

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

December 7, 2016  
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Ballinger – Joyce Lingerfelt  
Briarcrest – Jean Hilde  
Echo Lake – Diane Hettrick, Nan Colton, Ellen Wood  
Highland Terrace – Cyndi Robinson  
Hillwood – Ann Erickson  
Innis Arden – June Howard, Domenick Dellino  
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson  
North City – Dan Dale  
Richmond Beach – Sheri Ashleman, John Burt  
Richmond Highlands - Kathy Plant

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

**GUESTS:** Cheryl Roberts and Mary Brueggeman, Shoreline Community College  
Rebecca Miner, Curtis Campbell, Lisa Surowiec

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Pete Gerhard was ill, and neither Stephanie Angelis nor Rebecca Hood could attend. June Howard stepped in to chair the meeting. Stephanie chose the poem “Dust of Snow” by Robert Frost, and Constance read it.

**II. Review of December 7<sup>th</sup> agenda and November 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes.**

Both the agenda (revised) and minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Public Comment**

Jean Hilde, President of the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association, gave an update on the Fircrest Rehabilitation Center, and requested support from other neighborhoods for a grant request from the Washington State Legislature (map and letter attached).

**IV. Neighborhood Updates**

- North City had a successful summer picnic, and was involved in Jazz Walk and the recent holiday tree lighting. They are exploring new ways to partner with the North City Business District.
- Hillwood faces the ongoing issue of how to get more people involved. The summer picnic was successful, and this year, a food truck was involved. The board is looking at a partnership with Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association on a bicycle rodeo in 2017.

- Innis Arden just had a holiday party. Domenick Dellino brought up the value of the volunteer training offered at an earlier CON meeting, and said it is working to “just ask” possible volunteers.
- Joyce Lingerfelt from the Ballinger Neighborhood Association agreed with that, and said that neighbors responded to requests to volunteer at this year’s Outdoor Movie Night. Don’t worry about feeling rejected, just ask. Community Garden update: after a difficult summer when water at Aldercrest Elementary School was shut off during remodeling, gardeners had to be creative, but managed to keep the garden alive. This next year, it will continue as a joint school program.
- Richmond Highlands has had a successful year after nurturing a core of leaders. They just had their second community event, an open house at the Rec Center, where community members could talk about their hopes and dreams. They are planning their next event, a bicycle rodeo/safety fair as Hillwood has already mentioned.
- Meridian Park partnered with Ballinger again on Outdoor Movie Night. The board has put together some very successful monthly meetings, with topics that have drawn capacity crowds, including the most recent focused on emergency preparedness.
- Highland Terrace just had its second Doggies and Donuts event, and now has a new logo. Look for neighborhood welcome signs.
- Briarcrest reports that at the end of a great year of storytelling, the neighborhood association has just been awarded an Arts Council grant to present a storytelling workshop.
- Richmond Beach had another successful Halloween Carnival, and recently was surprised that 350 people came on Thanksgiving to brave the rain and do the Turkey Run. They have three holiday events coming up (craft projects, tree lighting, and community caroling) as well as the Christmas Ship on December 13. They have also just completed jurying art for an orca project, which will be unveiled at the Strawberry Festival in May.
- Echo Lake has almost completed a Mini-Grant project of putting markers and a bench on the Densmore Pathway, their own neighborhood “secret garden.” For the first time, ELNA purchased an ad in the Echo Lake Elementary School’s student directory to let neighbors know that there is an active neighborhood association.

#### V. Shoreline Public School District Presentation

Superintendent Rebecca Miner talked about the District’s bond proposition on the February 14, 2017 ballot. Information and a link to the presentation are available online:

<http://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/1122>

#### VI. Leader Interaction

In Pete’s absence, Rob Beem led a roundtable discussion about what neighborhoods have to give, and to get from each other. Participants wrote what their neighborhood associations could share, and what they needed to learn.

Neighborhood	To Give	To Get
Echo Lake	1) Shoreline Area News (Diane	1) Info about Food Trucks;

