

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

June 1, 2016  
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall – Rm 303

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Ballinger – Stephanie Angeles, Kevin Osborn  
Briarcrest – Amy Anscher  
Echo Lake – Nan Colton, Ellen Wood  
Highland Terrace – Cyndi Robinson  
Hillwood – Ann Erickson, Boni Biery, Railin Santiago  
Innis Arden – June Howard, Domenick Dellino  
Richmond Beach – David Davis  
Richmond Highlands - Pete Gerhard  
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Rebecca Sargent

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

**GUESTS:** Maryn Wynn representing Solarize Shoreline.

**I. Call to Order**

Before calling the meeting to order, Chair Pete Gerhard introduced Michelle Pidduck, the new Public Information Officer for the Shoreline Fire Department. Michelle will be working with the community on National Night Out, along with other projects.

**II. Review June 1 Agenda and Minutes from April 6 and May 4**

The [June 1 agenda](#) was approved. Minutes from [April 6](#) and [May 4](#) were approved.

**III. Public Comment**

Maryn Wynn introduced the Solarize Shoreline campaign. Despite the myth that this region doesn't get enough sun to make solar alternatives viable, Maryn explained that during the summer, we actually get more hours of daylight than San Diego. She encouraged everyone who is solar curious to attend one of the upcoming workshops: June 23, 7-8:30 pm, in Shoreline City Hall; July 23, 10:30 am to noon, at Shoreline Community College as part of Solar Fest; and at least one more in August, with details to be decided. The City is working with Northwest SEED to create a bulk-purchasing program of solar systems so community members can get bulk discounts.

**IV. Visiting Councilmember Update**

Councilmember Jesse Salomon provided an update on 145<sup>th</sup> Street:

- Rather than choosing one preferred plan proposed by the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study, councilmembers opted instead to keep all maps open for now, and make a decision in September.
- Zoning for the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Subarea is still under consideration by the Planning Commission. Councilmember Salomon has proposed a phasing process, with Phase 1 on adoption of the plan,

and a second phase around 2030. He sees this as a way to make sure that changes in the area are consistent with the City's commitment to liveability.

- Several people expressed their concerns about the size and scale of new buildings, set-backs, architectural detailing, loss of park space, and affordability of new housing. Councilmember Salomon said that all of those issues are being considered as the process moves forward.

Councilmember Salomon also reported on Hidden Lake, an artificial pond in Innis Arden that has to be dredged regularly. This is not a sustainable practice, and a study has begun to look at how the stream could be restored. Possible grant funding would provide for the removal of dams to restore fish habitat. Also under consideration is a possible storm-water facility to help with run-off from Sears/Aurora Square. When that area is revitalized, the developer will have to pay for storm water irrigation. Question : when the City gets grant money for significant projects, are costs for ongoing maintenance part of the grants, or does the City budget for them? Answers from the City Manager and Administrative Service Director are that it depends on the grant, but that ongoing maintenance is addressed in yearly budgets.

## **V. Financial Sustainability Presentation**

City Manager Debbie Tarry thanked CON members for their contributions, and spoke briefly about the services the City offers residents, and the citizen satisfaction for those services expressed through biannual surveys. She then introduced Sara Lane, Administrative Services Director, who did a presentation about the City's financial sustainability. The entire presentation can be found online. Key points:

- The City is on solid financial ground, with ample reserves, and a rainy day fund in case of a sudden economic downturn.
- Voter-approved Initiative 747, passed in 2001, requires state and local governments to limit property tax levy increases to 1% per year unless a greater increase is approved by voters. The Consumer Price Index increases yearly at a rate greater than 1%, which can lead to a structural gap in the budgets of state and local governments. By law, those budgets have to be balanced, which can lead to cuts in services.
- In 2006, Shoreline voters approved a Levy Lid Lift, which expires this year. The City Council is considering putting a renewal on the November 2016 ballot.

## **VI. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report**

Constance gave a brief update on summer events, and said she would be in touch with CON members and neighborhood leaders about upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Shoreline Farmers Market, June 18 and September 10<sup>th</sup> - need to fill three 2-hour shifts from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm;
- Celebrate Shoreline Festival, August 20 – need to fill three 2-hour shifts from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm

Planning for National Night Out has begun in earnest. Registration and street closure permit applications are online at [www.shorelinewa.gov/nno](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/nno)

## **VII. Break and Celebration**

During the break, Rob Beem honored outgoing CON board members Gretchen Atkinson and Kevin Osborn. He also thanked June Howard for her service as chair for two years. Celebratory cake was eaten by all.

## **VIII. Review of the Last Year**

Pete Gerhard offered a year in review look at CON, starting with the Mission/Values/Action Plan updated in August 2015. Highlighted successes of the year: distribution of Welcome Packets; Learning from Leaders interactive sessions; neighborhoods teaming up on projects; diversity trainings; World Dance Parties; food trucks.

