

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES - DRAFT**

SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – **Larry Moss**
Briarcrest – **Bill Bear, Bettelinn Brown**
Echo Lake – **Marcie Riedinger**
Highland Terrace – **Bob Barta**
Hillwood – **Anna Marchini**
Innis Arden – **Judy Allen, Stacy Gillett**
North City – **Charlotte Haines**
Richmond Beach – **Tom Petersen**
Richmond Highlands – **Naomi Hardy**
Ridgecrest – **Patty Hale**
Westminster Triangle – **Mary Jo Heller**

VISITORS PRESENT: Mayor Bob Ransom; Councilmember Keith McGlashan; Shoreline Planning Commission member David Pyle; Shoreline residents Paul Grace, Doris McConnell and Dan Henry.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public Outreach Coordinator; Juniper Nammi, Planner; Officer Leona Obstler, Shoreline Police.

I. Call to Order

Chair Patty Hale called the meeting to order. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes of the June 6, 2007 meeting were approved.

II. A. New Business

• **Current Issues in King County**

Chair Hale introduced King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson who represents District 1, including all of Shoreline. Councilmember Ferguson said one of his duties is Chair of the Operating Budget Committee for the King County Council which gives him the opportunity to make policy decisions for county residents. King County has an annual \$4 billion budget which the County Council reviews in October and November. Of note in the most recent supplemental budget allocation of approximately \$1 million to non-profits was \$100,000 for non-profit groups in Shoreline. The allocation included: Shoreline YMCA \$50,000, Senior Center \$10,000, Center for Human Services \$25,000, New Space Theatre \$5,000, and the Chamber of Commerce \$10,000. Councilmember Ferguson requested input from the community about priorities for the County budget, and for future non-profit allocations.

Councilmember Ferguson also reported that Shoreline has received \$1.5 million in Conservation Futures money - property tax revenue allocated to open space acquisition – in the last two years, and a proposed \$400,000 in 2008 for acquisitions.

Councilmember Ferguson also discussed two regional issues: a proposal for changing the director of elections to an elected position and a proposal to swap Boeing Field in exchange for a 45 mile segment of the Burlington Northern rail line from Renton north to Snohomish.

Council of Neighborhoods representatives asked questions on a variety of issues. In response to a question about using the Burlington Northern rail line, Mr. Ferguson said there were conflicting reports from experts about whether the existing lines could be used for transit. When asked about the impact of growth on the environment, Mr. Ferguson said the County Council regularly reviews issues related to growth, looking for a way to balance providing for growth and protecting the environment. In response to a request for a more accessible bus stop on Ballinger Way near 19th, Mr. Ferguson suggested that any transit-related requests or issues could be sent directly to his office and he will forward on to Metro for a response.

- **Invitation to Sustainability Public Meeting**

Chair Hale introduced Juniper Nammi from Planning and Development Services, City of Shoreline. Ms. Nammi invited the neighborhood representatives to the community conversations about sustainability scheduled for October and November.

In 2007 the City Council created a goal of becoming an “environmentally sustainable community”. The City is working to define “navigation system” to include criteria for decision making, indicators for success and a speedometer to tell us whether we’re getting there. Green space, wild life, air quality, water quality, waste reduction, and walkability are all part of sustainability. Since the goal is broad, the city is looking for citizen input on priorities at two meetings: October 11 will give an overview of purpose and goals and priority setting. The second meeting on November 14 will look at tracking and measuring progress and how to get the most for our limited resources.

B. Old Business: Summer Reports

- ***Swingin’ Summer Eve Book Sale*** – Chair Hale thanked the participants from the seven participating neighborhoods which made \$82 each. Ms. Hale noted that we sold fewer books but they since the books were higher quality, the sale netted more money, especially in the sale of leftovers to Half Price Books.
- ***National Night Out Against Crime*** – Officer Obstler thanked everyone who planned or took part of one of the twenty three events, seven of which took place on different dates from the official Night Out Against Crime and noted that events were well attended.

The neighborhood representatives asked for clarification about the indemnification and hold harmless language in the special event right-of-way permit application. The right-of-way permit is required to close the street for a block party or other community-sponsored event in the right-of-way. Concerns were raised about liability for the individuals signing the forms, and for the neighborhood groups. Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith said she would ask the City Attorney for clarification on the language, and what it means in terms of liability. Chair Hale suggested a subcommittee of the Council of Neighborhoods could be formed to work with the city, if needed, to review and propose language.

