

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

February 3, 2016
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Ballinger –Kevin Osborn
Briarcrest –Alice Keller
Echo Lake – Jeanne Monger, Ellen Wood
Highland Terrace –Cyndi Robinson
Innis Arden – June Howard, Domenick Dellino
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson
North City – Dan Dale, John Fleming
Parkwood – Katie Shielke, Chris Goodman
Richmond Beach –Susie Johnson
Richmond Highlands - Pete Gerhard
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Rebecca Sargent

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Rob Beem, Community Services Manager; Constance Perenyi, Neighborhoods Coordinator

I. Call to Order

Chair June Howard called the meeting to order and Pete Gerhard read the poem “The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus.

II. Introduction

Chair June Howard explained that this was not a regular business meeting, and that January minutes would be reviewed at the March 2nd CON meeting. She then introduced Heidi Schillinger from Equity Matters.

III. Diversity Workshop with Heidi Schillinger

Who is (Not) in Your Network? And, how do diversity and culture matter? Diversity? Cultural Competence? Equity? Is your head spinning with buzz words? What do these words really mean, and more importantly how do they connect to our work to engage our whole community? In this first workshop, we’ll build a shared understanding of common terms used to describe diversity efforts. We will also explore why thinking about diversity and culture is important and connects to more effective community engagement.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Hard copies of the following reports were distributed at the meeting.

Reports for CON Meeting February 3, 2016

Board Report

The Board is pleased that Heidi Schillinger will return for a second diversity and inclusion workshop in April. The topic will be:

Expanding and Deepening our Networks: Strategies for authentic relationship building

Now that you have a deeper understanding of who is (not) in your network and how diversity and culture matter, let's explore seven authentic relationship building ideas! Come learn about new ideas to build relationships across culture and identity differences, and share ideas that are already working for you. This workshop is meant to build off of the first one; "Who is (Not) in Your Network?" and for maximum benefit you are encouraged to attend both.

In March, we will welcome Mayor Chris Roberts at the CON meeting. Our focus for the evening will be development trends in Shoreline with Rachael Markle, Director of Planning and Community Development. Dan Eernisse will then give us an update on the economic development program and an introduction to the Promote Shoreline Campaign. And we'll have time to start thinking about summer events.

As many of you may remember, our diversity and inclusion training last year led to a big change at CON meetings. We're now meeting ahead of time to share food and conversation, and it seems as if the idea has really caught on. Many thanks to Pete Gerhard for bringing a casserole to the meetings. We want to welcome all of you to bring something to share as well.

Neighborhoods Coordinator Report

It's time to start thinking about 2016 Neighborhood Mini-Grants! Please let me know if you would like me to attend one of your neighborhood association meetings to talk about the process and do some brainstorming with you.

SAVE THE DATE: This year's Volunteer Soiree is Thursday, April 14th. More soon.

The first World Dance Party of the year took place on January 22nd, and was a great success with 62 participants, and some fun dances. A Hula experience at the beginning loosened everyone up, some lively Nepalese hand movements got everyone laughing together, and the evening ended with a slow tango. We'll have our next one in April, so watch soon for the exact date. This is too much fun to miss.

Coming up in the Neighborhoods

Tour the Fircrest Activities Building, February 9, 4 p.m.

Fircrest Residential Habilitation Center, 15230 15th NE

This is a rare opportunity to tour the activities building at Fircrest. Jeff Flesner, the new Superintendent, will show participants what is inside the building, including the basketball court, gym, stage, bleachers, meeting rooms, kitchen, banquet room, and the two swimming pools (currently closed). Jeff will also answer questions about how the facility can be used. To get to the activities building, enter the main Fircrest gate off 15th Avenue NE (between NE 152st and 152nd Street). Take a sharp left, and the building is on the right.

Dinner and Wine Valentine, February 18

Richmond Beach Restaurants

Treat your sweetheart to a fun evening with gourmet food and distinctive premium wines, and enhance your food and wine pairing knowledge. Volunteer guides will lead intimate groups on this walking tour to three adjacent locations (hors d'oeuvres at Tradewinds Capital Management, salad and entree at Streetzeria and dessert at Hill's Restaurant & Bar) starting at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 or 7:30 p.m. The cost for this incredible evening is \$78 per person. Grab some friends and sign up as a group or come alone and make new friends. Register now to reserve your place. Sign up and pay at <http://www.richmondbeachwa.org/specialevents/index.html>.

Recent Neighborhood Successes

From Hillwood: We held a class titled "The Birds of Hillwood" featuring a video that was well received. It covered local bird identification, nesting, rearing of young, backyard feeding techniques, etc. We had 23 people attend. It has been well received with multiple comments on Nextdoor. It was a great way to bring neighbors together.

From Highland Terrace: Bingo and Books was a success! We had about 50 folks in attendance and they brought great dishes to share and seemed to really enjoy the bingo playing, books for all, a prize or two and the evening ended with Menchie's frozen yogurt cups for all thanks to one of our neighbor's creative donation seeking. All in all -it really was fun and we had some new neighbors expressing interest in HTNA events.

From Briarcrest: Game nights have been so successful that we have decided to host them for Briarcrest neighbors and friends every month on the second Friday at Patty Pan Kitchen.