

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

April 2, 2008
7:00p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Briarcrest – Bill Bear, Bettelinn Brown
Echo Lake – Marcie Reidinger, Linda Cranfill
Highland Terrace – Bob Barta, Greg Logan
Hillwood – Ann Erickson, Anna Marchini
Innis Arden – Judy Allen, Stacy Gillett
Richmond Beach – Tom Peterson
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale

VISITORS PRESENT: Meridian Park resident Gretchen Atkinson, North City resident Nan Skinner, Hillwood resident Boni Biery.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: 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. Three typos were corrected from the March 5, 2008 meeting; the substance of the minutes was approved.

II. A. New Business

◆ Report on Proposed Environmental Sustainability Strategy

Chair Hale stated that one of the 2007-2008 City Council goals is to “create an ‘environmentally sustainable community.’” Chair Hale introduced Juniper Nammi, Project Manager from the Department of Planning and Development Services, to update the group on the proposed strategy and adoption process.

Ms. Nammi pointed out that this is a strategy, not a plan, which provides a set of tools to tie together a variety of efforts to implement sustainability but it does not replace comprehensive planning. The creation process included two community conversations last fall and extensive research into programs and options. The result is a 186 page strategy, currently available for public review on the City’s Web site.

The upcoming schedule includes: April 14 public hearing, May 5 Council discussion, and June 9 proposed adoption by the Council.

Ms. Nammi outlined key strategy components: 10 guiding principles primarily directed towards City operations and leadership; five focus areas; and 50 recommendations in those focus areas. The five focus areas include:

- City operations, practices and outreach
- Energy conservation and carbon reduction
- Resource conservation and waste reduction

- Sustainable development and green infrastructure
- Ecosystem conservation and resource stewardship

Ms. Nammi highlighted how some of the objectives might translate into recommendations for action and related indicators would be developed to measure effectiveness. She used an example of green streets considering a variety of elements of streets including safety, bicycle and pedestrian use, storm water management and improving water quality.

Ms. Nammi stated that the adoption of the strategy is not equal to required implementation of every recommendation; the recommendations will be evaluated in light of work plan and budget.

The Council of Neighborhood representatives made comments and asked a variety of questions. Mr. Bear commented that the number of people in the city is not addressed as a key indicator, even though more people means more pollution. Ms. Hale commented that the City of Shoreline is forward thinking for example being one of the first cities in the nation to include fluorescent light bulb recycling in the new curbside service.

Ms. Brown asked if trees are being addressed comprehensively. Ms. Nammi encouraged Ms. Brown to review the strategy and provide written comments about what is missing before the May hearing.

Mr. Bear asked if, depending on what the indicators show, the city might stop issuing a DNS for new permits. Ms. Nammi stated that the indicators are not thresholds under SEPA; the city hopes to integrate sustainability so thoroughly into the codes that thresholds don't need revision e.g. the storm water standards are currently under review.

Mr. Logan asked for a working definition of sustainability. Ms. Nammi read the definition included in the strategy: "sustainability is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Ms. Allen asked how priorities will be chosen for implementation, especially if the cost is higher to change to a new practice. Ms. Nammi replied that cost will certainly be considered. There are a couple of factors to consider: one is that costs decrease as demand increases and life cycle costs will be looked at so that an initial higher investment might still be cheaper over the life of the system.

In response to a question regarding tree canopy and storm water, Ms. Nammi said that a redevelopment question is - Can we soak storm water into the ground to reduce peak flow and clean up the water?

Mr. Barta asked if drainage staff who deal with storm water and surface water were involved with the strategy. Ms. Nammi responded that these and many other city staff were involved in the development of the strategy.

◆ **Establishing a Nominating Committee for Election of Officers**

Chair Hale stated that each April we establish a nominating committee to identify candidates for the May election of Executive Board members for the Council of

Neighborhoods. There are two ways to be a part of this process 1) consider serving on the Board or 2) serve on the nominating committee.

Ms. Hale said the Board consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary and past Chair. The Board works with staff to determine the agenda for each meeting, can establish committees or task forces, and administer the Council of Neighborhoods as needed. Council of Neighborhoods bylaws state “no person shall serve more than two consecutive terms in any one office.” Ms. Hale said the current Executive Board – Patty Hale as Chair, Judy Allen as Vice Chair and Marcie Riedinger as Secretary – have served two terms and therefore none can serve in our current positions for another term.

In response to Chair Hale’s request for volunteers Tom Petersen, Stacy Gillett and Patty Hale volunteered to serve on the nominating committee.

B. Old Business

◆ May Cleanup Day

Chair Hale said at the March meeting the Board proposed the idea of a May cleanup day and asked representatives to go back to your neighborhoods and discuss the idea.

Chair Hale said there is a cleanup day schedule in early May as a joint effort between a coalition of Shoreline churches and the School District and asked Ms. Smith to report on it. Ms. Smith reported that a coalition of 15 churches has offered to do school cleanups on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 am to noon. The churches have been paired with Shoreline District Schools and the effort is called “Embracing Shoreline Schools.”

Chair Hale outlined options to participate in the May 3 effort, or hold a separate cleanup day or do nothing in May and called for discussion.

After discussion, the following neighborhoods identified their interests:

- Briarcrest will put out a call for participation in the May 3 school cleanup
- Echo Lake will support the cleanup at the school on May 3
- Highland Terrace will support the cleanup organized by the landscape committee at the school on May 3
- Hillwood has scheduled a park cleanup on May 17
- Innis Arden will try to organize a cleanup at the neighborhood entrance
- Ridgecrest will support the cleanup at the school on May 3

Ms. Hale said city staff can help produce signs or flyers or business card hand outs if requested by neighborhoods to use for publicity at the May cleanup.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Neighborhood Roundtable

Gretchen Atkinson – inviting anyone to participate in the Celebrate Shoreline Parade planning meeting on April 15 and the visioning meeting on getting along across the aisle, planned by Forward Shoreline at Crista campus.

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – Innis Arden has a new logo on their newsletter, stationary, etc. The Rummage Sale in March brought in \$12,000 and the Easter Egg hunt was a success.

Bob Barta, Highland Terrace – Approximately 20 people showed up for the Neighborhood Traffic Action Planning meeting. The neighborhood has started neighborhood mapping for emergency preparedness.

Linda Cranfill, Echo Lake – the next meeting will have Vickie Stiles from the Historical Museum and some old timers. There is an Earth Day work party scheduled at Echo Lake Park. The May meeting will have ideas on what to do in Shoreline when you're looking for something to do.

Patty Hale, Ridgecrest – The May meeting will be the general election of officers and a spring topic presentation.

Bill Bear, Briarcrest – The neighborhood anniversary party on March 29 had 60 people attend and everyone enjoyed great music. The lesson learned is that the people that came were the ones that were personally invited. The subarea planning process is generating interest.

Bettelinn Brown, Briarcrest – A variety of neighbors toured the area with city staff and the consultant as part of the subarea planning process. Another similar meeting is scheduled with the goal of being neighborhood-driven, not staff driven. Bettelinn would like the process to have the people at the top of the pyramid or process.

Tom Petersen, Richmond Beach – the blood drive on March 7 was successful. On March 19 there was a large turn out of the public to join the UW students in the restoration work at Saltwater Park. On May 10 the Strawberry Festival will have five great bands.

Anna Marchini and Ann Erickson, Hillwood – A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for April 21 with the next traffic planning meeting. Working on a logo for neighborhood signs.

V. Neighborhoods Program Report

Ms. Smith distributed a notebook for all representatives with basic documents of the Council of Neighborhoods and room to add agendas and minutes. She asked neighborhood representatives to look in the mail for invitations to the volunteer breakfast on May 2.

Rob Beem invited everyone to the workshop on Asset Based Community Development Training scheduled for April 26.

VI. New Business – Neighborhood Representatives

There was no new business.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.