III. Public Comment

David Pyle, Briarcrest resident and Planning Commission member came to ask the Council of Neighborhoods to work with Planning Commission on getting more residents to understand the core issues related to policy and code that the Planning Commission works on. Planning Commission is looking at how to increase involvement of the public as issues and projects are developed rather than at the end of a process. Mr. Pyle reported Planning Commission

members have volunteered to rotate attendance at the Council of Neighborhoods, and asked neighborhood representatives to think about how they could work with the Planning Commission.

Mayor Ransom reported that the City Hall project is under discussion and described the preliminary concepts for the three acre site at N. 175th and Midvale Avenue North for a 65,000 square foot office. Mayor Ransom also said there is two acres of land at the south end of Echo Lake under discussion to determine whether the city should assume ownership and the associated costs.

Chair Hale recognized Charlotte Haines for her service “with all her heart and soul” as a neighborhood organizer and the North City representative to the Council of Neighborhoods since 1996. Charlotte received a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Ransom for her service to the Council of Neighborhoods.

IV. Neighborhoods Roundtable

Marci Riedinger, Echo Lake – Echo Lake held a successful picnic in July at Echo Lake Park and fed over 60 people. The Park Board approved the Echo Lake Art Jury’s recommendation of Stuart Nakamura to create the public art piece at Echo Lake Park.

Mary Jo Heller, Westminster Triangle – Westminster Triangle held a community-wide barbeque for National Night Out Against Crime with a bouncer, kids’ games and music. Tracy Beal is the new chair in Westminster. Westminster has concerns about the potential of 150’ buildings with the proposed code changes for South Aurora Triangle. The neighborhood is watching commercial development on Aurora south of 145th with interest.

Charlotte Haines, North City – North City Business Association held a Jazz Walk which was very successful. Plans are underway for the 5th annual car show in September. The bronze statue created with 1% for Art money for North City has not been installed. Planning is underway for the Holiday Lighting in December.

Naomi Hardy, Richmond Highlands – Three groups representing approximately 150 people held National Night Out events in August. Dayton will be closed longer than expected due to difficulties working with large boulders in the path of construction.

Bob Barta, Highland Terrace – David Endicott of Forward Shoreline is scheduled for the September meeting to discuss partnerships between neighborhoods and other civic groups. The National Night Out event included Melanie Granfors demonstrating CPR and a defibrillator.

Bettelinn Brown, Highland Terrace – The Southwoods dedication is scheduled for September 25. The increase in graffiti is concerning. The asphalt walkway on 25th Ave NE is unattractive.

Bill Bear, Highland Terrace – In September the neighborhood meeting topic will be a rezone on 32nd Ave NE. There were several block parties and gatherings in August and another scheduled in September. Mr. Bear noted that Project Manager Jon Jordan asked the neighborhood to reserve judgment on 25th Ave NE until the project is complete and landscaping is installed. Ms. Smith noted the current design was created in response to neighbors’ requests.

Anna Marchini, Hillwood – Approximately 35 people gathered in Hillwood Park for ice cream on National Night out. Issues of interest identified include block watch, neighborhood identity signs, and graffiti.

Tom Petersen, Richmond Beach – The sand castle contest in August was bigger than ever with 39 sand castles. On October 9 Richmond Beach will hold a candidates forum. There is a grassroots effort underway to stop “mega homes” which are perceived to be out of character with the neighborhood.

Patty Hale, Ridgecrest – Ridgecrest and North City ice cream social drew somewhere between 900-1250 people. On September 10 the Ridgecrest Commercial area follow up meeting will take place to hear the next steps including zoning changes.

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – The neighborhood sprayed 50 gallons of herbicide for noxious weeds over three months. In August the Adopt-a-Road collection netted three bags of garbage; another collection is scheduled for in October. Another rash of soliciting is occurring. No trespassing signs are available for \$10. Jennifer Kaufmann from King County has done a fantastic job keeping the neighborhood informed about the sewer replacement project.

V. Neighborhoods Program Report

Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith thanked the volunteers who ran games at the Celebrate Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods Carnival Tent and reported that all prizes were given away.

Ms. Smith said the City has organized training in Web site design with Shoreline Community College for Council of Neighborhoods, to take place on two Saturdays, one in October and one in November. She encouraged neighborhood associations to use this as a tool to recruit some new volunteers who might enjoy this opportunity to learn a skill and then maintain the neighborhood’s web site. Ms. Smith called attention to the “It’s Happening in Shoreline” flyer listing City sponsored events and meetings in September and October and asked representatives to distribute the electronic copy she will forward.

VI. New Business --- Neighborhood Representatives

No new business.

VII. Adjournment