

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

September 13, 2017  
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Ballinger – Stephanie Angelis  
Briarcrest – Sophia Kowalski, Bill Dwyer  
Echo Lake – Diane Hettrick, Jay Sundahl  
Hillwood – Ann Erickson, Pam Cross  
Innis Arden – Domenick Dellino  
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson  
Parkwood – Braden Pence  
Richmond Beach – Sheri Ashleman, Chris Beck  
Ridgecrest – Ellen Sullivan, Ron Carnell

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Constance Perenyi, Neighborhoods Coordinator.

**I. Call to Order**

Stephanie Angelis welcomed meeting participants, and announced that both Pete Gerhard and Dan Dale were ill and not in attendance. Stephanie began the meeting with “End of Summer”, a poem by Stanley Kunitz.

**II. Review September 13 Agenda, and Minutes from June 7.**

As quorum had not yet been achieved, a vote was delayed until later in the meeting. The agenda was approved, and minutes were approved as long as a name is corrected in the attendance list.

**III. Public Comment**

Stephanie invited public comment and asked for summer event updates.

- Chris Beck from Richmond Beach noted that the orca art had been installed in May. One piece was stolen, and later returned. It, and its companion, were damaged, but have been restored. The orcas will be taken down in October and put up again next spring.
- Sophia Kowalski reported that the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association Board had unanimously passed a resolution to fight development of an expanded maintenance facility in Hamlin Park. Braden Pence from Parkwood suggested that there may be other ways to look at the facility proposal, perhaps a tradeoff with improvements in another park. Constance indicated that Eric Friedli, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, will attend a CON meeting soon and will be able to answer questions about Shoreline Parks.
- Gretchen Atkinson from Meridian Park reported that the Outdoor Movie Night at Aldercrest had been successful again. Also highly successful was a Red Cross smoke alarm campaign in Meridian Park. She said it was easy to set up, has ongoing benefits, and she offered to share contact information with other neighborhoods interested in doing a similar project.

#### **IV. Visiting Councilmember Update**

Councilmember Jesse Salomon addressed:

- Rechannelization project on Richmond Beach Road. The plans are designed to reduce traffic collisions, especially on 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be effective unless the road gets to capacity, which it would if Point Wells is developed. If that happens, there will need to be remediation, and road issues would be addressed then.
  - Domenick Dellino from Innis Arden commented that there are significant safety issues for people trying to turn off Richmond Beach Road, something he experiences every time he tries to access his driveway.
  - Sheri Ashleman from Richmond Beach expressed her concerns about pedestrian safety on Richmond Beach Road, and asked if there might be a compromise on sidewalk width, and suggested it might be best to wait on the rechannelization project until after new sidewalks have been approved and installed.
- Hamlin Park maintenance yard. Councilmember Salomon talked about the options for increased capacity for storage and maintenance functions, including the existing and undeveloped north yard (purchased from the County, and then found to have significant contamination issues), and the Brightwater facility, both in the Ballinger neighborhood. He said that personally, he is not in favor of taking out park area, and has suggested removing Hamlin from consideration. He made clear that a decision has not been made yet.
  - Diane Hettrick from Echo Lake asked why the City had not collaborated with the North City Water District on the space they offered to share. She said that the City did not feel there was enough room for this arrangement, but that the Water District insists there is.
- Bike lanes on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Councilmember Salomon said that this project starts to prepare the area for light rail, and the challenge of moving thousands of people through the city with different kinds of transportation. He acknowledged the concern that not many people are using the new bike lanes yet, but that they will in time.
- Councilmember Salomon said that he has a strong commitment to address hate crimes in Shoreline. When Einstein Middle School was targeted with hateful graffiti and the teenaged perpetrators were identified, he suggested this could be an educational opportunity. He worked with the court to come up with an alternative to the juvenile detention system. So far, this has not yet been resolved.

#### **V. Public Comment, continued**

Bill Dwyer, from Briarcrest, explained how he is helping his neighborhood be more prepared for a disaster through the Map Your Neighborhood program. He expressed frustration with the City's emergency preparedness planning, and said that after the hurricanes, he sees the urgency of getting plans in place quickly. There will be monthly preparedness talks at Briarcrest Neighborhood Association meetings. When asked about how to get neighbors activated, Bill suggested starting with association board members, to get them to commit first and then spreading the word. He offered to meet with other neighborhood leaders to get them started with Map Your Neighborhood. All agreed it would be a

good time to have another preparedness presentation at an upcoming CON meeting.

