

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

September 7, 2016  
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Ballinger – Stephanie Angelis, Joyce Lingerfelt  
Briarcrest – Amy Anscher  
Echo Lake – Nan Colton  
Highland Terrace – Suzan Shayler  
Hillwood –Christabel Britto  
Innis Arden – June Howard, Domenick Dellino  
Richmond Beach – John Burt  
Richmond Highlands - Pete Gerhard, Kathy Plant  
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Rebecca Hood

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

**GUESTS:** Suni Tolton and Eric Friedli, City of Shoreline Staff; Councilmember Will Hall.

**I. Call to Order**

Pete welcomed everyone and asked Stephanie Angelis to read her selected poem, *End of Summer*, by Stanley Kunitz.

**II. Public Comment**

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director Eric Friedli gave a Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update. From January through June of this year, Parks staff, consultants, and members of the Park Board visited all neighborhood associations to solicit input, and conducted further outreach through stakeholder meetings and intercept opportunities at summer events. A survey in January and a later online questionnaire also allowed citizen response. All comments have been gathered, and the upcoming workshop on September 20th will fill in gaps. The workshop on November 1st will focus on a tentative list of priorities, and ask, “Do we have it right?”

The workshop on November 15<sup>th</sup> will look at Aquatic/Community Center Planning. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, a public open house will feature a summary of what has been learned throughout the year-long input process, and a discussion of projects and priorities for the future. Note that staff is still able to visit Neighborhood Association meetings through the fall for follow-up if desired. For more information, contact Maureen Colaizzi, [mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov).

**III. Visiting Councilmember Update**

Councilmember Will Hall provided an update on the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Subarea Plan. Sound Transit is considering a decision to move the light rail station 1 block north to 147<sup>th</sup>. This is critical to improve pedestrian safety and bus access. Council is now considering the zoning changes in the subarea. Policies established in 2012 directed transition from single-family residences to increased density. Changes in the subarea could happen quickly, or not, depending on how the market drives them. Councilmember Hall pointed to the 185<sup>th</sup> subarea, and concerns that development would happen

overnight. A year and a half after zoning was changed, that has not happened. He also reminded everyone that the City does not force residents to sell their homes.

At their September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, City Council will review the process in a study session on the 145<sup>th</sup> Street Subarea plan package, with final adoption expected on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Hall strongly urged written citizen comments before September 12<sup>th</sup>. At this point, Council's preferred alternative is a hybrid: compact community with some areas approved for more density. A proposed map is available online: <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/planning-community-development/planning-projects/light-rail-station-area-planning>. Question: Have there been zoning changes at Fircrest that will allow taller buildings? ? Answer forthcoming in separate communication.

Councilmember Hall followed up on the PROS Plan update presented by Eric Friedli, and urged neighborhood input.

He also shared information about the City's solid waste collection contract. The current contract with Recology CleanScapes expires this year, and while their service is highly rated among residents, the City put the contract out to bid to make sure future service remained economical and of high quality. Recology CleanScapes came back with the best bid and will continue service. Council is committed to improving the rate of recycling, and all residents in Shoreline will be required to have full curbside service.

Questions: How will this be enforced? Are there subsidies and exceptions for people who cannot afford service? Answers forthcoming in separate communication.

#### **IV. Review Minutes from June 1<sup>st</sup> and agenda for September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Amended minutes from June 1st were approved, as was the agenda for September 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **V. Suni Tolton Introduction**

Suni Tolton, the City's Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, introduced herself and the new position she has recently been hired to develop. City Council articulated a commitment to expand the City's focus on equity and inclusion to enhance opportunities for community engagement. Suni's areas of focus are: 1) increase internal capacity to support service equity and inclusion; 2) increase access to information and services by diverse communities; 3) increase support for diverse communities. For more information, contact Suni Tolton, [stolton@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:stolton@shorelinewa.gov), 206-801-2256.

#### **VI. Report from CON Board Retreat Discussion and discussion of CON Goals for 2016 - 17**

The Board retreat in July took on a review of the Mission Value and Action (MVA) document from the past year. Pete shared that when he first read the initial MVA, he found it impressive. His intention is to make it a real working document that CON members can go back to. Part of that process is to add a layer, reflected in the 2016-17 goals under each value. The Board also added a 6<sup>th</sup> value: *Skilled and empowered neighborhood leadership*.

