

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

February 6, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Ballinger – Nancy Moreyra, Patty Dooley  
Briarcrest – Kathy Hall  
Echo Lake – Barbara Guthrie, Ellen Wood  
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson, Suzie Burton  
North City – Melanie Matway, Nan Skinner  
Parkwood – Dana Carroll  
Richmond Beach – Jack Malek, Dave Bannister  
Richmond Highlands – Robin McClelland  
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Jerry Patterson, Facilitator; Councilmember Shari Winstead

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

Topic: Part III of Mission and Values Development

1. Overview

Facilitator Jerry Patterson reviewed the process to date:

A. Introduction – in November Jerry Patterson and Tom Berquist, volunteer facilitators, attended the Council of Neighborhoods meeting and introduced themselves and the goal of the Mission and Values work to clarify and refresh the unique purpose of the group, and how that mission is enacted.

B. Mission process launched – in December the group reviewed the definitions of Mission, Vision and Values. Representatives focused on small group work to identify the Council of Neighborhoods Mission: the reason for being, what distinguishes the group from any other, what contribution the group can make. Common themes emerged: communication, connection, advocacy and community.

C. Mission, Vision and Values work – in between meetings the small group facilitators took the brainstormed mission language from December, consolidated, and worked with common themes. At the January meeting small groups reviewed the common themes and brainstormed Vision statements - where should CON be 5 years - and crafted Mission Statements.

D. Reaching Consensus – the facilitators reviewed the materials and brought a Mission Statement to CON in February for consensus. The facilitators also brought the Core Values crafted from the brainstorming in previous sessions.

2. Review and Decision-making

Facilitator Jerry Patterson stated that shared decision-making is mechanism to hold ourselves accountable for living the values we adopt. Mr. Patterson reviewed a consensus model of shared decision-making and suggested a threshold of 75% for adoption: if 75% of participants vote a 4 or 3 or 2 on the consensus scale, the value is adopted. Mr. Patterson noted that part of the consensus model is to agree to periodic review.

Neighborhood representatives used dots to represent their votes on a scale of:

4/great/blue dot – 3/like it/yellow dot – 2/can live with it/green dot – 1/don't like it /red dot  
Green or red dots indicate a desire to comment or express reservations.

The draft **Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods Mission and Values** were voted on, discussed and minor edits were made. The final Mission and Values with votes are as follows:

The mission of the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods is to provide a leadership role to *strengthen* and *connect* our diverse neighborhoods. (Votes: 8 blues, 3 yellows, 4 greens)

### **Core Values**

The Council of Neighborhoods fulfills our mission through a steadfast commitment to:

- Facilitate and initiate *open communication* within and among neighborhoods, as well as with the City of Shoreline staff and City Council (14 blue, 1 yellow)
- Build *productive relationships* among neighbors, neighborhoods, and the City of Shoreline staff and City Council (9 blue, 3 yellow, 2 green)
- Advocate for inclusion of the *citizen voice* in discussions about community issues and the future direction of Shoreline (9 blue, 3 yellow, 1 green)
- Respect and nurture the *rich diversity* among our neighborhoods and our residents (10 blue, 7 yellow)
- Promote a sense of *pride in belonging* to our Shoreline community of neighborhoods (5 blue, 7 yellow, 1 green)

### **3. Next Steps**

Mr. Patterson suggested the next step for the group is to translate the values into Action Steps. At a future meeting, action steps can be created by thinking about “because we value \_\_\_\_\_, therefore we will do \_\_\_\_\_ action steps. The group discussed starting with what activities Council of Neighborhoods is already doing, and then discussing what else we want to accomplish.

### **4. Conclusion**

Mr. Patterson closed the meeting by asking those present to report how they felt about the last three sessions, and what “advice” they would give the group in moving forward. Advice included:

- Use the core values to develop a decision-making process for the group
- Each representative bring an example of things we’re already doing when we work on action items
- Continue to use “and also” instead of “but” to avoid positional debates
- Revisit core values once a year
- Embrace core values – look at what we’re doing and how to take it further
- Continue process that includes those who don’t have a big voice
- How do we take the process and the values back to neighborhood meetings

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.