

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

May 3, 2017
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Ballinger – Stephanie Angelis
Briarcrest – Ann Lynch
Echo Lake – Diane Hettrick, Jay Sundahl
Highland Terrace – Cyndi Robinson
Hillwood – Ann Erickson
Innis Arden – June Howard, Domenick Dellino
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson
North City – Dan Dale
Richmond Beach – John Burt
Richmond Highlands - Pete Gerhard
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Rebecca Hood
Westminster Triangle – Michelle Moyes

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. Stephanie Angelis read “May Day”, a poem by Tess Taylor.

II. Review May 3 Agenda and Minutes from April 5

The [May 3rd agenda](#) was approved. [Minutes from April 5th](#) were approved.

III. Public Comment

Rebecca Hood gave a brief update on the debate in the state legislature about Fircrest Rehabilitation Center. There is currently a proposal by Dino Rossi to close it and sell the land. She urged CON members to call their representatives to express support for keeping Fircrest open so services can be provided to the residents and families who do not have other options for care.

Dan Dale reminded members that Sound Transit will host the 60% station design open house for Lynnwood Link Light Rail on Wednesday, May 24th, at Shorewood High School. He encouraged CON members to participate.

IV. Visiting Councilmember Update

Mayor Chris Roberts followed up with more information about the Light Rail projects, and reported that Sound Transit is required to mitigate for disruptions caused by station and alignment construction. Mitigation will include planting of trees, and road and pedestrian enhancement.

- He also reported that the Council is interested in sidewalk prioritization. The City lacks a continuous network of sidewalks, and many of the ones that do exist are sporadic and in poor shape. The cost to construct new sidewalks, and to repair and upgrade existing ones, is huge: \$2.5 million to construct just one mile, and about \$195,000 per mile to make significant repairs along a street with trees. To begin addressing this, Council asked the City Manager to develop a Sidewalk Prioritization Plan that will include community input. Residents interested in serving on an advisory committee are invited to apply. Information can be found [online](#).

Questions:

- Is funding for the Safe Routes to Schools available any longer? Constance offered to check, and the answer is included at the end of the minutes.*
- Is the intersection at the Community College being considered? Answer: yes, it is. The Community College will have to come up with at least some of the funding.
- How much would it be to put in sidewalks throughout the entire City? Answer: at least \$80 million.

Other information:

- Mayor Roberts also reported that in April, Council adopted a Deep Green Initiative Program to support construction of more sustainable buildings in the city. The residential incentive in R6 areas was removed.
- The Mayor shared some interesting facts about the recent State of the Schools Presentation: the District has 67 school buses that drive 5000 miles per year; there are 74 different languages spoken in Shoreline Schools, and 17% of the student body speaks a language other than English at home.
- The Recology Store has opened on Aurora, next to Opus Bank. Because they can take items that are hard to recycle, the City will not be having recycling events after the one this spring.
- At the recent volunteer appreciation event, the City celebrated over 9000 volunteer hours in the last year, but as the Mayor noted, there are many more unreported hours.

Questions:

- Dan Dale asked if Shoreline is considering vehicle speed reduction on secondary arterials as Seattle has done. The Mayor responded that just changing the speed limit doesn't always take care of problems, and that people drive at a speed that feels comfortable to them. What can make a difference are enforcement measures (police ticketing) and changing roadway configurations.
- Patty Hale asked about the Council's decision to donate land for the eventual construction of low income housing. She noted there had not been public comment about this. The Mayor said that this discussion was still in early stages and would continue in the summer.

V. Election for CON Board, 2017-2018 terms

With quorum achieved, CON members unanimously voted in a slate of candidates.

Pete Gerhard will serve a second term as CON Board Chair.

Stephanie Angelis will serve a second term as CON Board Vice-Chair.

Dan Dale will serve his first term as CON Board Secretary.

Pete thanks retiring past Chair June Howard for her many years of service to CON and her neighborhood of Innis Arden. He also thanked Rebecca Hood for serving as Secretary this past year, and for sharing her creative spark with CON.

