

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

November 6, 2013
7:00 pm

Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – Nancy Moreyra
Briarcrest – Ian Taylor
Echo Lake – Barbara Guthrie
Highland Terrace – Krista Tenney
Hillwood – Ann Erickson
Innis Arden – June Howard
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson
Parkwood – Katie Schielke
Richmond Beach – Jack Malek, Dave Bannister
Richmond Highlands – Lisa Surowiec
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Stefanie Gendreau, Cecily Kaplan

VISITORS PRESENT: Eric Matthes, Tony Hall, Paul Villas, Kenneth Lasson and Marilyn Moyer from People First; Jerry Patterson from Shoreline Coalition for Open Government; Pete Gerhard, Richmond Highlands resident; Shaun Kerins, Richmond Highlands resident; Kyle Matheson, Seattle.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shawn Ledford, Police Chief; Robert Hartwig, Administrative Services Director; Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith and Rosie O'Brien-Ochs, Neighborhood Coordinators; Nicole Neiditz, Intern.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Atkinson called the meeting to order.

II. Poem

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

II. Public Comment

Jerry Patterson announced the formation of a new organization Shoreline Coalition for Open Government and distributed a brochure stating the Vision of the group is "to achieve self-sustaining open government practices through citizen education and government accountability." Mr. Patterson said group members are available to come speak in the community about transparency in government.

Barb White, Highland Terrace resident, announced a concert at The Bounty featuring recording artist Spenser Day.

III. Review Agenda and Minutes

DECISION: The November 6 agenda was approved.

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IV. Alert Shoreline and Police Department Update

Shoreline Police Chief Shawn Ledford introduced himself. Chief Ledford noted that at last year's focus group on crime prevention residents commented that there was not enough communication from the Police Department. The Police Department has two new initiatives to increase communication:

- Alert Shoreline is a new "opt in" (you have to sign up) mass communication system the City is implementing to communicate on issues such as crime alerts or school lockdowns.

- Shoreline Watch is a new program where six officers are available in the evening to meet with residents and hear what's happening and provide crime prevention information.

The Chief emphasized the need for residents to call in suspicious activity to help Police.

V. Shoreline People First

Representatives of People First, a disability advocacy group, introduced the group's mission. The representatives distributed a fact sheet about People First. Tony Hall, local Shoreline president, invited anyone to join the monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, 5-6 pm at Shoreline Library. Mr. Hall said the group is interested in getting involved in the community and volunteering; neighborhood representatives can contact Mr. Hall at (206)440-0729.

VI. City Budget Presentation

Bob Hartwig, Administrative Services Director presented highlights of the \$71.9 million proposed 2014 budget, of which \$37.9 million is the operating budget. A few of the points Mr. Hartwig made included:

- The budget proposes staffing of 2.27 employees per 1000 residents; average for staffing levels of local cities.
- The Police contract with King County Sheriff's Office is \$10 million/year, reflecting a 2.5% increase.
- Currently the City's jail costs have risen because Snohomish County has decreased their jail population and we are taking prisoners to King County which is more expensive.
- 2014 Capital Improvement budget is \$25 million to fund 25 projects.
- For details of the 2014 Proposed Budget look online at www.shorelinewa.gov; under the Government tab, click on Budget and CIP Policies

Questions were asked at the meeting which required some research; below are the answers that were emailed out after the fact.

1. Question - Can the budget presentation to CON be posted on the City's website? The presentation is available at www.shorelinewa.gov; look under Budget and CIP Policies
2. Question – is there money for Northcrest Park improvements in the 2014 budget? If not, then when?

The PRCS Department is planning to meet with the Ridgecrest community to discuss the replacement of the play area and other improvements they would like at Northcrest Park in 2014. The equipment is in disrepair and with this removal / improvement we will have replaced or repaired all of the old play equipment inherited from King County when Shoreline incorporated. The type of equipment and location in the park will be determined during the public process as we work with the community. A schedule for meeting with the community will be finalized in early January. With limited funds for repair and replacement we will focus on the play area in 2014 and any other suggested improvements may be considered in future years. If people would like more information the staff contact is Maureen Colaizzi at 206.801.2603.

3. Question – what is the overall planned sidewalks? What we have installed, and what is left to install?

The City of Shoreline's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) includes a Pedestrian System Plan. The Pedestrian System Plan identifies key pedestrian corridors in Shoreline that result in a complete pedestrian network throughout the City. Because sidewalks are important as both transportation and recreational facilities, the City's pedestrian network connects neighborhoods, schools, parks, commercial areas and transit facilities. Please note that if a street is not included on the Pedestrian System Plan, which should not be interpreted to mean that the street should not have sidewalks.

