

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

OCTOBER 3, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Briarcrest – **Bill Bear, Bettelinn Brown**
Echo Lake – **Linda Cranfill**
Highland Terrace – **Greg Logan**
Hillwood – **Lee Michaelis**
Innis Arden – **Judy Allen**
Richmond Beach – **Tom Petersen**
Ridgecrest – **Patty Hale**
Westminster Triangle – **Mary Jo Heller, Kathy Marden**

VISITORS PRESENT: Mayor Bob Ransom; Shoreline Planning Commission member David Harris; Shoreline residents John Thielke, Karen Thielke, and Dan Henry.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public Outreach Coordinator; Sergeant Katie Larsen, Shoreline Police.

I. Call to Order

Chair Patty Hale called the meeting to order. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes of the September 5, 2007 meeting were corrected under section IV. Neighborhood Roundtable to indicate that Bettelinn Brown and Bill Bear represent Briarcrest, not Highland Terrace.

II. A. New Business

- **Emergency Management and Neighborhood Preparedness** *Gail Marsh, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Shoreline*

Chair Hale introduced Gail Marsh, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Shoreline. Ms. Marsh said that City of Shoreline coordinates with regional partners and follows state and federal mandates regarding planning, training, and exercises to prepare for a disaster.

Ms. Marsh said in 2008 the City is focusing on encouraging neighborhoods to get prepared for a disaster. To get representatives thinking about preparedness, Ms. Marsh used two exercises. First she created a scenario where an earthquake had just happened while neighborhood representatives were at the meeting. She got attendees to think about what supplies they had in their car, what plan they had with their family, and how they would work together. Next Ms. Marsh asked ten questions related to neighborhood preparedness such as “do you know where your neighbor’s gas shut off valve is” and “do you have a pre-arranged home for latch key children on your block.” Ms. Marsh handed out a variety of public education materials, and asked each representative to go through the 90 minute Ready Neighborhood program with the neighbors on their block, and encourage preparedness in their neighborhood. The City has hand outs and materials available for residents to use for a Ready Neighborhood program.

Neighborhood representatives asked a variety of questions such as what is a manageable size for a Ready Neighborhood group and how easy is it to turn your natural gas valve. Ms. Marsh

answered these questions by suggesting 10-15 households was a manageable number for Ready Neighborhood, providing some basic facts about natural gas, and encouraging attendees to review the materials provided for more detail.

III. Public Comment

John Thielke from Richmond Beach neighborhood reported that a group of interested citizens had started meeting regarding the possibility of starting a farmer's market. The group met with Chris Curtis, an expert with experience starting and running successful farmers' markets in Seattle. Mr. Thielke reported they learned they would need a larger population than an individual Shoreline neighborhood and that it would take up to two (2) years to get a market operating. He hopes an exploratory community committee can be formed to pursue establishing a centrally located market for the whole city of Shoreline. He asked representatives to solicit interest in their neighborhoods of residents who want to work on this effort and refer them to Mr. Thielke at (206) 542-3641.

Mayor Ransom reminded attendees about a variety of upcoming events: two upcoming candidates forums, one sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the other by Richmond Beach Community Association, city hall design meeting and a public hearing on whether to accept land from the developer at Echo Lake Park.

IV. Neighborhoods Program Report

Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith made several announcements:

- The training web site development class is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2:30 – 4:30 pm and Saturday, November 10, 2:30 – 4:30 pm. The deadline for sign ups is Friday, October 5. Ms. Smith circulated the current sign up list and asked for additions.
- In response to concerns raised at the September meeting about the issue of personal and group liability regarding street use permits, Ms. Smith reported that she brought the issue to the Assistant City Attorney who will research on the topic before the City gets back to the Council of Neighborhoods.
- Solicitors update: Ms. Smith reported there are currently NO non-profit solicitors on file with the City Clerk's Office, and one commercial solicitor with a valid license. A sample of a valid commercial solicitor's license was circulated. 3 features distinguish the commercial solicitor's license: the City of Shoreline logo, a color photo of the license holder and the official City of Shoreline seal. The Clerk's office has blown the license up to a larger size (5.5 x.8.5 ") for easy reading.
- Updated What's Happening flyers include information on upcoming city events.
- Construction on the King County Transfer Station has been delayed; opening has been postponed from November to early 2008.
- Mr. Beem announced the upcoming Housing Strategy Open House on October 9.

V. Neighborhoods Roundtable

Bettelinn Brown, Briarcrest – in September the City held a dedication recognizing the acquisition of Southwoods as a city park, an acquisition that some folks had worked on for 10 years. The Southwoods Preservation Group hosts a work party to remove invasive species on

the third Saturday of the month at Southwoods. The group is exploring educational opportunities in Southwoods.