VI. Neighborhood Updates

- Ballinger: Outdoor movie night is scheduled for August 26, and the selection this year is WALL-E. There will be a robot theme for the evening.
- Ridgecrest: The neighborhoods annual meeting on Tuesday, May 9th will include board elections and focus on Sound Transit mitigation; movie night on July 15 will feature Rogue One and include themed costumes and a photo booth.
- Richmond Beach: The annual Strawberry Festival is Saturday, May 13.
- Hillwood: Coffee in the Park is Saturday, May 13th, and organizers are hoping for spring weather to encourage a good turnout. The Hillwood annual meeting is June 6th, and the neighborhood is partnering with Richmond Highlands to support the upcoming Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair.
- Parkwood: Once again, Parkwood is working on a Mini-Grant application for artwork in the neighborhood, this time on the 155th underpass. This is an opportunity for Parkwood and Ridgecrest to join forces.
- Echo Lake: The monthly meeting in May will focus on Shoreline trees; the annual work party and picnic at Echo Lake is on July 18th, and ELNA will host food trucks on August 17th and 24th.
- Richmond Highlands: Working with a Mini-Grant, organizers are working hard on the city's first Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Fair on June 3rd at Sunset Park. There will also be a second Wet and wild event on July 22.
- Highland Terrace: Everyone is looking forward to a plant exchange over Mother's Day weekend, with another Fun in the Park event at Shoreview the following Sunday.
- Westminster Triangle: After a successful neighborhood meeting about crime earlier this year and an Earth Day cleanup in April, the Triangle is following up with a potluck on May 7th.
- Innis Arden: Members enjoyed a wine tasting the previous Friday and look forward to the annual salmon barbeque in July.
- Meridian Park: The focus of the May meeting will be Meridian Park Elementary School, with presentations by the Intern Principal and Family Advocate. Because of City Hall Construction starting soon, Meridian Park and Echo Lake will hold a joint meeting in June with a RADAR presentation.

VII. Citywide Art Project

The Council of Neighborhoods will host an art project at Celebrate Shoreline on Saturday, August 19th. In preparation, artist Sara Snedeker visited CON to explain how the process of community art making works. Sara specializes in collaborative and participatory art projects, with a creative process that starts with listening. The overall goals are: 1) to capture the main theme of what participants envision; 2) to make participation meaningful for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities.

When Sara asked people what makes Shoreline special to them, responses included: trees and nature;

diversity (people, plants, wildlife); kaleidoscope of colors; small town feel; water patterns; sense of community (possible fingerprint art to represent more of community); different greens; Shoreline as a microcosm of the planet, a kind of beehive of the universe.

What happens next? A site at Cromwell Park has to be chosen. Sara will engage in a research phase, and will present a scope of service to the City for approval; planning for how to engage many different people at Celebrate Shoreline.

Sara welcomes input from CON members at any time throughout this process. Her contact is: sarasnedeker@gmail.com

VIII. Neighborhood Coordinator Report

Since the board had no updates, Pete passed the microphone to Constance. She reported that Richmond Beach will have a number of large strawberry boxes that can be picked up after the Strawberry Festival to be reused at the neighborhood book sale at Swingin' Summer eve. Anyone interested in acquiring them can contact Constance, or Sheri Ashleman directly.

Advance notice: due to conflicts in staff schedules, the September CON meeting will be held a week later than usual. CON members should mark calendars for September 13th.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

***Follow-up Answer to Question about Safe Routes to Schools funding**

[Safe Routes for Schools](#) funding is available through WSDOT (both federal and state funding) – the grant application is made available in even numbered years (next application is 2018).

The City of Shoreline applies for a specific project at a specific school location – the goal being to improve safety and mobility for children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. Projects must incorporate engineering improvement within 2 miles of the school, and include education and enforcement components. The project does take close collaboration with the school district and the school, specifically, as there are survey requirements for the students. We also work with the Shoreline Police to implement traffic enforcement at the project site.

The City has received Safe Routes to Schools funding for projects at Echo Lake Elementary, Briarcrest Elementary and Einstein Middle School. One of the criteria of the program is the free and reduced lunch rate – so that is one of the aspects we look at when making decisions on applying for a project.

CON members who have questions about grants are welcome to contact Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn, Grants Administrator for the City of Shoreline, bwolbrec@shorelinewa.gov