

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

June 3, 2015
7:00 pm

Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Briarcrest - Alice Keller
Echo Lake – Jeanne Monger, Nan Colton
Innis Arden – June Howard, Neale Obedin, Domenick Dellino
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson
North City – Dan Dale
Parkwood - Katie Schielke, John Featherstone
Richmond Beach – Sheri Ashleman
Richmond Highlands - Pete Gerhard, Kathy Plant, Lisa Surowiec
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Ellen Sullivan, Cecily Kaplan
Westminster – John Ramsdell

CITY STAFF PRESENT: David Francis, Public Art Coordinator; Rob Beem, Community Services Manager; Rosie O'Brien-Ochs, Neighborhood Coordinator, Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jennifer Small, Meridian Park resident; John Hoey, Richmond Beach resident; Harry Obedin, Innis Arden resident, John Lee, Richmond Highlands resident.

I. Call to Order

Chair June Howard called the meeting to order and Pete Gerhard read a poem “To Tell All the Truth but Tell It Slant” by Emily Dickinson.

II. Review June 3 Agenda and May 6 Minutes

The June 3 Agenda was approved. The May 6 Minutes were approved.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Visiting Councilmember Update

Councilmember Keith McGlashan provided updates on business before the City Council including:

- The garbage contract is currently being reviewed; new services are being considered as part of the base contract including recycling as part of all collection and mandatory garbage collection.
- Demolition has started at the Denny’s triangle area and a new 300+ apartment complex will be built there.

V. Arts in Shoreline

Fred Wong, Executive Director, Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council and David Francis, Public Art Coordinator, City of Shoreline gave a combined presentation about the programming provided by both the City and the Arts Council. Mr. Wong stated the partnership between the Arts Council as a separate nonprofit and the City is seen as a model regionally. One primary goal of the collaboration is to bring people together to experience the power of art in public places.

Highlights of the current arts programming includes:

- The Arts Council is remaking the Arts Festival on the last weekend in June this year, moving many activities outside;
- There are two galleries for visual arts in Lake Forest Park Town Center and at City Hall on 2nd and 3rd floors.
- New exciting element of Piano Time is to add sound sculpture; David Francis is looking for piano adoption partners to care take the pianos while they are outside this summer.
- The Arts Council has an online arts calendar that anyone can post arts events on.
- The Arts Council funded 31 art projects in the schools last year, more than ever before.

Mr. Francis encouraged neighborhoods to consider temporary public art in the neighborhoods; funding could be available through Neighborhood Mini-Grants. Mr. Wong stated that the Arts Council is looking to provide concerts in the park in new venues next year, spreading the concerts around the city.

VI. Summer Planning and Neighborhood Coordinator Reports

Nora Smith commented on the following items:

- Clipboards were circulated to get volunteers signed up for CON Outreach booths at Shoreline Farmer's Market on June 20 and September 12 and for the Book, Music and Movie Sale on July 22.
 - A copy of the June Neighborhood News sent through Alert Shoreline was distributed
- Rosie O'Brien-Ochs commented on the following items:
- Information on National Night Out and a street closure permit packet were handed out
 - Welcome Packet production continues – please identify a key contact person for each neighborhood to Rosie.
 - This is the time of year the City gets requests from churches and businesses for volunteer projects for large groups. If you have needs, events or ideas, please contact Rosie.

BREAK – Celebrate Outgoing CON Board members

Rob Beem appreciated outgoing Board member Krista Tenney and Past Chair Gretchen Atkinson and continuing members June Howard and Kevin Osborn.

VII. Review of CON Action Items

In pairs CON representatives reviewed CON Action Items (last updated in November 2014) to carry our Mission and Values. Each pair was asked to rate the group's progress on each Action Item, comment on whether to keep it or let it go, and any suggestions for the Board to consider at its summer retreat. Compiled ratings and comments listed at the end of these minutes.

X. Announcements

Ridgecrest Neighborhood – the Million Step Challenge in May had 189 participants with 4+ million steps logged. The Ridgecrest Public House (pub) will open in the old Darigold in August/September time frame.

Parkwood Neighborhood – Menchie's provided 100 free ice creams at the July picnic. The call for artists for the Twin Ponds mural on the bathroom netted five submissions.

Richmond Highlands – the 4 Corners Brewfest is scheduled for August 8 and tickets will go on sale in July.

North City – is hosting a summer picnic at North City Elementary on July 30; the first social event for this new leadership group.

Innis Arden – invites all Council of Neighborhoods to the Salmon BBQ on Wednesday, July 22.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

NOTES from Review of CON Action Items

The Mission of the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods (CON) is to provide a leadership role to strengthen and connect our diverse neighborhoods.

