input on the draft Framework policies included: Draft available on web for comment; three drop in meetings hosted by Sound Transit (invitation distributed); April 16th City Council Open house 6-6:45 p.m. & Council meeting; and May 14th City Council adoption.

VI. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report

Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator reported on several items.

- Barter Party Saturday, March 10 – live music and a new kind of event in Shoreline – hosted by Meridian Park Elementary.
- Sound Transit North Corridor project is coming to “chat” in Shoreline at the Library, the YMCA, and Top Foods. (See hand out).
- Gardeners' Gathering sponsored by Diggin' Shoreline on March 20 at City Hall.
- Plenty of Work Parties in Shoreline Parks this spring – see flyer.
- The Master Plan design for the community garden at Twin Ponds has been developed through community meetings, and now finalized.
- Information about the rentable plots distributed; plots available first come first serve.
- With funding from the Parks Bond and CleanScapes Neighborhood Reward money, mile markers have been designed for the Interurban Trail to mark ¼ mile increment. They harken back to the railroad origins with the lantern signal markers. They will be installed this spring.
- Shoreline Eats4Health speaker and fair with food samples, recipes and information on March 28 at City Hall.
- Shoreline Farmer's Market organizers invite Council of Neighborhoods representatives to consider a booth at the Farmer's Market to do outreach for Neighborhood Associations.
- Non-profits and the Law Workshop on March 14 – please sign up on circulating list.

VII. Neighborhood Reports

Neighborhood representatives reported on events in their neighborhoods, including upcoming rummage Sale in Innis Arden, Earth Day events in Echo Lake neighborhood, weeding of the Interurban Trail in Westminster.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.