

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

October 4, 2017
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Ballinger – Stephanie Angelis
Briarcrest – Amy Anscher, Bill Dwyer, Lee Keim, Alice Keller
Echo Lake – Diane Finafrock, Diane Hettrick
Highland Terrace – Cyndi Robinson
Hillwood – Ann Erickson, Pam Cross
North City – Dan Dale
Parkwood – Braden Pence
Richmond Beach – Sheri Ashleman, Tom Peterson
Richmond Highlands – Pete Gerhard
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale

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

I. Call to Order

Pete Gerhard welcomed meeting participants. There was no poem.

II. Review Agenda for October 4, and Minutes from September 13.

Both the agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment

Bill Dwyer from Briarcrest followed up on his comments from the September CON meeting. He has read through the City's emergency planning document, noted the change in the number of days recommended for people to be prepared, and concluded that neighborhoods really need to step up and help each other.

IV. Visiting Councilmember Update

Mayor Chris Roberts began by saying that the last time he attended a CON meeting in the spring, plans were underway for the mural, which he helped paint. He also recognized the good work on the 155th underpass mural, and observed that little things help build community.

It's budget season! The City Manager's budget will be presented to City Council on Monday, October 9. It includes proposed funding for additional planning staff and a police canine unit. The capitol budget will be discussed over the next several weeks. The entire budget can be found on the City website, with a narrative version as well.

The US Postal Service station at NE 175th and 15th NE will close in September. The facility is on land that the USPS does not own. The new owner extended the lease, but is now ready to start developing the lot. There will be a meeting with the USPS on October 24th, 6 pm, at City Hall with information about

what will happen with existing post office boxes and services. USPS would like to reopen another facility in Shoreline, and is working with Representative Jayapal's office to find alternatives. This property was already zoned commercial and is not part of the 185th rezone. Patty Hale attended the developer's public meeting and reports that the new building will be completely residential, with no plans to include retail space.

There are several candidate forums in Shoreline, and the Mayor urged CON members to follow notices for them in Shoreline Area News. A list is included below. Voter registration deadline is Monday, October 9, and people can still register online.

Questions for the Mayor.

- Alice Keller, Briarcrest: What is the City Council priority for emergency management?
The City collaborates with the Fire Department to run the Emergency Operation Center, and supports a full-time employee. The plan is due for revision in 2019, and will go to Council for approval in 2020. The Hub concept is being developed as a pilot project starting as soon as 2018.
- Dan Dale, North City: What is the story behind the utility yard issue?
Parks and Public Works both work out of a crowded, insufficient 1 ½ acre space at Hamlin Yard. The facility is not easy for workers, or conducive to interaction with the public, and there is no coverage for many vehicles. It is not a good situation, especially with the growing need for space for staff and equipment. The City purchased Bruggers Bog from the County and planned to develop it as an expanded facility, with everything in one place. However, there are issues with the site, including contamination, and the fact that it is a wetland. There are preliminary plans to daylight the creek that runs through Bruggers Bog, and to combine parcels into one large natural area/park. In the meantime, where else can the maintenance yard be placed? Options other than Hamlin are the Brightwater site on Ballinger, or maybe sharing part of the new North City Water District building. This is still in discussion.

V. Parks Update

Eric Friedli, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, explained that the PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) Plan process began 2 years ago, and in July, was approved by City Council. Also approved were park impact fees, which go into effect after January 1, 2018. Developers will pay into fund, with fees based on the number of units built.

There are eleven strategic action initiatives that came out of the PROS Plan. The intention with the Plan was to choose projects, goals, and initiatives that residents indicated were important to them, and that can be accomplished.

1. Build a Community/Aquatics Center. The Shoreline Pool was built with Forward Thrust money in the 1970's, and is overdue to be replaced. It has been maintained this long because of the skills and dedication of a few staff members. Another factor is that Spartan is on School District land likely to be redeveloped because of its close proximity to the 185th Street Light Rail Station. A ballot measure to fund this center is likely, and voters will make the decision in the future.
2. Expand Opportunities to Connect with Nature. Many residents who participated in the PROS plan process indicated their desire to have more opportunities to engage with nature.

3. Expand recreation Facility Opportunities. How will facilities keep up with population growth? What amenities will need to be added? How will these changes be funded? The City is in process of hiring a landscape architecture team to start working on parks that have not yet been improved, beginning with Hillwood Park since it is closest to the a school project.
4. Serve the Full Spectrum of Aging Adult Recreation Needs. This is a collaborative assessment with other agencies to determine best services throughout the city.
5. Support Diverse Communities. Although this may seem the easiest goal to accomplish, it is in fact the most challenging, especially as the city becomes increasingly diverse.
6. Enhance Place making through Public Art. Earlier this year, Council approved a new public art plan. One goal is to install a significant piece of art in Shoreline through arts funding left from the Aurora Corridor Project. A call for artist will go out in the next 3 – 4 months.
7. Ensure Adequate Park Land for Future Generations. This will require creative use of existing spaces, and the acquisition of new land. Voters will ultimately decide how much land, and how much to spend.
8. Maintain, Enhance, and Protect the Urban Forest. This registered as very important to residents during the PROS Plan process. Starting this summer, Washington Native Plant Stewards have begun significant restoration projects in several Shoreline Parks.
9. Enhance Walkability In and Around Parks. Residents indicated how important it is to them to be able to walk to and in nearby parks.
10. Secure Sustainable Funding. Potential ballot issues are not the only sources of funding. The City already competes successfully for grants.
11. Ensure Administrative Excellence. Only 3 cities in Washington have achieved certification from the Commission for the Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies. Shoreline is engaged in that process.

Eric indicated that as the concept design process for parks begins, he and other staff will reach out to different neighborhood associations for input. He encouraged scheduling presentations at neighborhood association meetings.

Question

Alice Keller, Briarcrest: How is expansion of the Hamlin Maintenance Facility consistent with Parks goals?

If Public Works were to move ahead with this, it has been made clear that there will need to be mitigation at another park in the City. The goal is to have no net loss in park land.

Patty Hale, Ridgecrest: What is in the PROS plan for forest management?

As part of the accreditation process, there will have to be a clearly defined set of standards for trees, shrubs, and shelter maintenance. Staff time will have to be examined, and priorities set.

Stephanie Angelis, Ballinger: If Bruggers Bog integrated the maintenance facility land, how would that be designed?

There would be a fundamental redesign, possibly moving the active part of the park forward, closer to 25th, and maybe rerouting water flow. It is likely that there will be more grant money to redevelop the Bog as a park rather than as a maintenance facility.

Diane Hettrick, Echo Lake: Do we have a tree inventory? Is there a City arborist?

There is no complete inventory yet. While Shoreline doesn't have an arborist per se, 3 staff are certified arborists.

Cyndi Robinson, Highland Terrace: What about population growth in the City? Why are there no coherent plans to contain it? Why hasn't the City purchased the property at 155th and Aurora (Denny's Triangle) to create a new park and easier/safer access to the Interurban Trail for families? There are no parks in the Highland Terrace neighborhood, and why doesn't the City care?

The City is attempting to be as prepared for growth as possible. The rezone areas will contain the bulk of expansion, leaving much of Shoreline as it is. We're looking at how to include some kind of park space in those areas, while at the same time, preparing existing parks for more users. The property in question is under contract to a developer. There are other places where people can park and access the trail. There are parks that are easy to access from Highland Terrace.

VII. CON – Where We're Headed, Refining Action Items for 2017-18 Goals 5 and 6

Indicating that the following goals needed to be given more substance, Pete asked meeting participants to break into small groups to come up with ideas.

GOAL 5	Identify and promote what brings pride in neighborhood and City
Value:	<u>Action Items</u>
Belonging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make CON broadly available• Provide each neighborhood association with a laminated map of individual neighborhood and comprehensive map of all Shoreline neighborhoods
GOAL 6	Improve effectiveness of individual neighborhood associations
Value:	<u>Action Items</u>
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use all-city mailer or Currents to inform citizens about neighborhoods and CON. Include a neighborhood map.• Leader interaction on facilitating groups

By table, responses to GOAL 5 were as follows.

Table 1

Three Briarcrest representatives said:

- inclusiveness brings pride;
- signs welcoming all into the neighborhood;
- goal – increase diversity in CON members;
- Parks, trees, ivy-out volunteer projects, trees;
- taking disaster preparedness seriously, and Briarcrest will be doing mini-workshops.

Table 2

- Community art project focused on Shoreline pride;
- parade;
- roundtable on BIG issues in the city to get people talking to each other.

Table 3

- It is difficult to build enthusiasm for the city that permits willy-nilly growth;
- Consider rotating CON meeting through neighborhoods.

Table 4

Identify 3rd Place within each neighborhood, a place for:

- meetings, social gatherings;
- outside, visible space (park)
- food (trucks) music.

Identify place (action):

- clean-up;
- pride;
- contribute;
- outreach.

Participants discussed Goal 5 only. After reviewing comments made at each table, some said that Goal 5 was difficult to approach, and may need to be rephrased. That led to further questions about CON's function. Could it be a facilitator for conversations? Is it an advocacy group? How could there be a better feedback loop so CON members know they have been heard in meetings? How can important conversations be had early in a process, before decisions are already made?

Patty Hale said that after having been a CON member for years, she values information sharing and connectedness. She suggested that CON consider sponsoring an emergency preparedness fair in 2018. It would allow CON members and different neighborhoods to work together on an issue that is important to everyone.