CON Values and Action Items			
Value 1: To facilitate and initiate <i>open communication</i> within and among neighborhoods, as well as with the City of Shoreline, the Council of Neighborhoods will take these actions:	KEEP this Action?	GET RID of action?	COMMENT/THOUGHTS about how we did on this
1. Connect with the City Council by: A. Inviting Council members to CON meetings to give a short Council update and planning joint twice a year dinners with City Council members and members of staff and Leadership Team.	8		10 min is great/ Worked very well/ Great suggestion-ask for suggested topics form CON members in advance/ One of the main reasons I come!
B. Scheduling a CON member to attend City Council meeting and speak at public comment once a quarter	5	1	Did not know this happens in a timely manner/ Comment should come from CON as a whole/ Needs to happen/ Need to be more regular about this/ Didn't know we were doing this/ Possible have individual neighborhoods talk about what they are doing
2. Provide Welcome Wagon information for new residents in cooperation with Neighborhood Associations.	7		More often / Great job! Thanks to Patty for compiling.
3. Create a structured, regular time to share ideas and resources between neighborhoods.	8		Especially with adjacent neighborhoods/ Most important of all suggestions/ Incorporate discussing at the CON mtg-not at a separate time/ Every other month/ Monthly CON Meetings?
<i>Consider adding action(s):</i>			
Value 2: To build productive relationships among neighbors, neighborhoods, and the City of Shoreline, the Council of Neighborhoods will take these actions:	KEEP this Action?	GET RID of action?	COMMENT/THOUGHTS about how we did on this

1. Provide information about neighborhood associations at outreach booths at Shoreline Farmers Market (SFM), the Celebrate Shoreline festival, and other events.	8		Evaluate effectiveness/ Take every opportunity/ Need more neighborhoods involved
2. Support crime prevention and safety by promoting National Night Out Against Crime—encourage publicity and sponsorship by neighborhood associations.	8		Keep building/ Definitely/ Facilitate police attending neighborhood meetings on crime & prevention/
3. Develop a meaningful movies program for the community.	3	3	1-neutral/ Support other meaningful movie projects such as Edmonds-Dig Shoreline/Promote attendance/ Available through other avenues-SCC, etc/ Like that its city-wide/ Friday @ 7 PM-model after Wallingford or Keystone Church.
<i>Consider adding action(s):</i>			
Value 3: To promote the importance of the citizen voice about community issues and future direction of the community, the Council of Neighborhoods will take these actions:	KEEP this Action?	GET RID of action?	COMMENT/THOUGHTS about how we did on this
1. Disseminate information taken from CON to neighborhood association. Inform citizens how to give input and participate in key projects and programs.	8		Need website or social media-Facebook/ Prioritize information. Educate how to inform citizens. Utilize NA web pages and NA Facebook to give info; also SAN/ Need to encourage assoc to do this/ Sounds great what we need most.
2. Encourage neighborhoods to team up on projects as a way to strengthen connections and attendance.	7		Need leaders for the projects/ 4 Corners movie night/ 4 Corners!/ Like a Beerfest
<i>Consider adding action(s):</i>			
Value 4: To demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion within our community, the Council of Neighborhoods will take these actions:	KEEP this Action?	GET RID of action?	COMMENT/THOUGHTS about how we did on this
1. Create a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force to identify strategies to find diverse groups and connect with them to explore neighborhood involvement (examples: seniors, youth, English as a second language speakers, renters).	6		This is a really important goal/ Let's do it/ Needs work Krista?/ Difficult. Each neighborhood may need to evaluate/ Yes!! Vu was great!
2. Sponsor diversity training to increase awareness of such issues with the goal of	7		Need to plan more trainings/ Do more part intro/ Perhaps CON members voted for other training opportunities.

increasing inclusion of underrepresented communities in neighborhood and community activities.			
3. Encourage participation in World Dance Party events.	7	1	Maybe consider re-naming, Dance might scare some people away/ Don't know anything about it.
<i>Consider adding action(s):</i>			
Value 5: To nurture a sense of pride in belonging in our Shoreline Community of neighborhoods, the Council of Neighborhoods will take these actions:	KEEP this Action?	GET RID of action?	COMMENT/THOUGHTS about how we did on this
1. Participate in ongoing Walking Program (publicized in Parks and Recreation Guide) and promote neighborhood connections and the neighborhood association.	6	1	MillionStepChallenge @ Paramount Pk/ Great response to walking response/ Could be done/ Lessen priority we're still discovering parks and paths in our own neighborhood.
2. Create a Neighborhood Tour (walk or bus) concept that highlights assets in a neighborhood.	4	2	Too energy intensive/Great ideas-include history if possible/ could be done/ If in a weekend. Great to ad to "Welcome".
3. Provide basic "how to" information to neighborhoods on fun place making activities such as geocaching, food trucks, street scrambles, tree hunts, and walking tours.	7		Eagle scouts/ Provide national best practices/ Need leaders for these activities/ Could be done/ This would be fun to know more about/ We love this idea.
<i>Consider adding action(s):</i> Recognition, awards for our own neighborhood's practices, event, new initiatives. Collaborate with Arts Council, T-Shirt design contest for City of Shoreline. How to connect neighbors with new ideas.			

Input from pairs at CON meeting on 06/03/2015