

**2019 State of the City Breakfast
Community for all generations**

Thursday, June 6, 2019

7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

City Hall – Council Chamber

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2019 STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH

I. Welcome - Mayor - 7:30 a.m.

a. Introduce electeds and thank people for coming

[slide 1] Thank you for joining us this morning for our annual State of the City Breakfast.

I'd also like to thank Deanna Han for providing fantastic entertainment for us on the piano. Deanna is a senior at Shorewood High School.

I want to recognize the elected officials in attendance and express my appreciation for their service to our community:

- State Representative Lauren Davis
- King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski
- King County District Court Judge Marcine Anderson
- Shoreline School Board members Mike Jacobs and Dick Nicholson
- North City Water District Commissioners Patty Hale and Charlotte Haines

- Ronald Wastewater District Commissioners
Gretchin Atkinson and Laura Mork
- Shoreline Fire District Commissioner Ken Callahan.
- Mayor of Fife Kim Roscoe

I'd also like to recognize Yazmin Mehdi who is here from Representative Pramila Jayapal's office; and Shoubee Liaw who is here from State Representative Cindy Ryu's office.

Now I would like to recognize my colleagues on the Shoreline City Council. We are fortunate to have a Council that can work together collaboratively and respectfully, even when we must make tough decisions. Each one of them is tremendously hard working and dedicated to the community. Please stand when I call your name.

- Deputy Mayor Doris McConnell
- Councilmembers:
 - Susan Chang;
 - Keith McGlashan;
 - Chris Roberts;

- Betsy Robertson; and
- Keith Scully.

Lastly, I would like to introduce our City Manager, Debbie Tarry and acknowledge the hard work of our City staff who provide outstanding service daily.

b. Polling

[slide 2] As we have in the past, we are going to ask you questions about Shoreline using Poll Everywhere. The questions are just fun facts about Shoreline to see how much you know about the city. There should be a card at your table describing how to use the system.

You can use your phone to access the website or text your answers and we will see the results here on the screen. The URL to vote online is pollev.com/ericb676. To text, dial 22333 and send the message “ericb676”.

[slide 3] To test the system, let us start with an easy question. How are you feeling this morning? If you are texting, just type in the letter and hit send. If you are online, just select your choice from the screen.

[Give people time to vote. Say a few words about the results.]

[slide 4] Now Let us try a word cloud. What is one word you think of when you think of community?

[Give people time to vote. Say a few words about the results.]

c. Introduction to theme: Community for All Generations

[slide 5] Our theme this year is “Community for All Generations”. We chose this theme because we see how Shoreline residents of all generations contribute to and value our community on a daily basis. From our Meals on Wheels volunteers to our teen program youth leaders. From our neighborhood leaders who have lived here for decades to new members who just moved to the community. Shoreline residents give of themselves to create a community where everyone can live and thrive. If you look up “Community” in a dictionary, or Google it, you’ll see phrases like “shared social values” or “sharing common attitudes, interests and goals.” We recognize

community when we see neighbors giving each other a helping hand with the little things or when bigger challenges arise. We see it when residents come together to make Shoreline a welcoming, inclusive, and a well-functioning place to live, either through an investment of their time or money, or through their caring for each other.

i. June 6 – D-Day –

[slide 6] A crucial part of community is the commitment to something bigger than ourselves, and a willingness to make sacrifices for the greater good. Today is the 75th anniversary of D-Day—a day when the Allied Forces of Britain, America, Canada and France—more than 150,000 soldiers—attacked the German forces on the coast of Normandy, France. Thousands of soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice to push back against tyranny and achieve one of the most important victories of World War II. It is a good opportunity to remind us of the sacrifices paid by members of that generation. We reap the benefits of their sacrifice today and we are obligated to honor that same commitment to those who will follow us.

I'd like to ask any veterans in the audience to please stand.

[APPLAUSE]

I'd also like to ask anyone here who is currently serving in the armed forces or has a loved one who is currently serving to please stand.

[APPLAUSE]

Thank you.

ii. Newest Generation

[slide 7] Philosopher George Santayana said “[t]hose who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” I am proud to say that tomorrow’s leaders here in Shoreline are both students of history and visionaries of our future. There is no finer example of that youth leadership than Sarah Haycox. Sarah has embraced the life and the lessons of one of the region’s most noteworthy Civil Rights leaders, Edwin Pratt, who lost his life in the struggle for racial equality. She keenly understands that the struggle is not over, that battles yet remain. To that end, she started a petition to name a Shoreline School District building after

him. Her dedication and persistence helped lead to naming Shoreline's Early Learning Center after Edwin Pratt.