## **VI. CON – What We Are and What We’re Not**

Stephanie read through the Guiding Principles, noting what had been revised at the Board retreat (see below). She said that CON was not an advocacy group per se. CON does offer ways to communicate outside meetings. She suggested that CON members attend City Council meetings and make statements that have to be kept on record.

Braden Pence asked if the Principles was an official, approved document. Stephanie responded that it is a living document that can be changed and created together. She urged CON members to review it closely and suggest changes.

This was followed by a discussion about what members want CON to be:

- Dom Dellino expressed frustration, asking if CON is doing enough. How can we have broader impact? What can we do to bring more people in? Can we do something more with this meeting time?
- What would it mean for CON to be an advocacy group? Constance pointed out that CON members do not necessarily represent the unanimous opinion of their neighborhood associations, and that often, neighborhood leaders do not agree with each other.
- Braden agreed that it would not be democratic for CON members to represent their neighborhoods that way, but wondered what could be done. He noted that he comes to CON meetings to engage in juicy conversations, and that he has not found trainings to be helpful. He wants to see Shoreline residents have a stronger voice, and CON to be more relevant.
- Dom suggested that as CON members become more knowledgeable, they are better advocates. It is important to see and hear each other.

## **VII. CON – Where We’re Headed – Refining 2017-18 Goals**

Stephanie said that Goal 5 (Identify and promote what brings pride in neighborhood and City) and Goal 6 (Improve effectiveness of individual neighborhood associations) invite CON members to be creative. She asked everyone to think about these and share ideas at the October meeting.

## **VIII. Neighborhood Updates**

**Ballinger:** National Night Out at Bruggers Bog was successful again.

**Echo Lake:** This was the first summer for food trucks at Echo Lake Park. The two events drew over 100 people to each. Over 200 were at the annual picnic. Diane Hettrick said that ELNA invites candidates for office to the picnic, and appreciates how they function as “mixers” to create lively conversation.

**Ridgecrest:** Once again, the Ice Cream Social drew hundreds of neighbors, and Rogue One made for a great Outdoor Movie Night.

**North City:** The Jazz Walk was another big summer draw.

**Parkwood:** With the support of a Mini-Grant, there is now a new mural on the pillars of the underpass on 155<sup>th</sup>. Celebration will be on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Richmond Beach:** there were 8 gardens on this year’s garden tour; National Night Out at the Community Park was a big success, as was Brewfest (a 4-Corners project); this year’s Sandcastle contest included kites; food truck events continue to grow, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> truck was added after 2 packed evenings. Coming up: Candidates Forum on October 10<sup>th</sup>; Halloween Carnival on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Hillwood:** the Ice Cream Social and Bike Rodeo (in partnership with Richmond Highlands) were both successful. Coming up this fall: coffee at the Shoreline Historical Museum; wetlands restoration work parties in Hillwood Park; 198<sup>th</sup> Street Trail cleanup.

**Innis Arden:** The annual food drive sponsored by 4Corners will be on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 7 pm, outside the QFC on Richmond Beach Road.

**Briarcrest:** Will be including voting information in the upcoming newsletter so neighbors will be reminded to cast their ballots in November.

#### **IX. Neighborhood Coordinator Report**

- The Books Sale at Swingin' Summer Eve raised close to \$1400. Phyllis Moll from Ridgecrest offered to get checks out to participating neighborhoods, but has been out of town dealing with a family issue most of the summer. She is back now, and will soon be sending checks.
- The CON-sponsored mural painted at Celebrate Shoreline will be installed at Cromwell Park next week. It has been sealed for weather, and finished with an anti-graffiti coating. Constance thanked everyone who participated in the project.
- Mark your calendars! The annual holiday dinner with City Council is on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Because of a reception immediately afterwards, it will start earlier than usual, at 5:15 pm in the City Hall Lobby. Reminder: because of limited space, neighborhood associations should plan to send no more than 2 representatives.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm