

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

February 5, 2020  
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Briarcrest – Bill Dwyer  
Echo Lake – Gidget Terpstra  
Highland Terrace – Maria Ales  
Hillwood – Ann Erickson  
North City – Dan Dale  
Richmond Beach – Tom Petersen  
Richmond Highlands – Pete Gerhard, Kathy Plant  
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Rebecca Hood

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Colleen Kelly, Community Services Manager; Constance Perenyi, Neighborhoods Coordinator; Emily Rankin, Fellow in the City Manager’s Office

**GUESTS:** Lisa Surowiec, NUHSA

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Dan Dale called the meeting to order.

**II. Review and approve minutes for November 2019 and January 2020; February 5 agenda**

Minutes and agenda were approved unanimously.

**III. Public Comment**

Pete Gerhard (Richmond Highlands) shared that as a volunteer with Shoreline’s Community Court, he has become increasingly aware of how many people need community service hours. He urged CON members to keep this in mind as they look for volunteers for neighborhood events.

**IV. Visiting Councilmember Update**

Councilmember Doris McConnell said that she is very excited to be serving another 4 years. She feels that people responded to her experience and the way she listens to the community.

Councilmember McConnell reported that Community Court, which has been very successful in other communities, is starting out well in Shoreline. She also shared that she is becoming increasingly involved in the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center. She was particularly concerned about misinformation about Proposition 1 that shaped Senior Center response. She was asked to be on the Center board but decided she could be more helpful by attending meetings.

Councilmember McConnell gave an update on the Storage Court property purchase on Midvale. The City has completed acquisition of Storage Court property here on Midvale, but cut back on purchasing adjacent property because of the price tag. Council will discuss options for future of Shoreline’s recreation facilities and aquatic programs, including potentially going out to voters again with a new

proposal. There are lots of questions about timing and when to do that. Council will be talking about the future of the project at their retreat at the end of the month. Councilmember McConnell shared that she personally has purchased real estate and does not believe prices will go down, so it makes sense to move forward with purchasing property now. The City will continue to operate the storage facility until a decision on the community and aquatics center is made. Should it become necessary to close the storage business, tenants will receive relocation assistance as required by law. Income generated from operation of the facility goes towards debt service to purchase property and operational expenses.

Next, Councilmember McConnell updated the situation at Fircrest. Over the past year, the State Legislature has expressed interest in several projects at Fircrest. Since Shoreline doesn't own any of the property, there are lots of conversations yet to happen. There are obvious needs of affordable housing and encouragement of economic development. For now, the State is willing to let the dog park continue. Council will ultimately be responsible for reviewing master plan.

The third topic Councilmember McConnell addressed are the trees on Dayton Avenue. There has been a lot of concern in the community about the possibility of most of them being cut down as the Washington State Department of Transportation expands their facility and is required to do frontage improvements. WSDOT is hearing people's concerns. There are 378 existing trees, with 130 initially shown as slated for removal. The City has been working with WSDOT and an arborist and expects most will be saved.

Q: Pete Gerhard asked if the City can sell the storage court if necessary. And what about the interest Lake Forest Park has expressed in supporting a facility if it is closer to LFP?

A: Yes, sale of the property is an option if the City does not move ahead with that site. In regards to developing a community center closer to LFP, there just isn't adequate land and zoning is an issue.

Q: Dan Dale (North City) asked about the possibility of other funding streams for a community/aquatics facility. He followed with a question about naming rights.

A: That conversation has been had, but where are those partners? Councilmember McConnell said that there had been a dinner meeting with Parks Foundations. They were disappointed in the amount of money raised by the Foundation in Seattle. Naming rights have also been discussed, but no one has expressed interest in donating enough money to make it work.

Patty Hale (Ridgecrest) shared two observations. The first was that in initial meetings about Fircrest, there were lots of people who wanted to support partnerships on the site. Second, she believes the City is actually the bad guy in the WSDOT tree removal issue. The extent of redevelopment of the site triggered code-required frontage improvements.

## **VI. The Census Is Coming**

Emily Rankin, City Manager's Office Fellow, is doing outreach and engagement for the City of Shoreline for the upcoming census. Much of her work is focused on underrepresented communities and families who are often undercounted.

Some key points:

\*April 1 is the deadline to complete Census questionnaires. Letters go out to households from March 12 – 20 explaining how to complete the census. This can be done online, or people can call to do it over the phone, or can request a paper copy to fill out.

\*Enumerators, the people who will go to people's homes if they have not submitted their information, will not be going out until April or May.

\*There will be community events starting soon to inform people, including a Census 101 workshop at City Hall on February 27, 3 to 4:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Councilmember McConnell noted that Council added money into Census Count education.

What is at stake if Census numbers don't reflect the reality of the population? In the U.S., \$675 billion of allocations depend on census data, affecting everything from school funding to senior care. At the state level, every family missed by the Census causes Washington to lose \$6,000 in federal funding. This then impacts the City. And it isn't just funding but an inaccurate count can result in a loss of representation at the federal level. Patty Hale pointed out it could also have an impact on potential new businesses coming to Shoreline.

Emily urged CON members to share information through their neighborhood groups. Constance will send a flyer to post immediately. For events planned in the summer, contact Emily to see if it makes sense to have a Census table. Dan Dale suggested a friendly competition challenging Shoreline residents to predict the new population of their City.

The flyer shared at the meeting is included below.

### **VIII. Severe Weather Shelter in Shoreline**

Lisa Surowiec from the North Urban Human Services Alliance shared information about the Severe Weather Shelter in Shoreline. This is organized by NUHSA, with support of the City, and opens at night when the temperature drops to 34 degrees or lower for 4 or more hours. The decision to operate is made by 9:30 a.m. on a day-to-day basis, and word goes out on a hotline and through a distribution network. The hotline number is (206) 801- 2797.

The shelter operates in a portion of the old police station on 185<sup>th</sup>. It has a small kitchen where people can get hot water for warm beverages and instant noodle soups. The top night hosted 10 people, the lowest 2.

33 volunteers have been trained, and so far, 20 have responded and done shifts when called. All of them note the strong community connections between people who are using the services at the shelter.

Colleen Kelly, City staff who helped launch this, noted that organizers modeled the parameters around a shelter that has been running in Lynnwood for 10 years. Although there is certainly more need than this effort can meet, it is a beginning in Shoreline.

Q. Kathy Plant (Richmond Highlands) and Maria Ales (Highland Terrace) asked what kind of support is needed.

A. Community donations of snacks, sleeping bags, blankets, Cup of Noodles, and pillows are most helpful. These can be brought to Colleen at City Hall.

Q. Dan Dale asked what happens next year?

A. The current building is under contract for sale and won't be available next winter. NUHSA and the City will search again for a space.

### **IX. Human Services in the City**

Colleen Kelly, Community Services Manager, explained the City's role in supporting human service providers in Shoreline. Please see her full presentation below.

Q. Patty Hale talked about school lunch debt and expressed her concern that hungry students are lost in the mix. Who can help with that?

A. Colleen said the first place to start addressing this concern is with the Shoreline School District. Other districts in the area are actively working to prevent families from going into debt so their children can get lunches. Start with the School Board to voice concerns and start changing policy. It is also a perfect option for fundraising in the community with organizations like Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Q. Bill Dwyer (Briarcrest) is a Community Court volunteer. He is noticing that the resource center set up during court is not drawing many community members. How can we get the word out? Through churches, encampments, other places?

A. Those are great ideas, and there are lots of opportunities. Colleen noted that it may take a while. In Redmond, there was a resource center before their community court started.

Gidget Terpstra (Echo Lake) shared her observation that historically, resource money for human services has been heavily invested in the South end of King County. She was pleased that Shoreline is involved in the Homeless Authority and other efforts to make sure Shoreline is at the table when these issues are discussed and money allocated.

#### **X. Neighborhood Announcements**

- Hillwood: Ann Erickson noted that after the January training, Hillwood took the YOLO advice to set up an Instagram account. 13 volunteers pitched in to spread chips on the 198<sup>th</sup> Street trail.
- Highland Terrace: Maria Ales thanked all the neighborhoods who have lent their support to preserving trees on Dayton. It has been a big concern for the Highland Terrace Neighborhood Association.
- Echo Lake: ELNA is partnering with Echo Lake Elementary School on an art project. Gidget Terpstra said that the neighborhood is excited about a series of growing healthy lawns in March.
- Richmond Highlands: Kathy Plant noted that the RHNA leadership team is starting to grow. She reminded CON members that the Bicycle Rodeo materials are available for other neighborhoods to use. She will even mentor. Pete Gerhard reported that RHNA leaders are meeting with Parks Director Eric Friedli soon to talk about possibilities to improve the lot on 185<sup>th</sup> and Aurora adjacent to mural.
- Richmond Beach: Tom Petersen noted that even after the Wellness Series was derailed by snow last year, RBCA was trying again. Information is on their website. He expressed excitement about turnover on the RBCA board, and enthusiasm of new members. March 7 is the next blood drive. And Tom invited everyone to celebrate 20 years of bluegrass at the Little Store on Richmond Beach Road. He has been part of a group that plays on the first Sunday of the month from about 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Ridgecrest: Patty Hale reported that the RNA board is planning to add a youth position, which requires adjusting bylaws and thinking through what a youth representative will do. RNA is partnering with the PTA to present a movie night at Ridgecrest Elementary, a fun event that may be offered quarterly. The Million Step/Million Stair competitions will be held in the spring, combined this year as a reinvented event. More soon.
- North City: Dan Dale announced that NCNA will host a neighborhood social at Monka Brewery on Tuesday, February 25. Although this will be primarily a way for people to get to know each other, it will give NCNA a way to find out what neighbors think about hot topics and what speakers they would like to hear at upcoming meetings. NCNA will also be part of a welcoming

event when the new North City Fire Station opens in July. Dan also said that he found interesting the Currents article about roundabouts in NC, and that he has developed a regular cadence of communication with Sound Transit.

#### **XI. Neighborhoods Coordinator Report**

Constance announced that revised Mini-Grant applications will be available at the end of February. She asked everyone to save the date for the Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 15 (yes, it is tax day, but even better to celebrate paying your dues as volunteers!). This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Earth Day. There will be an Earth Day clean-up at Shoreline Community College. Watch for more information about that and other opportunities, and if any neighborhoods want to do their own clean ups or other Earth Day events, please let Constance know.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

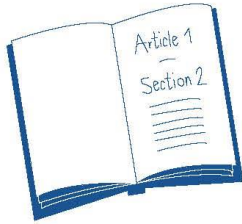


# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!  
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

## Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

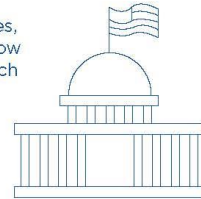


## It's in the Constitution.

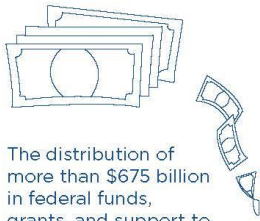
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

## It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

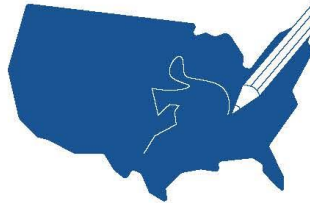


## It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.



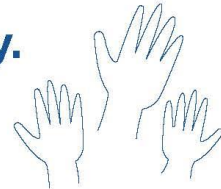
## It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

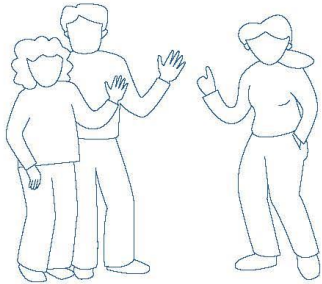


## Taking part is your civic duty.

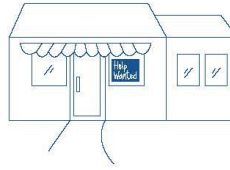
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



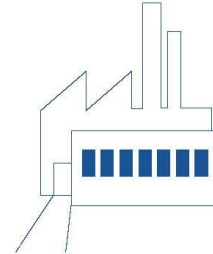
## Census data are being used all around you.



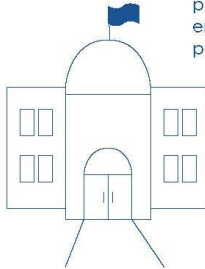
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



## Your privacy is protected.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.



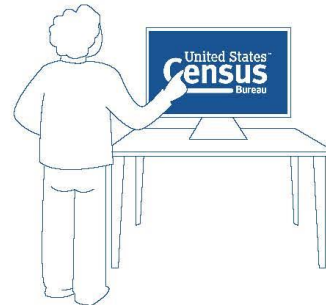
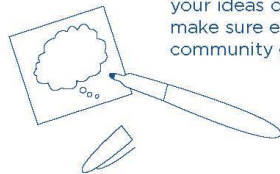
## 2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



## You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.



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# HUMAN SERVICES

...PROMOTES INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELL BEING BY INCREASING SELF-SUFFICIENCY, REDUCING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF ADVERSE LIFE EVENTS, AND HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

## GUIDING POLICY

- HUMAN SERVICES PLAN
- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: HOUSING ELEMENT
- VISION 2029- INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

## CITY ROLES

- PLAN/FUND
- LEAD/CONVENE/PARTNER
- ADVOCATE



# KEY DATA

SHORELINE POPULATION: 56,752



% PERSONS LIVING IN POVERTY\*: 8.5% (4824 PERSONS)

% PERSONS OVER 65: 17.6% (9988 PERSONS)

% PERSONS NOT BORN IN THE US: 19.9% (11,294)

\*POVERTY LEVEL=\$16,460 FOR FAMILY OF 2

\$25,100 FOR A FAMILY OF 4

# FUND



\$904,000 FOR 2019-2020  
\$921,000 FOR 2021-2022

PLANNED INCREASES TO 1% GENERAL  
FUND BY 2022

CURRENT FUNDING SUPPORTS

- 11 AGENCIES
- 20 PROGRAMS

FOCUS AREAS INCLUDE

- BASIC NEEDS
- HOMELESSNESS
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

MAJOR AGENCIES

- CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES
- HOPELINK

# LEAD/CONVENE/PARTNER

NORTH URBAN HUMAN SERVICES ALLIANCE

COMMUNITY RESOURCE TEAM

ALL HOME/NEW REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

BACK TO SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY BASKET EVENTS



# ADVOCATE



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