The City's Pedestrian System Plan includes 153 miles of sidewalks. About half of the system is complete, with 79 miles remaining to be constructed. Sidewalks are constructed using the Real Estate Excise Tax and with money from the general fund, as well as local, state and federal grants. Private development is sometimes required to construct sidewalks as well. The TMP includes planning level assumptions for constructing sidewalks and it is estimated the cost to construct the remainder of the system is approximately \$120 million. This does not include any costs for design or project management, nor does it include any site specific conditions such as the need for retaining walls, that may need to be addressed with an individual sidewalk project. Therefore, the cost associated with completion of the system is likely to be significantly higher. These costs also do not include projects needed to upgrade sidewalks that do not meet the City's current design standards for width, amenity zone, etc.

For additional information, please contact Alicia McIntire. To view the whole Transportation Master Plan, please go to <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/planning-community-development/comprehensive-plan-and-master-plans>

4. Question - What are we spending on Station Area Planning? Staff time? Consultant costs? The OTAK contract for the 185th Station Subarea Plan is \$200,000. OTAK has subcontracted some portions of the planning work to BAE Economics, Enviroissues, and Fehr & Peers Transportation Planners. The budget for the project is allocated by task:

Project Management – \$17,500
Sound Transit Coordination – \$5,900
Environmental Document Preparation – \$46,100
Public Participation Plan – \$37,400
Existing and Planned Data Collection and Analysis – \$12,100
Market Research and Analysis – \$30,000
Potential Land Use Changes around Station and Along Corridors – \$7,500
Opportunities, Challenges, and Alternatives Analysis – \$15,000
Identify Preferred Alternative – \$4,000
Preparation of Station Subarea Plan – \$24,500

Based on current invoices, the consultant has completed 20% of the Plan for a total cost of \$41,200 (this includes work that will be required for the second station subarea plan including the Public and Stakeholder Involvement Plan and Visioning). A total of \$250,000 has been budgeted for the 185th Street Station area plan. Approximately 1.5-2 FTEs are devoted to station area planning. PCD has requested \$180,000 to support the work to be done next year for the 145th Street Station Area.

5. Question – Is there money budgeted for Master Planning for the North Maintenance Facility? Should Master Planning happen first before sidewalks on 25th Ave NE?

While we will be creating an initial site plan for the North Maintenance Facility (Brugger's Bog Maintenance Yard), there are no current plans to do a larger "area-wide" master plan that would include Brugger's Bog park, the maintenance facility, the 25th Ave NE right-of-way (including sidewalk), and other community areas (such as the School District's property). Although there was some discussion at one time of doing a park master plan for Aldercrest/Brugger's, this planning project is not in the 2014-2019 CIP, as it is currently unclear what the school district's course of action will be with regard to their former school property.

With all of this said, the City is coordinating all current projects in the bog area so that we take a holistic approach to any and all development that occurs. This currently includes the maintenance yard project and 25th Ave NE sidewalk project. Staff may also explore stormwater capital improvements in Brugger's Bog Park, but more information is needed to move forward with a specific capital project at this time. Going forward staff will be meeting on this issue in the near future, and will also continue to communicate with the neighborhood about how these projects will be structured and sequenced, and how the public can provide input.

VIII. Neighborhood Coordinators Report

The Neighborhood Coordinators Rosie O'Brien-Ochs and Nora Smith made the following announcements:

- Reminders: December 4 meeting will be a potluck holiday dinner from 6-7 pm; please invite your Board members.
- Monday, December 9 dinner with City Council please RSVP to Nora.

The group went around the table to answer the question: What would Neighborhoods like to highlight in the December presentation to City Council?

Briarcrest – “Keeping the light on”

Hillwood – Adult exercise equipment in Hillwood Park (Mini-Grant project).

Echo Lake – New historical mural of Echo Lake on 205th (Mini-Grant project).

Parkwood – 8 active members of new leadership group; two successful events this year.

Richmond Highlands – Progress on Sunset Park. Dinner parties started. Ronald Commons proposal – meetings to educate and inform.

Highland Terrace – Two meetings focusing on local happenings: CRA designation of Aurora Square, meet ‘n greet.

Variety of NNO events.

Richmond Beach – Continued annual events. Accomplishment: Board developed new Mission, Vision and Values in 2012 and followed up with 10 goals in 2013. Now paying an Executive Director.

Meridian Park – no activity to report

Ballinger – Outdoor Movie Night (Mini-Grant project) and recent meeting on local streams.

Innis Arden – Added Field Day to annual events. Finished entrance landscaping!

Ridgecrest – Installed landscaping and Ridgecrest sign at 5th & 165th (Mini-Grant project); bigger garage sale day;

Facebook activity resulted in success of 5 new Board members; 145th Light Rail Citizen’s Committee started; focus on building community in all activities.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 pm.