Sarah and her family are with us today. Sarah please stand.

[APPLAUSE FOR SARAH]

d. Halfway through Vision 2029 –

So why is it important to us to ensure Shoreline is a community for all generations?

[slide 8] Well, ten years ago, residents from across the city came together to share their vision for Shoreline. The culmination of their work became Vision 2029. A common theme we heard throughout the process was residents wanted a community for all people and all generations. Vision 2029's first sentence states: "Shoreline in 2029 is a thriving, friendly city where people of all ages, cultures, and economic backgrounds love to live, work, play and, most of all, call home." It goes on to say, "the people of Shoreline are committed to making the City even better for the next generation."

[slide 9] And speaking of generations, what is the median age in Shoreline?

[Give people time to vote. Say a few words about the results.]

The correct answer is D, 42 years. That compares to 38 for Washington State and 37 for King County.

Shoreline has already achieved a lot over the past 10 years and we expect to make even more progress over the next 10 years.

[slide 10] Light rail and bus rapid transit will be operating; improvements to 145th Street will be substantially complete; and development in the station areas and our other primary transportation corridors will have created a variety of housing choices that address different housing needs, from older residents who are downsizing, to newlyweds or recent grads just starting out on their own. Redevelopment of the Sears property at Shoreline Place will also be well on its way. With each accomplishment, we are realizing Vision 2029 and creating a community for all generations.

So, what have we done over the past year? What have we done to build that community for everyone? Let's look:

II. Past Year's Accomplishments

[slide 11] One of the most important components of building community is taking care of those who are in need. And there are few needs more important than a place to live.

a. Affordable housing and homeless outreach

As we all know, homelessness is a deeply challenging problem that we are encountering every day in Shoreline and across the region. We are seeing individuals and families without housing due to variety of reasons.:

- Economic forces, such as job loss, rent increases, loss of affordable housing, and hardship due to expenses related to healthcare issues;
- Behavioral health issues, such as mental illness and addiction; or
- Other personal crises, such as domestic violence or trauma.

As a City, we are working to end homelessness in three distinct ways. **[slide 12]** First, as an active partner in developing local and regional solutions and providing resources. An example of this is our partnership with King County on the 198th Street affordable housing project, which will provide 100 units of permanent supportive housing for people who were homeless or experiencing housing instability. This includes individuals dealing with chronic mental illness.

We have also been increasing our human services funding over the past few years. From 2016 to 2019, we have increased our funding by 31% with the goal of allocating 1% of general fund revenues every year for human services by 2022. This funding goes to partner agencies who provide a variety of human services, including mental health, counseling, family housing, and shelter programs.

[slide 13] Second, we engage on homelessness through our land use and permitting process. We have regulations in place to encourage and incentivize affordable housing development in different parts of the city. And in the light

rail station areas, we have some of the strongest affordable housing requirements in the region. We anticipate these regulations will help add many more affordable housing units for our growing region and continue to make Shoreline an attractive place to live for all generations.

[slide 14] And finally, we engage through direct outreach. With grant funding from King County and our own matching funds, we have partnered with Lake City Partners to provide direct outreach in the community. Stanley Machokoto (Maa·cho·koe·toe) visits locations throughout the city frequented by people without housing to provide information and help connect them with housing and other services if they so desire.

One of his successes was getting a family of five into housing after meeting them at a Prince of Peace Church meal program. While big bold initiatives are important to addressing homelessness, what is really important is working one-on-one with individuals and addressing their

individual needs so they can find housing and stay housed.

Stanley is with us today and I would like to thank him for the work he has done, reaching out to individuals where they are and connecting them to the services they need. Stanley, please stand.

[APPLAUSE FOR STANLEY]

c. Environmental Programs

[slide 15] Another critical part of building community for all generations is creating a place where we can enjoy fresh air and clean water and find outdoor spaces where we can relax in solitude or with friends and family. And we need to be committed to keeping our community—in fact, keeping the entire planet—sustainable today and into the future.

We have long prided ourselves on our commitment to environmental sustainability and addressing climate change. Over the past year, we have once again shown our leadership in this area.

i. Salmon Safe

[slide 16] As a member of the Governor's Southern Resident Orca Task Force, I am particularly proud of the fact that Shoreline recently became the first Salmon-Safe Certified city in Washington State and only the second Salmon-Safe Certified city in the nation after Portland, Oregon.

For the citywide certification, staff worked with the Salmon-Safe Science Team and leaders for over a year to develop the conditions for certification. This included the Salmon-Safe team evaluating over 30 City plans, programs, and procedures; interviewing over a dozen staff; and visiting 25 sites within the city.

It is the hope of the City and Salmon-Safe that other jurisdictions will soon follow suit.

ii. Green City Partnerships

[slide 17] This year, we also kicked off the Green Shoreline Partnership. The Partnership will bring together the City, Forterra, thousands of community volunteers, and local nonprofits and businesses to create a

sustainable network of healthy forested parks and natural areas in Shoreline. It is part of the regional Green City Partnerships program, which unites cities across Puget Sound in developing community-based stewardship programs to care for the valuable forests and natural areas in our urban environments.

iii. Green building mandates in light rail station subareas

[slide 18] Another area where the city has shown regional leadership is in green building. We included a green building mandate in both station subarea plans. All development near the future light rail stations is required to be certified as Built Green 4-Star, a green building program by the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties.

In January of this year, Built Green compiled their registration numbers for 2018 and Shoreline emerged as a regional leader **[slide 19]** – and not just by a little, but by a lot as you can see by the green column on the far right. Shoreline registered 168 projects, primarily townhomes,

which eclipses previous years and other jurisdictions.

[slide 20] You can see on this slide how much energy, water, and money these projects will save annually once they are completed and occupied.

[slide 21] I want to take a moment to recognize Senior Planner Miranda Redinger who has spearheaded our green building efforts, and much of our sustainability work over the past decade. She was recently awarded a Green Globe award by King County Executive Dow Constantine for her work in green building in Shoreline and across the region.

[APPLAUSE FOR MIRANDA]

iv. Carbon Credits to fund environmental restoration

[slide 22] And, as a final note on environmental sustainability, Shoreline was recently recognized by the Washington Recreation and Parks Association for our innovative way of using carbon credits to fund environmental restoration. Earlier this year, Mountains to

Sound Greenway Trust approached us with a pilot project opportunity.

Using \$50,000 in urban forest carbon credits, we will be able to remove 3-acres of invasive plants at Ballinger Open Space in northeast Shoreline and replace them with 2,000 native trees – 1,000 conifers and large trees, and 1,000 smaller trees. It will also be maintained over the course of 25 years with minimal cost to the City. The goal is to restore open space for public enjoyment and to enhance the overall health of our park system.

Shoreline is a beautiful City, and all these projects contribute to that. But we need to make sure that everyone can get there! No matter what our age and ability, everyone needs to get around.

b. Named a Bicycle Friendly City

To that end, we have two accomplishments from the past year to highlight. **[slide 23]** First, we are proud that the League of American Bicyclists recognized Shoreline with a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community award.

Shoreline joins 464 other communities from across the country that are transforming the American landscape. We believe bicycling helps build more vibrant, healthy, sustainable, and connected communities. The Bicycle Friendly City award recognizes our commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in promotions, education programs, and infrastructure.

d. Sidewalks

[slide 24] Second was the commitment we made as a community to sidewalks last year. Our Pedestrian Plan includes 153 miles of sidewalks. A little more than 78 miles currently exist. Over the past few years, we have been working to address both the maintenance and repair of existing sidewalks and the need to construct new sidewalks.

Those efforts came to a head last year as we adopted a sidewalk Prioritization Plan for new sidewalk construction projects; voters approved a sales tax measure to fund construction of new sidewalks over the next 20 years; and Council passed a \$20 vehicle license fee to create a

sidewalk preservation program. This is an example of Shoreline residents making a local investment for future generations.

i. Prioritization Plan

As part of the sales tax ballot measure passed by voters, Council identified 12 initial sidewalk projects for construction.

Over the next two years, we expect to start design and construction of two or three projects to help meet the City's target to deliver the listed projects within 10 years.

ii. Maintenance Program

[slide 25] The \$20 vehicle license fee will generate approximately \$830,000 a year to fund sidewalk repairs. That is more than five times what we have been spending on sidewalk repair and maintenance over the past several years. It is only through a dedicated funding source that we can commit to this level of investment.

Sidewalks have consistently been rated as a high priority by the community. Last year we made significant commitments to addressing the issue so young and old,

able bodied and those with mobility challenges, can begin to feel safer and more comfortable when walking Shoreline.

[slide 26] And now, City Manager Debbie Tarry is going to share some more accomplishments from the past year.

[DEBBIE WALKS TO THE PODIUM]

Thank you, Mayor.

I would like to start by recognizing the City Council for their leadership and their commitment to listening to the Shoreline community. Because of the Council's commitment, resources are made available so City staff can provide public services and deliver projects supporting Vision 2029. To ensure our work is reflective of the needs and desires of the Shoreline community, we seek a variety of ways to get resident input. One of the principal ways we get meaningful and effective feedback is through the biennial Resident Satisfaction Survey.

e. 2018 Resident Satisfaction Survey – Shoreline

residents continue to give their community high marks.

[slide 27] Sixty-nine percent of residents expressed satisfaction with the overall quality of services provided by the City; 77% expressed satisfaction with the overall quality of police services; and 83% were satisfied with City parks and recreation programs and facilities. And most importantly 92% of residents rate Shoreline as an excellent or good place to live.

Other key findings include 79% of residents stating they were satisfied with the overall image of the City; 66% saying they trust the City to spend their tax dollars responsibly; and 81% expressing an overall feeling of safety in Shoreline.

f. Grants

One of the critical tools in our toolbox for getting things done is the ability to leverage and supplement City revenues with grant funding. Without these grants, many of our most ambitious projects would be difficult to realize.

i. Grants for infrastructure improvements

[slide 28] In the past year, we received over \$6.5 million in new grant funding for utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure improvements. This includes funding for the intersection improvements at Westminster Way and 155th Street; Safe Routes to School projects around Ridgecrest Elementary; and a Complete Streets grant to build a shared use path from 5th Avenue NE to the entrance of the 195th Street pedestrian bridge over I-5.

ii. Best Starts for Kids Grant – Youth Teen Development Program

[slide 29] Two years ago, our Youth and Teen Development Program received a grant from King County through the Best Start for Kids levy for over \$500,000. The grant has allowed us to reach underserved youth through a youth employment program known as Youth Outreach Leadership and Opportunities Program, or YOLO.

YOLO is a jobs-skill, leadership development, and youth outreach program. Participants are paid to cultivate connections with peers who have traditionally been tough

to reach or are underserved. The peer-to-peer connections help to remove barriers to engagement in the community.

GUEST SPEAKER

Today, we are fortunate to have Kally Purevdorj (*Prev-dorj*) here to share her experience as one of our YOLO leaders. Kally is a senior at Shorewood High School.

[Kally INTRO]

[KALLY WALKS TO PODIUM]

Hello everyone, thank you for the opportunity to talk to you about my experience with the City of Shoreline Youth Program. It is an honor of me to speak in front of you amazing people. My name is Khaliun Purevdorj, but since it is really hard to pronounce, my friends call me Kally. I think that it is way easier, Khaliun is my Mongolian name. I came to the US when I was in 7th grade and my parents came here seeking more opportunities and better education.

I will be graduating from Shorewood High School in a few days and I am near the end of my experience with the

Shoreline Parks and Rec's YOLO program. Right now, I am extremely excited to start the new chapter of my life and academic career at the University of Washington in the upcoming fall quarter. I think that I would not be where I am without the resources and opportunities that Shoreline Park and Rec programs and YOLO have provided me.

When I first heard that Amanda Zollner who is the recreation supervisor, which is basically my boss chose me to speak about my experience with the YOLO program, I was so delighted and excited because I thought oh my god, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me. For me to express the accomplishments the YOLO team have done and also our future goals of the YOLO team in front of other community leaders and the public and not to mention the Mayor and the City Manager of Shoreline is just so unbelievable for me.

I heard about this job opportunity from my school's career center website. At the time I applied I was a junior, and I needed a second job and later on, the day I have seen the

post about this job, I saw a police officer who used to work at my school and who also happened to work at the Teen Center. He knew that I was really involved at school so he told me this opportunity would be perfect for me. So, then I applied. I mean I had to because he even introduced me to Amanda Zollner that day because she also again happened to be at my school where there was Basketball Tournament that happens during lunch on every Fridays at my school that staffs from Parks and Rec run. It was like it was meant to be.

If any of you guys aren't familiar with YOLO, it stands for Youth Outreach Leadership and Opportunities. There are 9 youth outreach leaders; 5 from Shorewood and 4 from Shorecrest. Us 9 provide information and support to help youth access programs and services, have the opportunity to outreach to our peers to assess the needed resources in our community and gain experience and knowledge on how to market and run youth programming in our community. The YOLO team works closely together to design and lead events throughout the year. We meet every Monday here at the City Hall to discuss our monthly

event and planning for the future and fix any issues that we as youth can fix.

One of my most absolute favorite events that YOLO has put on at the Teen Center was the Cultural Potluck that we put on. What we wanted to get out of this event was that do what teens love to do and celebrate cultures around the world in Shoreline. Teens loved the event because they ate food from all around the world and learned a little bit from each country and culture. And I think, that is the purpose and goal of the YOLO team and the Teen Center, it is to bring teens together at the Teen Center and welcome everyone. It was a successful event.

YOLO has been an amazing opportunity for me to merge the knowledge I've acquired from leadership and ASB work at school and design in order to reach youth that may not know about the resources available to them. I have found YOLO to be a very meaningful and fulfilling job because I know that I am helping youth, like me, to access the same resources that have brought me to so many opportunities.

I have learned so much from this job. As a first-generation student in my family, I know how easy it is to feel lost, especially when my whole family back in my home country and here are all looking up to me and depending on me. YOLO has the potential to transform our community by connecting the diverse youth of Shoreline and I feel very lucky to be a part of it. I will carry on what I learned from this experience I had in college and further in my career as a future dentist. Thank you so much!

[CM WALKS TO PODIUM]

Thank you, Kally

g. February Snow Event

While the City spends a significant amount of time in planning and delivering projects for our community, there are times when we are at the mercy of forces beyond our control. These are times when we are called to come together and help each other get through the challenges.

[slide 30] There is no better example of that than the “SNOW-POCALYPSE” this last winter.

February was the seventh snowiest month on record. For almost 13 days straight, we had staff working on alternating 12-hour shifts to provide 24-hour response. Over 50 employees were engaged in responding to the event, either through plowing and field operations or support. We worked closely with police, fire, Metro, local schools, the County, and the State to coordinate our response.

[slide 31] In a big snow event, crews are not just plowing roads. They have to ensure salt and de-icer are available and ready to be deployed; fix broken equipment and maintain vehicles; close roads and maintain the closures; clear downed trees and limbs; safely address downed wires; help dig out stuck cars that block roadways; get City facilities operational; and help Fire and Police navigate as they respond to life safety calls, all while trying to keep primary and secondary roads clear of snow and ice during the storms.

[slide 32] And that takes us to our next question. How many plows did the City use during the snow event?

[Give people time to vote.]

The correct answer is 6. **[slide 33]**

We had 4 pick-ups with plows and 2 dump trucks with plows. We also had 2 response vehicles that were used for checking streets, clearing limbs, and closing roads.

h. Emergency management

[slide 34] When things like these snowstorms hit, you will do a better job responding if you've prepared and made plans. Our planning made a difference in February. The City is committed to emergency preparedness. Our new emergency management coordinator, Jason McMillan, hit the ground running last year. He has emphasized preparedness, at the City and in the community.

[slide 35] We launched the Ready Shoreline Program which provides an opportunity to have training sessions and exercises conducted by the Office of Emergency Management in neighborhoods or at places of business. Basic disaster preparedness, business disaster response team training, and basic disaster first aid are just a few of the training topics that can be brought to the community.

We have also developed new volunteer opportunities for Shoreline residents and revitalized our volunteer Auxiliary Communications Service and Community Emergency Response Team.

We are currently developing a Neighborhood Emergency Information Relay System program, which seeks to provide a direct link between the city's Emergency Operations Center and our neighborhoods during times of emergency or disaster.

i. Neighborhoods

[slide 36] One of our greatest gifts are our strong neighborhoods. And our neighborhoods have been busy this past year!

[slide 37] The Briarcrest Neighborhood Association continues to deepen their commitment to emergency preparedness. This last year, they participated in regional exercises by setting up a relay station in Hamlin Park to test communications.

Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association broke its own record with 3,000 guests at their annual Ice Cream Social.

Echo Lake enhanced the Densmore Pathway with a new kiosk and little library, making the space even more welcoming.

Hillwood Community Network has finished major restoration work in the natural area of Hillwood Park and is moving forward to design and install informational signage to engage visitors and students in the history of the area.

[slide 38] And, finally, the Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association completed their mural project located on the north side of Spiro's at 185th and Aurora. Members of the Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association envisioned a mural that would welcome people who drive, bike, and walk through the intersection of North 185th and Aurora Avenue. The project represented partnerships between Richmond Highland neighbors, Spiro's, the City, and artist Will Schlough (**SCH-llow**), and it was funded in part by a Shoreline Neighborhood Mini-Grant.

i. Richmond Highland Mural –

The person who made the mural a reality, through her determination and fortitude, was Robin McClelland. Robin has been a dedicated member of our community for years and I think the mural is a great visual reminder of her legacy. Robin is with us today. Robin, please stand.

[APPLAUSE FOR ROBIN MCCLELLAND]

[slide 39] Now I want to turn it back over to the Mayor to talk about what's in store for the next year.

[MAYOR WALKS TO PODIUM]

III. Looking Forward

Thank you, Debbie. We've talked a lot about the importance of planning for the future, and there are times when significant plans require significant resources.

a. Community and Aquatics Center

i. What and why

[slide 40] If last year was the year of the sidewalk, this year is the year of the community and aquatics center. Over the past few years, we have been working with

Shoreline residents in planning for the development of a new community and aquatics center. Having been built in 1971, the current pool has reached the end of its useful life. It would need significant health and safety upgrades and other major maintenance to keep it operational. While we completed some major maintenance on the pool recently, it was only enough to keep it operational for a few more years. We have reached the point where applying band aids no longer makes economic sense.

[slide 41] Built in the 1950s, the Spartan Recreation Center is also in need of significant renovations. It is heavily used throughout the year, offering all kinds of recreation classes and opportunities and provides space for community meetings and events. However, it will soon no longer meet the growing and diverse needs of our community.

Just to give you an idea of how much activity there is at the pool and at Spartan, we have two questions for you.

[slide 42] First, how many hours was the pool in operation in 2017?

[Give people time to vote. Say a few words about the results.]

The answer is B, 5,009 hours. That's over 13 hours of operation every single day. That's a lot of hours for a pool that has reached the end of its useful life.

[slide 43] Now, how many adult recreational classes were held in 2017?

[Give people time to vote. Say a few words about the results.]

The answer is A, 298 classes. Our pool and recreation center are heavily used as you can see.

[slide 44] Council has asked staff to draft legislation to place a ballot measure on the November general election ballot to build a new community and aquatics center. Council will discuss the legislation on June 24 with a potential for adoption in late July. The proposed facility will have: a competitive 8-lane lap pool; pool viewing space for up to 500 spectators; a separate recreation pool; community gathering areas including space for senior programs and a commercial kitchen; two gyms; and

classroom space for a variety of programs. It will truly be an intergenerational facility.

[slide 45] As part of the effort to study this issue, the Park Funding Advisory Committee, a group of 15 Shoreline residents, met for seven months to explore funding options for a new community and aquatics center.

ii. PFAC – Guest Speaker

Here to talk about her experience on the committee is Carolyn Hope. Carolyn and her family have lived in the Ridgecrest neighborhood since 2002. Her son attended Ridgecrest Elementary, Kellogg Middle School and Shorecrest High School and is now at WSU. Her husband works at Boeing in Everett. Carolyn works for the City of Redmond as the Park Planning and Cultural Arts Manager. Carolyn says they love the centrality of Shoreline, with easy access to transit, parks, and trails. And so do we. Carolyn.

[CAROLYN WALKS TO PODIUM]

Good morning.

Although I feel like I moved to Shoreline just a short time ago, it has now been 17 years. I am a proud resident of Shoreline's Ridgecrest neighborhood. I live adjacent to Northcrest Park and a short walk away from Hamlin Park, Paramount Park, and South Woods. As a runner and dog walker, I love having easy access to walking loops that incorporate these parks and even the Interurban Trail and school properties. When my son was small, he played baseball and soccer at some of these parks, we taught him how to ride his bike there, hosted birthday parties at the parks, and joined our neighbors for ice cream socials and Halloween fun as well.

For the past ten years, I have also been a member of the North End Otters Master's Swim Team at the Shoreline Pool. They have been renting the pool for over 20 years. I attended a couple of practices thinking I would hone my swimming skills for a couple of months and I was amazed at the comradery and support of all the great people and the coach.

Honestly, sometimes I think about moving closer to work or we thought about moving into a bigger house when my son was little and a couple of things really make it hard –

1. My awesome neighbors – do you know I have such faith and trust in so many of my neighbors that I think 5 of them have a key to my house? Some I met because they live next door and others through the neighborhood association or the Little League and soccer teams.

2. My access to great parks and the Shoreline Pool. Not all cities have parks within walking distance of your home and very few cities have a pool anymore.

So last year, when I saw the call for volunteers to work on the Community and Aquatics Center Funding Committee, I practically jumped out of my seat. Now, you might think that I am exaggerating, but I neglected to tell you that I am also a policy junkie. I love serving on City committees to help shape our future.

I actually started volunteering for city committees about 12 years ago and I have enjoyed every experience no matter

the topic – from transportation issues, financial planning, trail planning and now this.

I am particularly passionate about the Community and Aquatics Center Funding Committee because our region is losing sight of the value of aquatics. More than 50 years ago, the county spearheaded a funding mechanism called Forward Thrust that invested in a regional system of pools and parks. Many of those pools reached the end of their lives and closed. We are very fortunate that the City of Shoreline has invested in maintenance of our pool and it is in good shape compared to some others that are still open but are truly on life support. Shoreline is also forward thinking, trying to plan and build a new facility before our pool must close its doors. Also, the plans include expanding service to meet our future growth needs.

I have heard some people ask why a local government should be in the pool business, since there are privately run pools around. I will tell you that public pools – are just that – public, they serve ALL people regardless of income, age, physical capabilities, or background. Cities like

Shoreline offer scholarships for people with lower incomes to ensure they can participate in programs. City recreation programs are geared toward serving the entry level programs such as learn to swim, and general day to day fitness such as lap swimming and water aerobics, and many times they rent to outside groups such as school swim teams and master's teams like mine. All of these people represent our community. One of the most valuable things about a community and aquatics center is that whole families can recreate together at the same time, whether it be in the same program or maybe mom takes a swim in the lap pool while her daughter is in a swim class across the way. Also, community centers like this are meeting places, where you meet people in your community and expand your circle of friends and where community groups can rent rooms to hold meetings or events. All of these things contribute to our high quality of life and should be valued.

What I enjoyed the most about serving on the Community and Aquatics Funding Committee was meeting more of my neighbors of all different ages, backgrounds, perspectives,

and neighborhoods and listening to their ideas, stories and opinions. Although most of us didn't know each other and did not have the same experiences, and there was some pushing and pulling, in the end - we truly coalesced around similar ideas. I also really cherished how many younger adults and youth are motivated to serve the city and share their ideas. When I first started volunteering for the city, I was one of the youngest volunteers and maybe one of two my age. Now I have gotten older for sure since 2007, but there were many 30 somethings on this committee – helping shape the future of our city. No matter what your age, income, culture, own/rent status, or neighborhood, I hope you will consider volunteering on future committees and feel the value of participating in the planning of our future.

[MAYOR WALKS TO PODIUM]

Thank you, Carolyn. And thank you to all the members of the Advisory Committee who worked so hard on this very important issue.

b. Sound Transit

[slide 46] Of course, I am happy to point out we are not the only ones making significant investments in our community. Sound Transit is preparing to provide fast and reliable train and bus service that will connect Shoreline to key destinations, north, south and east of here.

i. Lynnwood Link Extension

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And while we all eagerly await the start of service in 2024, I think it is important to recognize that there will be a lot of very messy construction occurring over the next several years that, at times, will be frustrating and challenging. Prep work for light rail has already started and construction of the track, guideways, and stations will begin later this year. Our team will work closely with Sound Transit to help minimize impacts the best we can, but patience for all of us will be important.

ii. 145th BRT

[slide 48] In addition to light rail, Sound Transit's Bus Rapid Transit service, or Stride, is also coming to

Shoreline. It will make travel between the new Shoreline South light rail station and Bothell fast and reliable.

