

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

October 3, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – Nancy Moreyra
Briarcrest – Arthur Peach, Kathy Hall
Echo Lake – Ellen Wood, Diane Hettrick
Hillwood – Afia Menke, Tina Young
The Highlands – Andy McRea
Innis Arden – Judy Allen, June Howard
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson
Richmond Beach – Jack Malek, Dave Bannister
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Stefanie Gendreau

VISITORS PRESENT: Jacob Squirrel, Minor Home Repair Program

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager; Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator; Rosie O'Brien-Ochs, Neighborhood Coordinator.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Malek called the meeting to order. Roll was called.

DECISION: The October 3 agenda was approved.

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II. Public Comment

Jacob Squirrel provided information about the Minor Home Repair Program, available to Shoreline homeowners of all ages and moderate incomes. Mr. Squirrel asked neighborhoods to share the information with residents. Services include plumbing, carpentry, electrical and disability access modifications for eligible homeowners.

Arthur Peach announced a Steps Against Domestic Violence Walk on October 14 at Green Lake, to benefit New Beginnings shelter which serves the Seattle area, including Shoreline.

III. Shoreline Citizen Survey Results

Eric Bratton, Management Analyst for the City of Shoreline provided an overview of key themes emerging from the 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey. Mr. Bratton stated the City undertakes the biennial survey to assess resident satisfaction with City services, and identify areas of improvement. The survey reflected the following resident opinion trends:

- The City is moving the right direction;
- Overall satisfaction is highest with City parks, programs and facilities;
- Overall satisfaction is lowest with traffic flow and congestion;
- Over the next two years traffic flow and congestion and police services should received the most emphasis

Mr. Bratton stated the entire survey is available at www.shorelinewa.gov.

IV. Police Neighborhood Centers Review

Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager stated that with a downward trend on public perception of safety, the new Police Chief is reviewing our current crime prevention programs and asking if we are meeting the public's needs. Part of this review will be to assess the services and locations of the two existing neighborhood Police storefronts.

Ms. Tarry stated the review process will include a focus group by early December, with invitations to Block Watch Captains, National Night Out organizers and Council of Neighborhoods representatives. Neighborhood representatives commented on improving a variety of elements of the police programs including volunteer training, publicity, and increasing hours and/or accessibility of programs.

V. Neighborhood Coordinator Report

Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator, reported on the following topics:

- There is a solicitor from an alarm company posing as City Emergency Management employee;
- Council of Neighborhoods representatives are invited to the end of the year dinner for Shoreline Farmer's Market on October 6;
- The first Monster Mash Dash family fun run is Saturday, October 13;
- October is Arts Crush month – check out art opportunities in Shoreline and Seattle.

Rosie O'Brien-Ochs, Neighborhood Coordinator, reported on the following topics:

- CleanScapes is moving forward in the process of soliciting and selecting a reward project in northwest Shoreline;
- A multi-neighborhood citizen's committee has formed to get informed and give a citizen's perspective on the future N. 185th light rail station.

VI. Introducing "My Neighborhood"

Patty Hale presented Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association and Afia Menke and Tina Young presented Hillwood Community Network to the group.

VII. Board Report

Arthur Peach reported a committee has formed to look at refreshing the Council of Neighborhoods logo and image. Committee members include: Jack Malek, Gretchen Atkinson, Arthur Peach, Judy Allen, Ann Erickson, and Londa Jacques.

Chair Jack Malek said the Board would like to have a process for revising the mission and vision of Council of Neighborhoods, similar to a process Richmond Beach is undergoing with the help of two residents facilitating the process.

Chair Malek also said Council of Neighborhoods is scheduled to have a dinner meeting on December 10 with the City Council; a discussion will happen at the November 7 Council of Neighborhoods meeting to discuss what the group wants to cover at the dinner meeting.

Chair Malek stated the City Council is considering a criteria change to the Neighborhood Mini-Grants to include more community-wide projects. Mr. Malek indicated he would solicit representatives' ideas and reactions via email.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.