

CNC October 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes – Approved November 30, 2015

District Council Representatives in attendance: Stephanie Tschida, (Central District, CNC Secretary); Amanda Kay Helmick, (Delridge District, CNC Budget Chair); Laine Ross, (Downtown District, CNC Co-Chair, CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Co-Chair); Ralph Weathers, (Lake Union District); Glenn Avery, (Magnolia/Queen Anne District); Phil Shack, (North District); Gabrielle Gerhard, (Northeast District); Rob Fellows, (Northwest District); Dick Burkhart, (Southeast District); Cindi Barker, (Southwest District, CNC Neighborhood Planning & Land Use Committee Co-Chair) -- **Guests:** Rachel Eagan, NMF Large Projects Fund (LPF), CNC 2015 Citywide Review Team (CRT) member Suzanne Lipovsky, Corey Dahl – Evans School

MEETING CONVENED AT 6:30 PM

Action: Agenda & July Meeting Minutes Approved

Jessica Brand, Outreach / Engagement – HALA: Handouts circulated; Jessica transferred from Planning Commission; good investments have been made in communities - improved transit 85%; Prioritizing safety, Vision Zero program, Preschool for all Program; enacting sick / safe leave; Removing employment barriers

Park District approved; still working on issues, must do more regarding affordable housing

HALA Overview – 28 members; 11/2014 – 7/2015 met; 50 stakeholders part of subcommittees; held a couple of public meetings – 2700 participants; Early input, released recs in July 2015; Mayor released housing road map; The comp plan sets the vision of how we want to grow; HALA is early implementation of that;

HALA categories: Investing in housing to meet needs; prevent displacement; Foster communities, investing in equitable development

Current Status: Pulling together technical advisory committee – renewal of housing levy; Voter supported for 30 years; this one serves 0 – 30% AMI - \$38,000 - \$54,000 for family of 4; Highest need group, looking to expand to serve even more families; Not sure if Housing First policy has been adopted; Mandatory housing affordability programs – residential; For the first time developers will be required to add affordable in multi-family units, or build elsewhere outside of Seattle; mandatory inclusionary zoning still in discussion

Per CNC member: keep watching the progress of the legislation to add mandatory zoning

Jessica – Framework being established, none of this occurs without re-zoning process

Timeline - Will be spending most of 2016 – 2017 in community conversations about program and how it rolls out, this part of the work plan wasn't slated to be done end 2015

Olympia agenda – Seattle plans to ask for REIT for affordable housing, preservation tax exemption program to make improvements without displacement; cautiously optimistic Olympia will support

CNC Question: if housing levy is coming out in 2016, HALA won't be concluded and we won't know about mandatory inclusion by then. How will those elements come together in 2016?

Jessica – some of this is renewal, expansion and creation of programs; Housing Levy in 2016 because it expires, a foundational piece to the HALA recs and increase in levy is critical

CNC member point: Avoid delays in mandatory inclusion, need those elements happening concurrently

Jessica - Hopeful to have more clarity soon, has taken a while to ramp up; Meeting as a core group 5 - 6x per week;

Housing levy has always been in OH, all land use in DPD, must all work together

CNC member: Engagement Guides needed; CNC thanked Jessica for providing the update

Ben Noble, Director – City Budget Office: High level, strong revenue growth driven by construction which is not sustainable; 25% of growth from sales tax revenues is from construction; City being cautious about spending; Growth of city creating pressure, slowly increasing size of SPD / SFD

Big moves - creating and staffing up for HALA, Community Development Office

CNC Comment: We talked about how citizens could engage in budget process to get comments to the Mayor ahead of time; after this budget cycle, more conversation necessary – there are still major barriers to public participation;

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Ben Noble, Director – City Budget Office:

CNC Question: Per funding in budget for 30 PD, target is 100, is this a slow roll out?

Ben - \$125,000 expense to bring officers on; limitations on academy training, attrition issue; balance of new officers on street at same time; big infrastructure on training; goal is 100 by end of 4 years, 43 in past year

Proposal to add 3 – 4 CPC civilian positions; CNC thanked Ben for the Budget update

CNC Co-Chair thanked Ben for attending

2016 Leadership: Overview regarding 2016 leadership; nominating committee will conduct outreach for elections process at November 30 meeting; CNC will not meet in December

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Planning & Land Use Committee – Co-Chairs met with Tom Hauger on growth strategies to get more precision; urge the public to attend and get engaged around open houses, 11.5.15 next; CNC comment that open houses have not been as effective; The HALA work is very intense; Question regarding venue: Comp Plan or Urban Design Framework – or HALA related; CNC member indicated more flexibility needed in comp plan so the city can respond to surge of growth; City planning must be more adaptable and predictable

More resilience needed in planning for ups and downs with contingency plans in place; hard to predict rapid growth

Question regarding how Comp Plan recs be implemented in various neighborhoods as impacts are different

2 kinds of adaptability – neighborhood and timing; CNC member suggested Comp Plan should have public engagement process like Portland, broad neighborhood engagement; public engagement = neighborhood engagement = adaptability; Seattle 2035 Public Comment ends November 20th - outside of CNC meeting cycle; NPLUC meets November 17 and will provide draft comments – initial notes may be provided prior to final draft from NPLU Committee, NPLU draft work product

New Seattle Office of Community Development; 20 page issue paper written by central staff and DPD outlining new budget and use of funds; Use of acronyms hard for folks to remember; DoN issue paper, relationship to Council Districts; changes in staff; may reduce coordinators from 9 – 7; DoN under staffed - Council could issue SLI; Should CNC take a stronger role to advocate for DoN funding, specifically District Coordinator staff; see how this budget cycle goes

Youth, Schools & Education Committee – Comments provided by Eden Mack, YSE Committee Chair who could not attend: Eden Mack and Kellie LaRue of CNC YSEC meet Robert Feldstein (Mayor's Policy lead), Diane Sugimura (DPD), Tom Hauger (DPD), Regina Jones (interim DEEL lead) and Kheng Mai Tan, Mayor's staff which went very well, with agreement that planning for schools must be specifically called out in the new OPCD mission; the budget and legislation was already submitted; YSE Chair informed Councilmember Licata a few days later who offered to put forth a Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI); an overview was provided and CM Licata's staff informed YSE Chair when to testify to bring into City Council view. Testimony organized (links are below) and other Councilmembers who had been briefed regarding school urban planning were informed of Licata's plan for a SLI. As of last week, CM Licata and Burgess are drafting SLI (language will be combined) and have asked CNC YSE Chair input on language. The language was approved by Mayor's office, waiting for a final draft; there is broad support for this within City Council

Links: <http://www.seattlechannel.org/mayor-and-council/city-council/budget-committee?videoid=x59755>

<http://www.seattlechannel.org/mayor-and-council/city-council/budget-committee/?videoid=x59760>

Budget Committee – Wednesday is last public hearing; Councilmember Sawant is expected to hold a People's Budget Hearing – Town Hall

CNC Co-Chair Laine Ross thanked CNC Committee leadership for all of their hard work in 2015

8:00 Adjourn