	<p>Hettrick): -publicity, asking for help, telling what you do</p>	<p>2) Welcome Packet Ideas; 3) How to get younger neighbors to participate; 4) How to sell the value of participation; 5) How to run food drives; 6) How to contact people around the lake to warn about water issues.</p>
Highland Terrace		<p>1) Help to be heard by the City to maintain private homes with yards (stop subdivisions around I-5) and preserve trees; 2) How to get a neighborhood park instead of apartment buildings?</p>
Hillwood	<p>1) How to do outreach through low-key, very local source like Hillwood news; 2) How to create a signature event like the ice cream social; 3) How to set up coffee in the park events.</p>	<p>1) How to do events together to share resources, ideas, volunteer power, and greater reach for the effort; 2) How to do kids events – the School District is growing, so let’s attract new students.</p>
Innis Arden	<p>Domenick: share concept of “Cognitive Closure”. Do we stop listening when we have heard the truths that support our way of thinking? June: 1) Sense of community; 2) How to do events; 3) Develop procedures of operation; 4) Leadership development.</p>	<p>Domenick: How can I better understand people’s fears about the homeless to try to reach them to be more compassionate? June: 1) Broaden appeal to attract volunteers; 2) Create events for kids; 3) Coffee events; 4) Leadership development; 5) Board communication through Skype; 6) Time?</p>
Meridian Park	<p>1) Did parks evaluation in MP, and turned it in for PROS Plan; 2) Can help organize parks work parties.</p>	<p>1) Looking for land attorney to speak and answer questions on rezone area; 2) Ideas for recruiting new volunteers.</p>
North City	<p>1) Identifying ‘future’ possible volunteers; 2) Defining assets: North City Business Association; Jazz Walk; Water District; North City Elementary as a transitional site; Light Rail Station/Subarea development.</p>	<p>1) Mini-Grant ideas – How To; 2) getting more people involved – Engagement; 3) Communication, board/core group – Expansion.</p>
Richmond Beach	<p>1) Making connections between people/businesses, etc; 2) Recruiting and retaining volunteers; 3) Event planning;</p>	<p>1) Meeting topics; 2) Ideas for community projects.</p>

	4) Communications; 5) Community meetings.	
Richmond Highlands	1) Building a strong leadership team; 2) Distribution of welcome packets; 3) Planned and held a summer water events for children.	1) Establishing identity in a challenging geographic area. 2) How to apply for neighborhood grants; 3) How to include community in association activities using other methods than social media.
??	"I've developed a spreadsheet that can be used to plan any major event, complete with timelines, due dates, task lists, etc. It could be shared."	

### **VII. Board Report**

June reminded members that the annual holiday dinners with City Council is this coming Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Lobby. She also reported that the January 4<sup>th</sup> CON meeting will be a communications training. We will have a panel discussion about best practices. This is also the annual potluck, and Constance will be sending more information about that soon.

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

Constance reported that the CityWise Project, a pilot program, launches on January 24, 2017. This will be an 8 week session with a different focus for every class so Shoreline residents can learn how the City works. The application is online at [www.shorelinewa.gov/citywise](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/citywise).

With no other announcements, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

## ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Jean Hilde, and Fircrest Maps

Hello, neighborhood leaders!

We have very exciting news to share! After ten months of work, which began with the tour of the Fircrest property many of you attended last February, we now have a proposed master plan concept for the entire property. In addition, we have the opportunity to submit a community grant request to the State for funds to renovate and repair the currently-closed swimming pool and activities building! Your interest and hard work played a huge part in getting to this point. Thank you!

Our next steps will be presenting the proposed master plan to the State Legislature for approval and funding, and applying for the community grant being offered by Representative Cindy Ryu's office. You can help us again by expressing your interest in and support of these projects. The more individuals and groups who say "Yes, we want a community swimming pool and activities center on the Fircrest campus!", the more likely our request for the grant, which is intended to "fulfill needs of the community that are not currently being met", will be successful.

Our grant request will ask the State Legislature for funds specifically for recommissioning the Fircrest swimming pool and activities building. This will be strictly a community request (neighborhoods, community organizations, etc.) It is not a request from the City of Shoreline and our pool project, if funded, would not be in competition with the City's plan for a new aquatics center. In other words, the City of Shoreline is not being asked to contribute financially to our project. (Of course, we hope to have the City's moral support and encouragement!)

The refurbished pool and activities building would be available for community use as well as for the residents of Fircrest. The building has two pools, one full size with a deep end for diving and one shallow pool that is perfect for teaching children to swim. There is also a gymnasium, a stage, pull-out bleachers, lockers and changing rooms, a large industrial kitchen and banquet room, plus various meeting and workout rooms. Ideas for further future improvements include installing children's play equipment and planting a community pea-patch in the yards surrounding the building.

The community grant we hope to be awarded requires that any property improved with state funds be held and used for its stated purpose for at least ten years. Fortunately, the timing has been perfect in that Casey Moore, DSHS project manager, has just completed a conceptual master plan for the entire Fircrest Residential Habilitation Center and property which, if approved by the legislature, will help us provide that ten-year assurance.

As some of you know, many of Fircrest's buildings are old and neglected, some even completely empty or in structural failure. All are in need of safety and health upgrades, systems modernization, and other improvements to give residents a safer, more comfortable home and staff a more efficient workplace. Casey's proposed plan, which accommodates these needs while recognizing that Fircrest serves a much smaller population than it used to, conceptualizes a more centralized "village" concept. We're attaching "before" and "after" maps so that you can see how the realized concept might look.

An element of the plan we really like is how it encourages community use of the property with the pool and activities building, park and garden areas, walking paths, and the Fircrest chapel. Potential improvements that could be open to public use and perhaps even generate income for Fircrest might include a vocational training center, medical offices near the public health lab, and even a dining hall! We like how the plan visualizes a community at Fircrest that is not only a wonderful home for the people living there but that also creates a "heart" and gathering place for our surrounding neighborhoods.