VIII. Neighborhood Reports

- Stephanie reported that there will be a first Open House for Sidewalk Prioritization Plan on October 17, 6 – 8 pm at City Hall. This will be a first opportunity to residents to see what is being considered and to weigh in.
- 4 Corners Food Drive is on Saturday, October 7, in front of the Richmond Beach QFC. Food will be donated to Hopelink. Come donate non-perishables!
- The annual Richmond Beach Halloween Carnival is on Saturday, October 28th. Once again, there will be a soft-opening for children with special needs at 2 pm before the doors open at 3 pm.
- Hamlin Haunt is On October 20 from 6 to 8:30 pm
- Reminder of Ridgecrest/Briarcrest/Shoreline Area News Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 12 at Prince of Peace. See full list of forums in the City below.

IX. Neighborhood Coordinator Report

Constance gave a brief update on welcome packets. Much of the information will be on the new City website, and she proposes that the materials be condensed so there is less to hand out. She will have drafts soon, and will request input.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

Candidates Forums in Shoreline, see below for dates, times, and locations.

October 10, Tuesday, 7 pm

Sponsor: [Richmond Beach Community Association](#)

Location: Richmond Beach Congregational Church, 1512 NW 195th Street

Candidates: Shoreline City Council, School Board, Fire Commissioner

October 12, Thursday, 7 pm

Sponsors: [Briarcrest Neighborhood Association](#), [Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association](#),
[Shoreline Area News](#)

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 14514 20th Avenue NE

Candidates: Shoreline City Council, Informal meet and greet with school board candidates.

October 12, Thursday, 7 pm

Sponsor: [Shoreline PTA Council](#)

Location: Shoreline Conference Center, 18569 1st Avenue NE

Candidates: School board candidates

<http://www.shorelinepta.org/>

October 17, Tuesday, 7 pm

Sponsors: [Shoreline Chamber of Commerce](#), [Ridgecrest Public House](#)

Location: Crest Cinema, 16505 5th Avenue NE

Candidates: Shoreline City Council



STRATEGIC ACTION INITIATIVES

The Strategic Action Initiatives are designed to respond to the needs of the community, be specific and measurable actions that, when implemented, will make a visible and measurable difference in the parks, recreation and cultural services provided to Shoreline residents and visitors.

“We will Secure our Foundation so current residents will continue to have a great place to live, work and play and be proud to call Shoreline home.”

1 Build a Community/Aquatics Center

Place a proposal for a new community/aquatics center before the voters by 2020. Open a new facility in 2022.



2 Expand Opportunities to Connect with Nature

Integrate nature-based programming into new and existing recreation offerings so that at least 35% of program offerings include a nature-based component.



5 Support Diverse Communities

Participation in Shoreline sponsored special events reflects the diversity of the community.



7 Ensure Adequate Park Land for Future Generations

Add five acres of new park land by 2023 and 20 additional acres by 2030.



10 Secure Sustainable Funding

All programs, facilities and initiatives are funded with an appropriate mix of fund sources.

Recreation Programs and Facilities

3 Expand Recreation Facility Opportunities

Provide at least:
 1 community garden
 2 basketball courts
 2 multi-purpose/Pickleball courts
 1 playground
 1 swing set
 1 paved loop path
 1 spray park and 1 adventure playground by 2023.



4 Serve the Full Spectrum of Aging Adult Recreation Needs

Develop a strategic plan by 2019 for meeting the aging adult recreation needs of Shoreline.

Cultural Services and Art

6 Enhance Place making through Public Art

Install at least one permanent, significant piece of art by 2019, three permanent smaller pieces of public art by 2023 and provide temporary graphic or performing arts annually in Shoreline neighborhoods.



Parks and Open Space

8 Maintain, Enhance, and Protect the Urban Forest

Restore 10 acres of degraded forest land by 2023 and or convert appropriate parkland into natural areas by 2023.



9 Enhance Walkability In and Around Parks

Create 2 miles of new nature trails within parks and 2 miles of enhanced pedestrian access to parks by 2023.

Administration



11 Ensure Administrative Excellence

Attain certification from the Commission for the Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).



HOW TO

KEEP IN TOUCH

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Board meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, January through October and the first Thursday in December. All meetings are open to the public and your comments are welcome.

Find information about upcoming meetings at shorelinewa.gov/Parkboard

Email the Board at parkboard@shorelinewa.gov

Sign up to receive PRCS Department alerts through “Alert Shoreline” at shorelinewa.gov

Register to receive eNews at shorelinewa.gov/parks

Like us on Facebook at [City of Shoreline Parks & Rec](http://CityofShorelineParks&Rec)



“ We will Shape our Future as a gift to the next generation and an invaluable investment in the unfolding story of Shoreline. ”



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
17500 Midvale Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133
Phone: (206) 801-2600
shorelineparks@shorelinewa.gov



PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL SERVICES

SECURING OUR FOUNDATION | SHAPING OUR FUTURE



2017 - 2023

Where to find the Plan:
Spartan Front Desk | Pool Front Desk | City Hall
or Online at shorelinewa.gov/prosplan