CITY OF SHORELINE COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES

February 1, 2017 6:30 pm Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Briarcrest –Jean Hilde
Echo Lake – Diane Hettrick, Marla Tullio
Highland Terrace –Cyndi Robinson
Innis Arden – June Howard
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson
Parkwood – Braden Pence, Chris Goodman
Richmond Beach –Sheri Ashleman, 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

I. Call to Order

Chair Pete Gerhard called the meeting to order and asked for self-introductions.

II. Review February 1 Agenda and Minutes from January 4

The February 1 agenda was approved. Minutes from January 4 were approved

III. Public Comment

Maggie Willson and Barb Twaddell shared their concerns about the proposed Deep Green Incentive Program. City Council is currently scheduled for a study session on this item on March 27, 2017, with potential adoption scheduled for April 17.

IV. Visiting Councilmember Update

Councilmember Doris McConnell reported that Resolution 401 was passed unanimously by the City Council in January. The resolution declares the City of Shoreline to be an inviting, equitable, and safe community for all. Council passed the resolution as a way to restate the practices and policies of the City and the values that the Shoreline community has supported, especially in response to some incidents of hate and bullying that have been reported in Shoreline. Resolution 401 also prohibits Shoreline Police Officers and City employees from inquiring into the immigration status of individuals, unless required by law or a court order. This affirms the policy of the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), with whom the City contracts for police services.

Council continues to consider the transitional encampment issue. The goal is to remove as many barriers as possible for the churches in Shoreline that host encampments, including possible fee waivers, while hearing concerns about residential encampments. This goes back to Council for discussion in April.

Ronald Commons hosts its grand opening on Monday, February 6, 1:30-3 pm. Compass Housing will open 60 units of low income housing, and Hopelink will move into its new facility.

Councilmember McConnell was asked about the Deep Green Initiative cited in public comments. She explained that it has not yet come before Council. She heard and responded to concerns that neighborhoods need information about initiatives like this.

V. RADAR Presentation

Kim Hendrickson, RADAR Project Coordinator, introduced the Response Awareness De-escalation and Referral Program, funded by a Department of Justice grant and just launched by the Shoreline Police Department. A major part of policing involves officer interaction with people who have behavioral health issues. Estimates place the number of calls as 500 per year, although the number is likely higher. Through RADAR, responders can identify people at risk before they arrive at an event, and offer referrals.

Susie Kroll, a mental health professional from Valley Cities, is the navigator for the program. She works out of Meridian Center for Health, and supports integrative services. Officers Tim Meyer and Ben Emmons are RADAR officers with the Shoreline Police Department. They explained that the program offers a positive alternative to jail or the hospital. RADAR also supports people challenged by developmental issues.

Kim asked CON members to help get the word out about RADAR in their neighborhoods. She offered to be the first contact: khendickson@shorelinewa.gov.

VI. Leader's Interaction

Meeting participants broke into small groups to follow-up on December 2016's "Give and Get" skill-sharing session. Topics discussed were: communications, engagement, events, leadership, volunteers.

VII. Neighborhood Coordinator's Report

Constance reported that the City is getting ready to redesign the website. She encouraged everyone to complete an online user survey before February 17, and pointed out the e-address on the handout everyone received. She also said that the Planning and Community Development Division is again hosting its popular Home Improvement Workshops on March 8, April 25, and May 23.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.