The proposed master plan and pool project have both generated substantial interest and support in our community. The pool and activities building community grant opportunity is being supported personally by Representative Cindy Ryu. The proposed master plan is currently twenty-first on the state budget consideration list for the upcoming biennium, a very good placement which almost assures approval and which in turn supports our proposal for the pool and activities building.

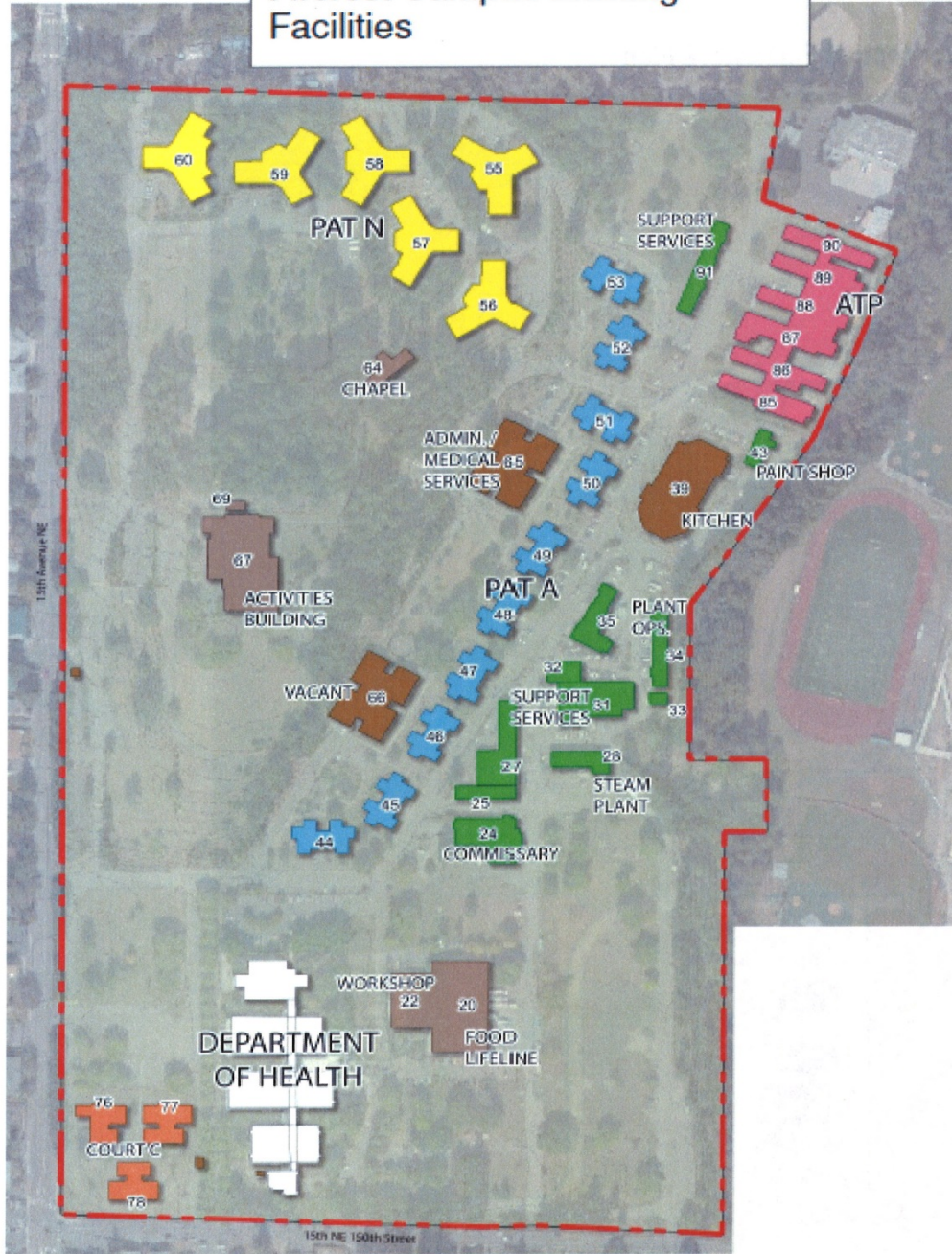
But the most important support of all will come from you! With that in mind, if your neighborhood association or any other community organization (school, church, club, business, class, group, service provider, etc.) you are part of would make use of the pool and/or activities building's assets (including the gym, stage, commercial kitchen, large dining room, meeting rooms, pea-patch, etc.) or if you as an individual would use and enjoy those assets, we want to hear from you! Even if your organization might *not* choose to use Fircrest's offerings but you think they'll be great for others, let us know that, too!

Please send us a note at the email address below with your name, contact information (email address and phone number), which organization or group you belong to or represent (if any), and which neighborhood you live or work in. Tell us what you like about the proposed master plan or simply that you support it. Then tell us how you or your group might make use of the refurbished pool and activities building. We will include your expression of support with the application materials being submitted to the legislature to show that these projects will indeed fulfill needs of our community that are not currently being met.

Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

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### Fircrest Campus Existing Facilities



# PART 8 – POTENTIAL USES FOR EXCESS PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

## 8.a – Conceptual Framework Plan

