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## Delridge Neighborhoods District Council

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WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2014

7:00 TO 9:00 PM

Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, Room 102

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### Meeting Summary

**Meeting called to Order:** Pete Spalding, 7:00pm

**Introductions:**

Members present: Pigeon Point, Puget Ridge, NDNC, Highland Park Action Team, WWRHAH, DNDA

Attendees: Amanda Kay Helmick, Pete Spalding, Michael Taylor-Judd, Kirsten Smith Willard Brown, Craig Rankin, and 3 other attendees

Guests: Cpt. Steve Wilske (SPD); Ben Noble, Director (Seattle Budget office); Juan Martinez, Project Manager (DON); Jackie Ramos (NMF Advisory Committee); Gabriel Vega, Program Manager (SDOT); Ian Macek, Assistant Program Manager (SDOT)

Staff: Kerry Wade, Neighborhood District Coordinator, DON

**Meeting Summary:** Prepared by Kerry Wade

**Agenda Items:**

**Update from Captain Steve Wilske (SPD West Precinct Commander):** The Neighborhood Policing Plan (NPP) is an approach to policing that addresses 3-5 concerns per neighborhood. Currently the Southwest precinct has worked with the community to draft 7 plans. As the neighborhood feels priorities are being addressed, new priorities will be added. The Captain has also purchased 5 engravers to assist neighbors with protection against theft of the high-valued items. These engravers are available to be checked out by community members with instructions on how to engrave your driver's license number on your property. The Southwest Precinct is also in the process of upgrading their evidence kit and they are also putting a new emphasis on their bike and foot beat patrols. The Anti-Crime Team continue to provide a pro-active approach to solving crime and are a great resource to the community/neighborhoods.

Issues were raised by DNDC members about AMR sirens, homeless encampments, calls to DESC facility and Super 8. Also members were interested in how the new police chief was working out thus far.

**2015 Mayor's Budget Priorities (Ben Noble) –:** Director Noble gave an overview on the Budget process—the mayor presents to council, council hold hearings and considers recommendations and feedback and approves the budget. The City Budget today is about \$5 billion, much of which includes Seattle City Light and Public Utilities. A large part of the City's general fund is spent on

public safety (police and fire), culture, recreation, park and libraries, etc. The General fund is made up of property taxes, sales tax, B&O taxes, utility tax, etc. Growth in the economy is leveling off in our region and thus tax revenue is leveling off and growing at a very modest rate or 3%-4% annually. The General Fund for 2015 is up about \$25 million, which is a very modest increase. While growth is slowing down, costs are going up. The City's contribution to employee retirement fund and salaries increases regularly. There has been an intentional effort to reach \$100 million in reserves (rainy day fund) in case of a disaster or another economic downturn. Top mayoral priorities for next year's budget include: A Safe City, Affordability, an Interconnected City and more.

For more information on the Mayor's Budget Priorities, visit:

<http://murray.seattle.gov/mayor-ed-murrays-2015-16-proposed-budget/#sthash.J6Z2f2Ur.dpbs>

**Neighborhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee Recommendations:** Jackie Szikszoy Ramos (NMF Advisory Committee Member), accompanied by Juan Martinez (NMF Project Manager), shared the recommended changes being proposed by the NMF Advisory Committee. The first proposal is to increase the Small Sparks fund from \$1000 to \$2000. The second recommendation is to allow for non-geographic specific Large Project NMF. Feedback and concerns raised from District Council members included the ongoing role of the District Council Review Team and CRT process, the selection of the NMF Advisory Committee and what appears to be a deviation by NMF and Department of Neighborhoods from its original charter which describes the role of the CNC (City Neighborhood Council) in the NMF process.

**Introduction to Freight Management Master Plan:** Gabriela Vega and Ian Macek (SDOT Program Managers) introduced the Freight Management Plan (FMP). Thus far SDOT has hired a consultant to help with the development of the plan and they have convened a Freight Advisory Committee which includes representatives from all areas (not just trucks, but air, ships and rail). SDOT will be updating the freight network and the major truck street network within the FMP. They are focusing on existing conditions, what are the current freight issues and how can those items be incorporated into the existing report. The process is expected to be completed in one year. SDOT will be attending and hosting additional meetings to give updates and gather feedback.