Linda Cranfill, Echo Lake – At the September meeting representatives from the South Echo Lake development project answered questions about the YMCA building and housing at the site. A Sky Nursery representative talked about their future redevelopment of their site. In October guest speakers will discuss the Roads and Transit measure on the ballot.

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – The community will have a microbrew Oktoberfest on October 20 and Halloween carnival for kids. Innis Arden continued to have many solicitors in the summer. Over 50 “No Soliciting” signs have been sold in the neighborhood. The community club will hold its third Adopt-a-Road clean up in October to pick up litter on several miles of roads.

Mary Jo Heller, Westminster Triangle – An “overachievers” solicitor was in Westminster with magazines. What is happening with the triangular piece of land on Westminster Way where the City has been bulldozing? The neighborhood would like more communication and information from the City on what is happening with the South Aurora Triangle form-based code proposal and is concerned about the possibility of a 150’ building impacting Westminster residences.

Bill Bear, Briarcrest – A volunteer has agreed to help with the neighborhood newsletter and web site. Briarcrest had several block parties in August and September that help keep the community connected. Mr. Bear and Mr. Lee have been researching the 32nd Avenue proposed rezone and talking with the developer and the city. When looking at information such as the state’s “State of the Sound” report on water quality in Puget Sound deteriorating, Mr. Bear feels the cumulative impact of development is not being accounted for in Determinations of Non-Significance (DNS).

Greg Logan, Highland Terrace – Mr. Logan gave an update on The Highlands utility complex under construction adjacent to the Highland Terrace neighborhood and his home. Mr. Logan reported that under a conditional use permit construction is underway at the utility yard and many trees have been cut on six acres. Mr. Logan reported that the back up beepers on the construction equipment starting at 7:00 am on weekdays and 9:00 am on some weekends are disturbing to him. Mr. Logan said he has spent hundreds of hours on this land use issue and felt the city had ignored his concerns. Mr. Logan reported he has a law suit pending against the city.

Tom Petersen, Richmond Beach – A candidates forum is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9; invitations have been issued to every candidate for every office. Trying new topics for meetings to draw more attendance such as an expo of local businesses or gardening in the spring. Halloween carnival planned at the end of the month. Current concern in the neighborhood about latch key kids with nowhere to go after school and unsupervised hanging out in the summer at the bowling alley and library.

Patty Hale, Ridgecrest – There are so many events on the city calendar that affect Ridgecrest and North City that no eastside candidates forum will be held. In September there was a public meeting about the Ridgecrest Commercial Center rezone with about 60 people in attendance. The current focus is on the old bingo site. Upcoming is the Fircrest Open House, 15th Ave NE open house regarding lane configurations, the Planning Commission hearing on the commercial zoning, and the Ridgecrest Board also helps with Hamlin Haunt on October 26. The North City Christmas tree lighting event will take place Saturday, December 1 at Les Schwab.

Lee Michaelis, Hillwood – A group of about twenty residents met in September and is gaining momentum. Areas of interest include entry signs into the neighborhood and pedestrian circulation/sidewalks. The group will meet again on November 5. Mr. Michaelis said he was a planning professional and neighborhood representatives could call him for advise.

VI. New Business --- Neighborhood Representatives

Mr. Bear made a motion that “the Council of Neighborhoods request the Planning Department to stop development activities outside of business hours, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No 7:00 am, no weekends.” The motion was seconded by Bettelinn Brown.

In the discussion that followed Ms. Heller wanted to know what the current noise regulations are and have more information on the issue. Ms. Allen commented that Innis Arden is living with construction noise for sewer replacement for two years, and that it’s a good thing to have this construction which benefits the residents. Ms. Hale suggested that Mr. Beem and Ms. Smith might be able to help connect Mr. Logan to the right city staff to get his concerns addressed about hours of operation and specifics of the permit. Ms. Heller said she would have to consult with her neighborhood before voting on a motion. Ms. Allen and Mr. Bear commented they felt the Council of Neighborhoods didn’t have power.

Mr. Bear restated the motion as “the Council of Neighborhoods request the Planning Department to stop development activities outside of business hours, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No 7:00 am, no weekends in Highland Terrace neighborhood on this project.”

A quorum was present with seven neighborhoods represented at the meeting. A vote was taken on Mr. Bear’s motion:

Yes votes: Briarcrest 2, Highland Terrace 1, Echo Lake 1, Westminster 1.

No votes: Innis Arden 1, Ridgecrest 1, Richmond Beach 1 and Westminster 1.

Chair Hale counted the vote as five representatives for and four against the motion and asked Ms. Smith to look at the by-laws to determine the requirements for voting.

Mr. Michaelis said he thought the issue was identifying the mechanism for enforcing violations of a permit.

Mr. Beem said he would go back to talk with Planning and Development Services to get more information about enforcement tools and get back to the Council of Neighborhoods.

VII. Adjournment