

CNC January 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Approved February 29, 2016

District Council Representatives in attendance: Catherine Weatbrook, (Ballard District, CNC Co-Chair, CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Co-Chair); Troy Meyers, (Central District, CNC Secretary); Laine Ross, (Downtown District, CNC Co-Chair, CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Co-Chair); Janis Maloney, (East District Council); Andrew Taylor, (East District Council); Christine Cole, (Greater Duwamish District Council); Ralph Weathers, (Lake Union District); Lloyd Douglas, (Lake Union District); Tim Motzer, (North District Council); Gabrielle Gerhard, (Northeast District); Rob Fellows, (Northwest District); Dick Burkhart, (Southeast District)

Guests: Jasmin Weaver, Deputy Director - Office of Intergovernmental Relations; Tom Van Bronkhorst - Department of Neighborhoods; Gwen Howard, Beacon Hill; Chas Redmond, West Seattle District
Sara Weathers, Lake Union; Alex Zimmerman

MEETING CONVENED AT 6:33 PM

Action: Agenda approved with revision to add Public Comment; November Meeting Minutes deferred

Public Comment: Alex Zimmerman spoke regarding concerns for freedom of speech

Jasmin Weaver, Deputy Director - Office of Intergovernmental Relations

- Provided a copy of the Seattle's 2016 State Legislative Agenda; updates available by email Jasmin.Weaver@Seattle.gov
- Homelessness crisis and Housing Affordability top priorities for 2016
- CNC Question - is there a way to advance gun regulation based upon the tragic theater shooting
- CNC Question - any pending legislation to remove barriers to marijuana delivery; Ms. Weaver outlined proposed pilot project to allow 5 licensed delivery services
- A high chance of passage:
 - Bill - Portability of background checks from one property to another
 - Bill - Discrimination on source of income, section 8, SSI, etc.
- First cut off 2nd week of February
- CNC Question - anything in particular CNC could help support; Ms. Weaver - getting folks outside of Seattle to support and understand these are not just urban issues
- CNC Question – if splitting the school district is under consideration
- CNC Question - any tax loopholes being addressed; Ms. Weaver shared the governor put forward several but they are not optimistic
- CNC Question - asked if there was any chance the Faircloth amendment being addressed to prevent the reduction of available low income stock of affordable housing

Tom Van Bronkhorst, Department of Neighborhoods – Development of Response to SLI

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- His current role is drafting response to the Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) issued by City Council for the Department of Neighborhoods; Priority is Equitable Community Engagement
- Reaching out to district chairs and other stakeholders regarding resources and expanding engagement
- Draft response due May 15 to Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods & Finance committee (Tim Burgess, Chair) Committee determines what they want to consider and move through standard legislative process
- Uncertain action would occur prior to the 2016 budget cycle as it would have to move very quickly
- Van Bronkhorst speaking with DC chairs, coordinators, former DC chairs and other stakeholders
- CNC Comment – what have other contacts shared thus far, a majority of District Councils did not support boundary alignment in 2014; District Councils would benefit from a suite of options being developed
- Van Bronkhorst – informal hearsay regarding boundary alignment - Some have expressed ambivalence and some are not enthusiastic. It is possible for existing DCs to remain and boundaries could change and overlap
- CNC Comment – initial intent was not really to align and if so, per initiative could be adjusted in 5 years

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Tom Van Bronkhorst, Department of Neighborhoods – Development of Response to SLI

- CNC Comment - DCs could maintain current councils and work together and possibly meet quarterly, referencing SE / Greater Duwamish
- CNC Comment – City Council position or feedback
- Van Bronkhorst - not sure they have determined a course of action, the SLI provides context
- CNC Comment – reference to reorganization of DPD and wisdom for DCs to be part of the planning process for the budget vs occasional grant process. Scope is important
- CNC Comment - works that way now in some districts with DON; SDOT/the city does not always listen. Curious if there is a method for a District Council to petition to change districts. This has occurred before in East / NW
- CNC Comment regarding various conversations at DC level, Greater Duwamish and NE have discussed but no consensus reached
- CNC Comment - would be good to know how Neighborhood District Coordinators and Central Staff are reacting to this process, if top 2 or 3 options emerging
- Van Bronkhorst – too soon to know; it is clear City Council looking for some options
- CNC Comment - CNC and DCs need support; what is most beneficial to community, including best practices; discussion regarding role of DoN / CNC / District Councils per audit recommendations; suite of options would be helpful; should District Councils provide feedback via email/letters; clarify how response to be formulated
- Van Bronkhorst said that there are some best practices in different cities; not requesting written feedback, folks may provide; talking to DC Chairs, coordinators and attending DC meetings; leaving it to DCs as to how they want to address; has not engaged general public
- CNC Comment - talk to city council candidates not elected
- CNC Comment - is DoN considering a survey
- Van Bronkhorst – no survey; stressed not to just focus on the boundaries but look at the other parts of the SLI
- District Coordinators vital link between Department and District Councils
- Van Bronkhorst - DCs could step up, provide process guidance in how to engage with the city
- CNC Comment – regarding public process, create public web page vs email discussion
- Van Bronkhorst will look into web page; also suggested infographic on timeline; dates really needed

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

- Handout circulated from 2014 budget conference; Need minimum of 8 weeks to organize
- Possible dates – **April 3, 10, 17**, based upon availability of venue/speakers; there may be event conflicts from the Mayor's office CNC must coordinate around
- Possible topics: Transportation - Move Seattle, Participatory budgeting
- Venue suggested - Bertha Knight Landes room at City Hall; Miller Community Center, also suggested
- Obtain subject matter experts to moderate sections both city and general public
- Similar format as 2014 conference; We will use a survey again
- District council representatives to obtain participation in survey, conference and procurement of food
- Will circulate Save the Date with more information

Neighborhood Planning & Land Use Committee

- C. Weatbrook provided updates; ensure folks have planning timeline, no action items at this time
- Exploring options for tables at the conference - Planning and land use impact on the budget

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Youth, Schools & Education Committee

- C. Weatbrook provided updates; Seattle School District voted last week to take 19+ classrooms back from before/after school childcare to be used as classrooms again as part of the pre-K space initiative. 6000 kids in portables. No provisions in the levy for buying or renting space; State doing nothing to fund McCleary right now
- Contact State Reps regarding construction assistance **BILL #XX**, Sen. Jamie Pedersen is a roadblock to funding
- Charter Schools - 4 bills, 2 in House and 2 in Senate to stop taking lottery funds from Human services and put to charter schools; Move to sanction charter schools as alternate education (Mary Walked School Dist.) expected back in the courts. 1100 charter students holding up funding 1.1 mil public schools.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee

- No report back from DON on status of insurance and fiscal sponsors for events
- Tim Wolfe auditing the grants process and admits there are better ways to work with CCs and DCs instead of community advancing funds out of pocket and paying fiscal sponsor fees of up to 10% of grant award
- They are exploring ways to improve process

8:05 Adjourn