

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

October 2, 2013
7:00 pm

Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – Patty Dooley, Kevin Osborne
Briarcrest – Ian Taylor
Echo Lake – Diane Hettrick, Linda Cranfill
Innis Arden – June Howard, Lee Lageschulte
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson
Parkwood – Katie Schielke
Richmond Beach – Jack Malek, Dave Bannister
Richmond Highlands – Lisa Surowiec
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Stefanie Gendreau

VISITORS PRESENT: King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County staff Christina Logsdon, Mayor Keith McGlashan, Shoreline Community College Instructor Mark McVeety

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

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Atkinson called the meeting to order.

II. Public Comment

Mark McVeety, Shoreline Community College instructor, announced the 2013 Shoreline Community College Foundation Annual fundraising breakfast on November 6 and invited the community to participate in raising funds to help make students successful.

III. Poem

June Howard, CON Board member, read a poem about neighborhoods to focus the evening.

IV. Review Minutes

DECISION: The October 2 agenda was approved.

DECISION: The September 4 minutes were approved with the amendment of adding North City to the listing of Outdoor Movie Night Mini-Grant organizers.

V. Update on King County

County Councilmember Rod Dembowski provided an overview of services provided by King County including criminal justice, Health Department, Human Services, Emergency Medical Services and Regional Parks. Mr. Dembowski provided a variety of updates to the group, including:

- Metro transit is facing a 17% service reduction due to low sales taxes and the end of some other short term funding;
- King County is undertaking a Strategic Plan Update and will hold a community meeting at Shoreline City Hall on October 22;
- The City's acquisition of Brugger's Bog from King County for a future maintenance facility is an important new asset.

VI. Board Update

June Howard, Secretary, provided an update to the group to keep the whole group informed of the current Board's intentions. Ms. Howard stated:

- The Board works with City staff to identify topics of interest to the group and set the agendas for Council of Neighborhoods meetings.
- This year the Board set goals to build enthusiasm for neighborhood associations and the Council of Neighborhoods, to provide opportunities to network and know each other better, to try new activities to make these meetings fun and connecting so we all enjoy coming, and to get representation from every neighborhood.
- As an outgrowth of the goals the Board is trying new trainings, meeting formats, the new Mission, Vision and Values work, the summer outreach tent and will ask the group for feedback in early 2014.

VII. Neighborhood Roundtable

Neighborhood representatives were asked to share a short update answering the question: what was one activity in your neighborhood this summer and how was it successful? The responses included:

- Ballinger had 650 people at Movie Night (Neighborhood Mini-Grant funded) and felt the popcorn and slushy machines made a great ambience even if they did not raise money, and they made a successful connection to youth walking through the park;
- Echo Lake reported hiring a mural artist to complete the 1st Ave NE Holyrood Mural (Neighborhood Mini-Grant and 1% for Art funded) was very successful;
- Ridgecrest reported that a joint effort with Parkwood got a new light rail citizen's committee off the ground for the south Shoreline station;
- Innis Arden reported that moving the annual salmon BBQ to July was part of increasing its success;
- Hillwood reported that new adult fitness equipment installed at Hillwood Park (Neighborhood Mini-Grant funded) was very accessible and fun;
- Richmond Highlands reported the annual 4 Corners Brewfest was very successful and they hope to recruit new leadership;
- Briarcrest reported new work with Shorecrest High School staff to address impacts (litter) on the neighborhood;

VIII. Panel Presentation: Next Door Social Media Platform and How to Use It

Ann Erickson from Hillwood and Lisa Surowiec from Richmond Highlands provided an overview of elements of the new social media tool Next Door. Their presentation included the following key points:

- Next Door is a private, social networking site. To join, a new member must have an address in the proscribed area (and a site "lead" may remove people if they prove to be inappropriate);
- You can send invitations to join via email, flyers to hand out, or Next Door will mail up to 15 post cards per month (any member can invite more neighbors and send post cards);
- Navigation bar on the left hand side provides information on different elements of the site;
- Anyone who joins can adjust their settings to provide more privacy or control over how many messages they get;
- Several neighborhoods are using the tool successfully to reach new people.
- Ann Erickson or Lisa Surowiec or Nan Skinner are all available to answer questions or help anyone who wants to try Next Door but wants a little more help.

IX. Councilmember Update

Mayor Keith McGlashan provided a short update on recent City Council activity, including:

- The City Council has hired Novak Group to assist with a search for a new City Manager to replace Julie Underwood;
- The budget, one of the most important documents for the City, is coming to the Council for review in October;

- There is a review underway of the Police Department facility to replace the current inadequate building. It is most likely that the Police will move to City Hall 3rd floor.
- Light Rail is coming to Shoreline and the City planning process has started. Mayor McGlashan serves as the Sound Transit liaison for Shoreline.

X. CON Meeting Ground Rules Review

The ground rules review was postponed until November due to limited time available.

XI. Neighborhood Coordinators Report

Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator, made comments on the following topics:

- The City has a new emergency alert and enews system that requires SIGN UP. Visit www.shorelinwa.gov/alert to sign up and pick the topics that interest you;
- Please mark your calendars for December 9 City Council – Council of Neighborhoods Dinner Meeting at 5:45 pm before the City Council meeting;
- All of the \$20,000 Neighborhood Mini-Grant money is now allocated for 2013

Rosie O'Brien-Ochs, Neighborhood Coordinator, provided these updates:

- The next World Dance Party will be on Friday October 25;
- Staff has received inquiries from a couple of groups advocating for people with disabilities who would like to volunteer at community events.

XII. Announcements

Lisa Surowiec announced that on October 12 Shorewood High School will have an Open House to view the new building.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 pm.