

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

May 6, 2015  
7:00 pm

Shoreline City Hall

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Ballinger - Kevin Osborn, Patty Dooley  
Briarcrest - Alice Keller  
Echo Lake – Ellen Wood  
Highland Terrace – Krista Tenney  
Innis Arden – June Howard, Neale Obedin  
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson  
North City – Dan Dale, John Fleming  
Parkwood - Katie Schielke, John Featherstone  
Richmond Beach - Susie Johnson  
Richmond Highlands - Pete Gerhard, Kathy Plant  
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale  
Westminster – Lynn Horn

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Friedli, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; Rob Beem, Community Services Manager; Rosie O'Brien-Ochs, Neighborhood Coordinator, Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Matt Cowan, Fire Chief; Tom Jamieson, Richmond Beach resident; Harry Obedin, Innis Arden resident.

**I. Call to Order**

Chair June Howard called the meeting to order and Krista Tenney read two poems.

**II. Review May 6 Agenda and April 1 Minutes**

The May 6 Agenda was approved. The April 1 Minutes were approved.

**III. Public Comment**

Matt Cowan, Fire Chief, announced that Shoreline Fire District will have two measures on the August 4, 2015 ballot which will require a 60% supermajority. One measure creates a fire benefit charge as a new mechanism for funding services; the design moves more weight onto commercial structures rather than residential homes. The second measure aims to replace the 20 year Capital Bond - which is expiring – with a 10 year bond to fund new equipment. The Chief handed out information materials and offered to speak at neighborhood meetings.

**IV. Visiting Councilmember Update**

Councilmember Jessie Salomon provided updates on the City Council including:

- The City Council recently heard a Police report; property crimes are up but the City has a low crime rate generally.
- Police have started to use two “tools” adopted in the recent past: the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance that makes landlords responsible for tenant behavior and the Stay out of Drug Areas

Ordinance which allows Police to exclude individuals from specific areas if they repeat criminal behavior.

- Police are tracking national issues and have implemented a RADAR program where the goal is to reach out to families of people with mental illness to have established relationships to better deal with potential problem behavior that may surface.

#### **V. Introducing Eric Friedli, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services**

Eric Friedli introduced himself as the new Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services in 2015. Mr. Friedli described his background working for the City of Seattle for 25 years as a demographer, planner and then a Parks manager. He noted he was responsible for Sand Point Naval Air Station when it became Magnuson Park and he left Seattle as Acting Deputy Parks Superintendent.

Mr. Friedli highlighted several areas of focus:

- The department's mission is to ensure recreation opportunities but the City doesn't have to "do it all." He cited partnerships such as the Million Stair and Million Step Challenges in coordination with neighborhood associations as great partnerships.
- Currently the department is reviewing how it sets fees for services; this is an example of an effort to formalize policies and procedures.
- The Pool is aging and will require upgrading or replacement in the near future.
- The planning for density around Light Rail requires planning for new Open Space. We need to start with identifying what the community wants in terms of plazas, playground, offleash dog areas or other open space.

#### **VI. The Role of the Planning Commission**

Planning Commission Chair Keith Scully, Vice Chair Easton Craft and Commissioner Jack Malek formed a panel to present information on the structure and role of the Planning Commission. The panel highlighted the following:

- The Planning Commission is a volunteer board that meets bimonthly on all issues related to land use and planning; their role is to advise the City Council with an independent perspective as citizens.
- There are a variety of mechanisms for review and input from the public: getting on the email list to receive agenda packets, writing letters/emails to staff and commissioners, speaking at a commission study session, getting on the record by speaking at a public hearing.
- In response to a question about livability, the commissioners said that livability was a value in the City's planning documents, balanced with other goals like economic development. The Development Code is a mechanism to ensure livability, for instance by defining what a building can look like.

#### **VII. Election of CON Executive Board**

Krista Tenney thanked staff and her fellow Board members from this year and presented a slate of candidates for the Executive Board from the Nominating Committee (Krista Tenney, Pete Gerhard, and Ellen Wood)

June Howard – Chair

Pete Gerhard – Vice Chair

Kevin Osborn – Secretary

The slate was unanimously elected.

### **VIII. Board Report**

Gretchen Atkinson invited CON representatives and other neighborhood leaders to the Diversity Training on May 27 with Vu Lee, Executive Director of Rainier Valley Corps.

Kevin Osborn reported that 16 people enjoyed a tour of the new Recology Cleanscapes sorting facility.

### **IX. Neighborhood Coordinator Report**

Nora Smith commented on the following items:

- Please provide Nora and Rosie with updated information on new Neighborhood Association Board members if you have had elections - and especially new CON representatives so we can put them on the email list.
- A new CON summer event list highlights key CON events.
- Time to sign up volunteers for the Used Book, Movie and Music sale, and start collecting books, CDs and DVDS (signs to put on collection boxes were distributed).
- A revised community event list captures some new events (list distributed).

Rosie O'Brien-Ochs commented on the following items:

- Details on the Diversity Training Gretchen mentioned will be sent electronically; please RSVP to Rosie.
- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4 and some residents have already starting planning block parties for the summer. We'd like to identify permit signers from each Neighborhood Association.
- The next World Dance Party on had a great array of dance instructors
- NUSHA and SCC are sponsoring a meaningful movie entitled American Winter about poverty in America.

### **X. Announcements**

Rob Beem, Community Services Manager, informed the group that Nora Smith would be leaving the City in the summer and Rosie would be leaving by the end of the year. Hiring for a new full time Neighborhood Coordinator will begin soon.

### **XI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm