

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

May 7, 2008
7:00p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – Londa Jacques
Briarcrest – Bill Bear, Bettelinn Brown
Echo Lake – Marcie Riedinger, Barbara Guthrie
Highland Terrace – Bob Barta
Hillwood – Lee Michaelis, Ann Erickson
Innis Arden – Judy Allen, Stacy Gillett
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson
Richmond Highlands – Naomi Hardy
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale
Westminster – Kathy Marden, Mary Jo Heller

VISITORS PRESENT: Briarcrest resident Dan Henry and visitor Greg Hardy.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Dick Deal, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services,
Rob
Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public
Outreach
Coordinator.

I. Call to Order

Chair Patty Hale called the meeting to order. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously.
The minutes of the April 2, 2008 meeting were approved.

II. A. Report on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Dick Deal, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Chair Hale introduced Dick Deal who has headed up Shoreline's Parks Department for nearly five years after a 32 year career in Auburn.

Mr. Deal described a variety of projects and accomplishments, many made possible by the 2006 Parks and Open Space Bond. He stated that the City is working hard to get bond funded projects designed and constructed to meet the needs of the community. The City is planning to spend 85% of the bond money by November 2009. Projects include:

- The City has completed the acquisition of 25 acres of open space, including Southwoods adjacent to Shorewood High School, and Seattle Public Utilities property on the north end of Hamlin Park; and Kruckeberg Botanic Garden;
- Trail Corridor Improvements will include a sidewalk on NE 150th at Southwoods, soft surface trails at Hamlin Park, Boeing Creek Park, Shoreview Park and Innis Arden Reserve M;
- Urban Forest Assessment occurring in four major parks: Hamlin, Southwoods, Boeing

Creek, and Shoreview;

- Boeing Creek Park Improvements, including \$1.1 million from King County as mitigation for the major sewer project in the park for trails, a restroom, surface water improvements and bridge over the creek; Phase I of these improvements is now underway.
- Implementation of master planned improvements at Saltwater Park and Cromwell Park;
- Improvement projects at Twin Ponds (turf), Hamlin (ball fields), tennis courts (lights), Richmond Highlands (field improvements)

In response to questions from neighborhood representatives, Mr. Deal provided a variety of information:

- Kruckeberg Botanic Garden is open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and tours are available by appointment;
- The City is developing standards for improved signage at parks, including interpretive signage that may include historical information about former uses of the property;

In response to a concern about bicyclist safety on the Interurban Trail, specifically crossing N 145th where bicyclists don't always heed cars, Mr. Deal said he would look at increasing signage or other safety improvements.

B. Old Business

• Nominating Committee Report and Slate of Officers for Council of Neighborhoods Executive Board, 2008-2009

Chair Hale reported as a representative of the nominating committee consisting of Stacy Gillett, Tom Petersen and Patty Hale. She reminded neighborhood representatives that the existing Board members had all served the limit of two consecutive terms in one office. Chair Hale reported the nominating committee made a goal of recruiting some new faces for the Executive Board.

Chair Hale announced the nominating committee's slate of candidates for the 2008-2009 Council of Neighborhoods Executive Board as follows

Chair – Nate Cataldo, Highland Terrace
Vice-Chair – Lee Michaelis Hillwood
Secretary – Barbara Guthrie, Echo Lake

After soliciting nominations from the floor and receiving none, Chair Hale asked for a vote. The proposed slate of candidates was unanimously elected.

II. Public Comment

Mr. Art Wadenkamper, Chair of the Ronald Wastewater Sewer District, provided public testimony. Mr. Wadenkamper stated in 2001 Ronald Wastewater acquired the old Lake City Sewer District from the City of Seattle. Since that time approximately 19,000 residents in the acquired area have

been disenfranchised, unable to vote for district commissioners or run for district office. Mr. Wadenkamper announced the sewer district hoped to remedy the situation by putting an annexation measure on the ballot in August 2008. Mr. Wadenkamper and Michael Derrick, General Manager for the Ronald Wastewater asked to be invited to neighborhood association meetings to explain the annexation.

IV. Neighborhood Roundtable

Mary Jo Heller, Westminster – the neighborhood is currently without a chair and has not had any recent activity. A company that runs group homes has recently purchased two contiguous houses and proposes to put up three additional houses for Alzheimer's patients. Ms. Heller expressed concern about the cutting of trees on the property. She also mentioned the former gas station site at Dayton & Westminster has been transformed into a pleasant green space by the City.

Marcie Riedinger, Echo Lake –

In April Vicki Stiles from the Historical Museum came to the neighborhood meeting with photos and information to describe the history of the neighborhood. Attendees participated in telling stories and the topic was a fun one. The May meeting will look at fun things to do in Shoreline. Earth Day clean up efforts in Echo Lake Park were cancelled on April 19 due to snow in the park.

Gretchen Atkinson, Meridian Park – May 3 Embracing Shoreline Schools was successful at Meridian Park Elementary where 23 hearty volunteers braved the rainy weather to weed out three yards of debris and lay down 5 yards of bark.

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – ABCD training on April 26 was great. The neighborhood has hosted a Ladies Night Out, Cinco de Mayo celebration and wind tasting. The sewer construction is coming to a close; the highest compliments to Coluccio Construction and King County for an extraordinary job and keeping the neighborhood informed.

Londa Jacques, Ballinger Neighborhood – May 10 is the next neighborhood conversation café at Ballinger Way Starbucks on the second Saturday of the month. Loved ABCD training.

Patty Hale, Ridgecrest – handed out business cards with Ridgecrest information at the May 3 Embracing Shoreline schools cleanup. Next general meeting is a garden program on May 28; Adam Yaw, the artist for Ridgecrest neighborhood banners will be introduced.

Bill Bear, Briarcrest – one meeting has been held for the SE Neighborhoods Subarea Plan with about 30 people in attendance. A second meeting is scheduled for May 20 at Fircrest to discuss development in the neighborhood in more depth. ABCD training had some great ideas; would love to see a gathering place at Sunshine Deli. May 3 cleanup day brought most church volunteers to Kellogg Middle School. Interested in following the idea of expanding the state Health Lab on the Fircrest campus; intend to be a part of the risk assessment review.

Bettelinn Brown, Briarcrest – Jim Diers enthusiasm at the ABCD training is contagious. He made great suggestions such as doing a project instead of meeting and injecting humor into the process. Diers also talked about finding out where people are

and what organizations they currently belong to (PTA, church, etc.) and expanding efforts to reach out to them.

Bob Barta, Highland Terrace – there is a new Block Watch and potentially a second as a result of a break in. There was a Fremont Trail work party in April led by Forest Villa. The neighborhood is helping the PTA with the urban forest at 160th & Greenwood.

Lee Michaelis, Hillwood – the neighborhood traffic planning process has started and the advisory committee is forming. On May 17 the neighborhood will have a park cleanup. The new play structure should also be installed by then. There were about 30 people at Einstein Middle School on May 3, and made a good connection with Calvin Presbyterian there. The sign project is underway with a volunteer revising the logo.

V. Neighborhoods Program Report

Nora Smith, Neighborhood and Public Outreach Coordinator

Ms. Smith encouraged neighborhood representatives to ask for assistance from the Community Services Division to produce publicity such as signs for meetings or business cards with neighborhood Web site and contact information which some neighborhoods used May 3. Ms. Atkinson said she left some cards at Meridian Park Elementary.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.