

Northeast District Council
Wedgwood Presbyterian Church
8008 35th Ave NE
November 3rd, 2016

Minutes

Representatives Attending:

Mar Plomp, Ravenna Springs	Peter Zimmerman, Wedgwood
Nicolette Bromberg, Bel Terrace	Mitch Cameron, ROMP
Inga Manskopf, Rav/Bryant	Chase Landrey, U. District
Gina Leone, Roosevelt Nbrhd Assn	Dave Rogers, U. Park
Gary Camenish, Matt. Beach	Barb Kreiger, Portage Bay/Roanoke Park
Ken Sparks, Inverness	Jeannie Hale, Laurelhurst
Pam Xander, Hawthorne Hills	Lynn Ferguson, N. Windermere

Guests:

Jennifer Aspelund	Joseph Diehl	Ana Elfers
Gary Hanther	Tom Van Bronkhorst	Mike Caughey
Cindy Pierce	Director Kathy Nyland	Beth Lofton
Gretchen Taylor	(DON)	Andrea Collison
Greg Rubstello	Kathleen Jackson	Molly Brady
Beth Thieme	Flavio Kaplan	John Finelli
Duncan Thieme	Elizabeth McCoury	Pranhitha Reddy
Laura Bernstein	Richard Carlsen	Kevin Volkman
Edna Shim	Brent Rigby	Jessica
Theresa Doherty	Michael Chrzastowski	

Staff:

Karen Ko, Neighborhood District Coordinator, DON

7:10pm The meeting was called to order by co-chairs Ken Sparks and Jeannie Hale.

- Minutes for the October meeting were approved unanimously. (Peter Zimmerman made the motion and Lynn Ferguson seconded.)
- Secretary for the night was assigned to Mitch Cameron.

7:12pm Announcements:

- Jeannie's announcements were reviewed, with suggestions and an in the works calendar for events, letters and requirements. Jeannie reminded everyone of the All District Workshop on November 20th. Jeannie expressed her dissatisfaction with the Mayor and the City of Seattle over the use or misuse of the proposed Budget to pay for exorbitant flyers and to disassociate the District Councils after long years of work and exemplary performance!

- Karen Ko reminded all of the End of Paving Celebration for the Roosevelt Neighborhood on Saturday 11am-1pm at the U-District Food Bank.
- Lynn Ferguson reminded and encouraged participation in #16 in Announcements, for the December 4th Pearl Harbor Remembrances and Oral History at the Sand Point Church on 70th Ave NE from 1pm to 3pm. Come share your experiences from that fateful day, or come to learn more about the very important part Sand Point Naval Air Station played in relaying the initial “sneak attack” information on their radio, and more! Contact Lynn if you would like to add your voice or your history if you are from that era or not.
- Pam Xander reminded the NEDC membership that Hawthorne Hills has NOT disbanded. Though the Neighborhoods and the NEDC will miss Margaret Thouless and her long distinguished participation. She and her family have moved to England to be nearer their family. Margaret’s husband was the recipient of a Nobel Prize for Physics this year while at the UW.
- Ken Sparks shared his experiences about another Nobel winner who accomplished his best work in the mid- 1960’s. “So just because a person gets grey haired, doesn’t mean we’re done exceling or contributing”, well said by Ken.

7:19pm Public Comment:

- Jessica, a student at the Seattle University, is part of a Research Survey Team with Public Safety Concerns. Jessica was kind enough to bring a few Research Survey fliers, if interested; the Survey is due by Nov. 30th.
- Laura Bernstein announced that Solid Ground and the Seattle Public Library is presenting ‘Rent Smart’, on Nov. 14th at the University Branch of the Public Library, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Information about resident’s rights as tenants and strategy to secure housing if you are homeless, or looking for a new apartment. That same day, from 7:45pm to 8:45 at Chaco Canyon, the U District Renters group will meet for their quarterly meeting. Laura handed out fliers.

7:22pm Ken Sparks introduces presenter Joel Diehl speaking on Diversity
Joel has spent many years working with Native Americans on Diversity.

7:23pm Joe Diehl presenting on Diversity

Diversity neither starts nor ends with just one race, tribe, clan or income range. Joe shared some rather disturbing statistics; the most alarming is 1 in 3 blacks will go to prison.

A good place to start is the Naming of the project, followed by a mission reason (not plan), a business reason, and who or what is the responsible party. The “target” population needs to be on board and invested in the outcome.

Diversity is different than “inclusion”.

Jeannie inquired if Joe had received a copy of the NEDC’s proposed bylaw amendment on diversity and discrimination, and was invited to make any

comments on the proposal. Joe was very impressed with the final draft. He asked if sexual orientation was included and Jeannie said yes.

7:37pm Ken briefly talked about a new book called "Evicted."

7:38pm Ken introduces Theresa Doherty with the UW Master Plan Update:

The last update from Theresa was in July. The draft EIS is out and is in the 45 day comment period. The final Master Plan will be adopted/approved next year. The reason for the huge expansion is that the increase in population is projected at 20%. The briefing continued without interruption until questions were fielded: Karen Ko - Asked about the 1st set of numbers in the building's silhouette. "Building height"

Lynn - Asked about west campus height rulings.

Nicolette - asked about the impact of the lost parking, might overwhelm other areas.

Jeannie - Commented on the building heights along Montlake.

Theresa - commented on the many ways to give comments/ feedback.

8:00pm: Q&A with Kathy Nyland, Director of Department of Neighborhoods.

- Ken proposed that each of the NEDC reps take turns giving feedback.
- All Representatives introduced themselves and made comments or asked questions.
- Nicolette asked why the Councils and the Neighborhood Street Fund needed to be defunded?
- Peter asked why does "everything need to be broken up and replaced with, what?"
- Another question was, "Why is there a need to destroy something that is already functioning well, compounded by the Mayor's order which implied incompetence on the part of the District Councils?"
- Jeannie pointed out that there were discrepancies in the Mayor's Executing Order.
- The goals that the Mayor's Executive Order identifies as imperative to enhance the City of Seattle's outreach and diversity inclusion, should not be predicated by breaking up or alienating the very groups that will need to pull together.

8:15pm: Director Nyland was prompted to make comments or rebuttals.

- Director Nyland felt as if there was a big misunderstanding and that we are misinterpreting what the Mayor's statement was about.
- She wanted to make it clear that "The neighborhood councils nor the NEDC has been disbanded.
- The Director pointed out that there are people
 - That cannot be at this table,
 - That don't feel welcome at this table, or
 - That don't even know it's happening (NEDC).

- Director Nyland said the mayor wanted to reach out to all these demographics.
- Final words from Director Nyland - We don't want to take District Councils Chairs away, we want more Chairs with more diversity.

8:23pm: Ken Sparks presents Technology

Technology is advancing at an incredible rate. Speed of Technological is advancing every year. We need to inspire our children in math and sciences. (See handout).

8:45pm: Ken shows Video on Technology

8:58pm: Bylaw Amendment

Jeannie would like all the Reps to take the Amendment back to their Community Councils for a vote to accept or deny the Proposal. NEDC will then vote on the By-Law proposal at our next meeting, Dec. 1, 2016.

9:15pm: What to expect at next month's NEDC Meeting.

- Dinner - Thai Food Potluck
- Food Drive
- Vote on By-law Amendment
- DC forum

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Submitted by
Mitch Cameron
Residents of Magnuson Park Community Council