Focusing on Leaders Learning Together, Pete shared his picks of innovative ideas that surfaced in the 4 sessions (see below). He then opened a discussion guided by the following questions.

#### Leaders Learning Together

1. What impact did our Leaders Learning Together sessions have on you and your neighborhood leadership?
  - Very helpful with a big impact for the Ballinger NA; information shared by Ridgecrest NA useful.
  - Great way to piece a lot together, with many different ideas shared.
  - Many great ideas came out of these sessions. Now, how to act on them and put them into place?
2. What shape should this take next year?
  - Condense the process into fewer sessions.
  - Create a continuum of training for new members.
  - Make it more of a leadership-oriented program.
  - Offer as a new neighbors' forum.
  - Make sure that there is always time to talk about things that work, as well as things that don't work well.
  - Panel was great. More panel opportunities!
  - Zero in on some ideas and work in more detail. Move it forward by thoughtfully tackling one thing at a time.
  - Be clear about intention. Several people thought LLT was about developing leadership skills.
  - Provide more specific guidance for exercises so everyone knows what to do and can do it.
3. Would you be interested in helping to shape these sessions?
  - Stephanie Angelis expressed interest in this, and will be actively involved as new Co-Chair of CON.

#### Next Steps: Increasingly Diverse

1. What actions were you inspired to undertake from our two diversity training sessions with Heidi Schillinger?
  - Exploration of diversity within diversity, both on personal and community levels.
  - Increased awareness of "inner" circle has led to increased consciousness, and a search for way to expand connections.
  - Domenick said that his commitment to driving the Hyde Shuttle has brought him in contact with many different people, and that this is an engaging experience.
  - A broader view of diversity as it includes our local businesses and churches.
2. What help would you like "next year" in further engaging the many diverse people in our neighborhoods?
  - Help in translating information into different languages.
  - A "Sister Neighborhood Program" to link neighborhoods on the east and west sides of the City.

- Specific ways to engage different people – addressing that “but” when we hear people say, “I would be more involved, but . . . “
- Ridgecrest is not meeting-centric, but hosts many different events, which makes engagement less of a barrier. Would that work in other neighborhoods as well?
- To get more people involved with CON, it would be helpful to diversify meeting times. Many people just are not available when meetings are always on the same day of the month at the same time.
- Instead of calling these diversity trainings, instead focus on them as inclusivity trainings.
- Invite people from our own community to come talk about their culture.
- Consider having story-telling opportunities as Briarcrest is doing.
- Offer more activities with interactive art to bring out people.

#### **IX. Announcements**

- Ridgecrest Garage Sale is this coming Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Look online at the Ridgecrest NA website for a list of participant’s addresses, and for the group sales in church parking lots.
- Over 4 million steps were taken during the Million Step Challenge in May! Everyone is invited to the closing community potluck and awards on Thursday, June 2, 6:30 pm at the Paramount School Park Picnic Shelter.
- The Ballinger and Ridgecrest Neighborhood Associations are again presenting Outdoor Movie Night, on August 27<sup>th</sup>. This year’s movie will be Honey I Shrunk the Kids. There are lots of other fun activities being planned as well.
- Briarcrest is hosting its second large storytelling event this Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the library at Shorecrest High School. This one will feature cowboy stories, songs, and poems. Briarcrest also hosts smaller, more intimate storytelling every other month at Amy Anscher’s home.

**X. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.**

### **Pete’s Picks**

***The Best of Leaders Learning Together***

#### **Dreams and Issues:**

A superb start to a year of Leaders Learning Together gave us a framework for conversations throughout the year.

#### **Safety (remember \$100 and us?)**

- \* Neighborhood Traffic Safety Action Plan
- \* “Turn on your porch light” campaign
- \* Sidewalk chalk or spray paint reminders on roadways
- \* Print the speed limit on the road
- \* Give away safety vests

- \* Come up with a mascot symbol to promote safety
- \* Scolding Moms along a busy roadway to alert drivers and reduce speeds
- \* Sidewalks!

### **Communication (Spontaneous Volunteer Panel):**

- \* Communications spread across a whole host of platforms (printed flyers to street signs to social media to email to snail mail to personal contact and word of mouth to..)
- \* Decide in advance what is the most effective communication for specific events
- \* Successful targeting: getting messages out to people of different interests
- \* We need to have a sense of how well we're communicating – how well people are getting the messages. With social media, there are ways of tracking this.
- \* We raised an important question – how do we know when an event is successful?

### **Engaging Leaders...**

- \* Go after lifelong volunteers
- \* Ask people to join the leadership, clearly and simply
- \* Board member job descriptions
- \* Match skills to position
- \* Child care for leadership meetings

### **...and Neighbors**

- \* Food draws people – salmon, BBQ and pot lucks
- \* Music and Conversation both attract people
- \* Food Truck coupons for neighborhood events
- \* Cross-pollination between neighborhoods – blur the lines
- \* Diversity of activities