As part of constructing the system, 145th Street will see improvements to bike and pedestrian connections as well as some traffic safety improvements. Sound Transit, Shoreline, WSDOT, Seattle, and other important partners are looking at how the BRT system will operate throughout the corridor. Needed improvements will advance an important part of our vision for this vital east/west route.

c. Diversity and Inclusion

[slide 49] We can and will continue to focus on our projects and plans and our ideas and investments. They are crucial to our future. But as Coretta Scott King said, “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” And to maintain the greatness that lives within the communities of Shoreline, we are committed to embracing the diversity of our residents and taking every step to ensure they are included in the fabric of what we are creating.

We recently completed our pilot Community Bridge program, which focused on multilingual participants. The goal was to increase their understanding of Shoreline's government structure, the services we offer, and what resources are available to them. In addition to providing residents with an opportunity to learn about the City, our goal is to build stronger relationships with diverse community members and improve our ability to serve all of our residents.

In addition to our internal work, we continue to look at ways to partner in the community to support residents and support a community that is inclusive and welcoming to all.

Over the past year, city staff have supported many community events and conversations about race, culture, immigrant rights, and other topics. Through World Dance, Welcoming Week, and other events, the City is committed to supporting residents in their efforts to increase equity in their neighborhoods, schools, and communities.

[slide 50] Another group that is helping to open dialogue among neighbors around diversity and traditionally

marginalized groups is the Social Justice Book Group. Cecelia Romero Likes formed the book group to focus on books written from the perspective of people of color, the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups, as well as on social issues, such as immigration and poverty.

We are honored to have Cecelia with us today to share with us why she felt it was important to start this group. Cecelia is an artist and writer who has lived in Shoreline for three years. She and her husband moved here to start their family with their now three-year old daughter. Cecelia says that while she was sad to leave the buzz of the city, she's abundantly grateful for the community she's found in Shoreline. And we are grateful she is here with us today. Cecelia.

[CECELIA WALKS TO THE PODIUM]

Good morning! It's so nice to be with you all today. If you're anything like me, getting up before eight feels like an accomplishment, so you should pat yourself on the back.

I was going to start this speech by saying that I never would have imagined starting up a book club, but that's not true. I'm actually a pretty big nerd. It is true though, that I never expected to start up a book club, partner with the City and the Library, and create an event that has an impact on people in ways that it has.

I'm a part of faith community that really values putting down deep roots and being invested and connected in your neighborhood. It's there that the idea of starting a book club was suggested to me. At first, I brushed away the idea. As the mother of a one year old at the time, I just didn't feel like I had the bandwidth. But it kept coming back around to me.

It wasn't until I read the novel "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas that I felt inspired to do something. The novel is about the Black Lives Matter movement, and after reading it, I genuinely felt more enlightened about the lived Black experience in America. I've read a lot of non-fiction about race, and racism, and bias, but nothing has had the impact of this book. It moved me very deeply. So I reached out to

Suni, Shoreline's Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, with this idea to start a book club focused on social justice.

When we started last February, I found myself in this same spot, speaking to a room of 90 people, way more than any of us involved in the planning imagined.

Admittedly, our group has dwindled since then, but we have a consistent core of people who show up to every meeting, ready to share. And we don't only share about the books, the narrative structure or what we liked or didn't like about them. We share our beliefs, how our perceptions were challenged and in some cases affirmed by the books we've read. We share our own personal experiences, and we share ourselves. We've built a community and, as she was leaving book group, one woman, even told me that our community was "saving her life."

I've been so grateful for the Social Justice Book Group, for Suni and Denise and all of their help and passion around it, I'm grateful for the participants who show up willing to read and willing to have difficult conversations that might

change them. I'm grateful for the ways that people have shown up honestly and shared things about themselves that they might not feel free to share anywhere else. But I think I'm most grateful that The Social Justice Book Group is a part of the fabric of the city. I can only hope that it continues on as Shoreline grows and changes, and that it can be a safe place for our citizens to grow and change, too. Thank you.

[MAYOR WALKS TO PODIUM]

Thank you, Cecelia.

IV. Conclusion

[slide 51] As we end today's program, I want to thank each of you for coming this morning. We are halfway through Vision 2029. Let's continue to work together to fulfill that vision and make Shoreline a community for all generations!