Pete emphasized that this is a work in process, and welcomed members to review the current draft and answer:

- What strikes you?
- What do you think?
- Are there additions or subtractions?
- Can we get this to fit on two pages?

Members in small groups discussed the document, and reported after break. Included in comments:

- Several people expressed excitement about the changes.
- The Values should read “Value 1,” “Value 2,” etc. The single “We Value” at the beginning of the document is easily overlooked.
- Every neighborhood should have a laminated map of their own neighborhood, and of all neighborhoods (helpful in planning sister neighborhood activities).
- There should be a Leaders Learning Together (LLT) training on recruiting, working with, and retaining volunteers.
- Neighborhoods should have business cards, and use them in all ways possible to connect with residents.
- Suggestion to strike Action #4 under Value #1 (Cross pollinations) since it is redundant
- Suggestion to strike or modify Action #1 under Value #2 (Volunteer elsewhere) since it is unclear and redundant (already contained in the other action items).
- Suggestion to strike or modify Action #2 under Value 4 (Serve the broader contribution of these groups where there is interest) since it is redundant, contained in Action #1.
- Suggested action item of bringing children and elders together (under Value #2 or #4).
- This document needs to have a title on it so readers know what it is.
- Create a table that would detail the value (more abstract), a strategy, and tactics.
- Edit! Amy Anscher and Domenick Dellino offered to edit the current draft to tighten and clarify. Suggestion to put this into a spreadsheet to facilitate critical thinking and review.
- Pete will post the updated Mission document on Google Docs and share it with Amy and Dom and anyone else interested in helping with the edit.
- Volunteer in other neighborhoods. (Back on, with the changed wording.)
- The question remains: how will goals be implemented?
- There needs to be a LLT session to plan City-wide event.
- In considering Action #1 under Value 4 (CON members identify and begin a relationship with 2 – 3 communities within Shoreline . . .), how does CON involve all communities in the City?

Pete reminded members that when asked about LLT at the June meeting, there was general interest in having a focus this year on developing leadership skills. He presented three different alternatives, from following last year’s model of having a single LLT focus every other month, to having shorter sessions regularly, to setting aside 30 minutes at each meeting for LLT discussion. Responses included:

- Create a hybrid, with some longer and shorter LLT sessions.
- Presentations are an important way for CON members to stay informed. Keep those as a regular feature of CON meetings. There needs to be a continuity of agenda, and a way to get the agenda out more broadly, through Nextdoor, Shoreline Area News, etc.
- There should be an article explaining what CON is in Shoreline Area News.
- We need to rethink table set up so conversation works better.

This discussion will continue at future meetings.

## **VII. Neighborhood Reports**

- Ballinger had a successful National Night Out event, at least 3 times larger than it has been in the past. Outdoor Movie Night had a smaller attendance than last year (~200), but the weather wasn’t inviting. On the challenging side, the community garden at Aldercrest had to deal with

water being turned off as the school building is remodeled. The future of the garden is uncertain.

- Ridgecrest hosted its first Outdoor Movie Night and was delighted with a turnout of about 250 people. The Ice Cream Social came in at just under 2,000 participants. Patty Hale noted that the event is in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, and that the first one had about 30 people. Big events start small and grow.
- Richmond Highlands hosted its first Wet and Wild event, and it wildly successful. Over 100 people came out. Look for this to become an annual event.
- Highland Terrace continues to have regular outdoor activities, and has begun a rebranding project with mini-grant funding. Two logo designs have gone out to neighbors to vote on.
- Echo Lake's annual work party had 37 volunteers, including the Mayor. At the picnic afterwards, 125 meals were served, and 78 pounds of food collected for Hopelink along with over \$200 in donations.
- In Richmond Beach, the Strawberry Festival boasted record turnout, and 184 hotdogs and brats were served at NNO.
- The Ice Cream Social at Hillwood included a food truck for the first time and drew about 200 neighbors, as opposed to 60 last year. By putting a message on Nextdoor, they got donations of 400 books for the booksale. And the Wetlands restoration project continues, with an Environmental Mini-grant funding the purchase of more native plants.
- Constance reported that the Briarcrest picnic was successful, with people of all ages taking part. Police officers joined, and did a presentation about Shoreline Watch. North City also had a successful picnic, and Dan Dale was appreciative of volunteers who stepped up to help at Jazz Walk. Parkwood launched the next phase of beautification this summer with two mini-grant funded street murals.

**VIII. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**