

CNC SEPTEMBER 29, 2014 Meeting Minutes - Approved 11.24.14

District Council representatives in attendance: Catherine Weatbrook, (CNC Co-V Chair - Ballard District); Bill Bradburd, (Central District); Amanda Kay Helmick, (Delridge District); Laine Ross, (CNC Co-Chair, Downtown District Council - CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Co-Chair); Janis Maloney, (East District); Alexis Gallegos, (CNC Co-Chair, Greater Duwamish District); Ralph Weathers, (Lake Union District); Bruce Carter (Magnolia/Queen Anne District); Phil Shack, (CNC Co-Secretary, North District); Tim Motzer, (North District); Rick Klingele, (Northwest District); Chas Redmond, (Southwest District, CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Co-Chair); Karl deJong, (CNC Co-Secretary, Southwest District); Tod Rodman, (CNC Transportation Committee Co-Chair, Southwest District); Dick Burkhart, (CNC Transportation Committee Co-Chair, SE District); Jeannie O'Brien, (Southeast District); Cindi Barker, (CNC Neighborhood Planning Committee, Co-Chair); K. Hayashi, (CNC Youth, Schools, Ed Committee Co-Chair) **Guests:** Bernie Matsuno, Director – Department of Neighborhoods (DoN); James Bush, DoN; Mat McBride, Delridge District; Alex Zimmerman – Standup America

Introductions

Agenda Approved with Revision: Amend Leadership Section to add Nominating Committee formation

July Meeting Minutes: Proposed edits resulted in the need for a much longer discussion

Motion: T. Rodman – Approve agenda revision; shift July minutes to end of agenda to honor time allocated on the agenda for guests; **Second: B. Bradburd; Motion Passes**

Public Comment Period: T. Motzer - regarding CNC endorsement of Parks District Oversight Committee candidates; CNC has not endorsed in the past, ethics commission also referenced; confusion on what action could be taken
Alex/Standup America – fascist government in Seattle

Department of Neighborhoods Presentation: Director Matsuno briefed CNC on the Mayor's proposed 2015-2016 budget highlights, specifically relating to DoN recapping how the Mayor works with city departments, sharing information she will convey to City Council. Mayor's directive - operate within base; new funds not allocated to DoN.

People's Academy for Public Engagement (PACE) – proposed half time staff position with continuation of operating dollars; P-Patches –additional funds needed for water cost increases to 88 gardens; new database for online applications and payments; part time administrator (PTE) is now full time.

Neighborhood Parks & Street Fund (NPSF) - \$1.5M of DoN NMF under spent funds proposed to be shifted to NPSF.

CNC Members - Process related – How to fund the backlog of NPSF projects; will another round of NPSF be opened as a number of projects cannot qualify under NPSF; 2015 NPSF is awarded, how un-funded projects will move forward

DoN Director Matsuno – City Council must approve shift then a process outlined; District Councils have a role

CNC Members - Several members expressed concerns regarding shift of funds from DoN to NPSF stating that NPSF projects submitted were unfunded or cut back; loss of public input and oversight if funds moved from DoN NMF

DoN Director Matsuno –DoN suggested a number of ideas – the Mayor liked the NPSF proposal. The City Budget is a conversation between Mayor's office/departments until presentation and then it becomes a public conversation.

There is also a proposal to form the Department of Education and Early Learning which does not impact DoN funding.

DoN James Bush - Small and Simple October 6th deadline – approximately 45 applications to date; James will attend CNC meetings quarterly and by request.

CNC Members –an inquiry made on where city funds being allocated, citing cranes and business occurring.

DoN Director Matsuno - Three big drivers -Waterfront, health care costs, retirement benefits. Cranes are real estate excise tax dollars only, not available to general fund. DoN will be moving to City Hall next year.

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Planning Committee Report – C. Barker shared the minimum density passed City Council Committee without recommendations from the CNC NPC committee to make allowances – City Council directed staff to add pedestrian zones but was not included, the CNC NPC Committee will continue to pursue the CNC letter path and go to City Council; Next CNC NPC Meeting will be a teaching session on comp plan; a development capacity report has been created with assumptions on land/zoning in Seattle, should we up zone areas, change single to multi; there is a breakdown on where capacity is located. CNC NPC is refocusing on neighborhood plans, comp plan deadline is close. Some plans not updated; if one has been updated, can it be rolled into comp plan – lots of questions; residential zones, impact fees, work force housing – all moving around the city; Need list of contacts for neighborhood plans; CNC NPC recruiting new members; inviting all District Councils to attend.

CNC Member Comment - Possible use of NMF funds allocated to NPSF for Neighborhood Plan updates; Ped Zone legislation SEPA comment period closes October 2, 2014; Refocus on neighborhood plan updates - Some have not been updated; Capacity report online; CM Clark requested C. Barker to serve on Mayor's Council for Affordable Housing
Motion: T. Rodman - Approve C. Barker as CNC representative on that body; **Second: J. Maloney – Motion Passes**

Transportation Report - D. Burkhart – a strong increase in delivery trucks across the city; what could be done to reduce size of trucks or other options. Ped Master Plan notes - new maps of freight routes being produced – hearings this fall on this issue; initial scoping stage, the integration with bikes and ped; formation of a FMP Advisory Committee; quality of pavement in SODO area, need funds; Lander street overpass – a large project which needs federal funds.

Budget Committee Report – City Budget hearings under way; normally CNC sends a budget letter to Mayor in late June or July and may also send to City Council.

CNC Members – Broad agreement for CNC to send a budget letter to City Council expressing concerns regarding the shifting of dollars from DoN NMF to SDOT NPSF projects. Questions arose on status of NPSF when Bridging the Gap ends. Impacts to this shift - reduction of public input/oversight and the loss of significant leveraging of funds that match provides. Target – draft letter by October 27 meeting.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Report – DoN Survey closed on 9.26.14; 3 CNC members took survey. Surveys tagged to respondent's email address, not anonymous, may reduce participants. The CNC Executive Committee briefly met with Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, James Bush, another meeting is being scheduled.

NMF Review Process: information on CRT panel recommendations has been inconsistently provided to CNC over the past few years. Possible improvements: receipt of slate of award recommendations earlier, broader review of projects prior to vote the same evening award recs presented.

Youth Schools & Education Report – B. Bradburd updates on Summit Event and process of working with PTA's and other groups; folks are not committed now. Working with School board, adding Committee members – event is postponed.

CNC Co-Chair Report – Co-Chair L. Ross – observations of current and prior internal issues. CNC would benefit from Organizational Development, member engagement; efforts to achieve consensus must be civil; bylaws discussion cited, for September 7 CNC ByLaws Work Group Meeting # 2 did not occur as planned, 3 attended.

Co-Chairs - CNC Bylaws Work Group #2 invited to share reports.

CNC Member Comments – Co-Chair report should not be characterized as fictitious by anyone, frequency of inflammatory remarks that occur during meetings, citing contentious bylaws discussion; bylaws should not require a separate committee – this body should be able to resolve. Edit external emails – be mindful of recipients

CNC ByLaws Work Group # 2 Co-Chair Reports:

A. Helmick - objective to help facilitate discussions; participated in June CNC Bylaws Work Group # 1 on June 30 and the CNC afterwards. Edits to proposed bylaw mods vetted/addressed and presented at June 30 CNC meeting; very democratic; June mods were to be presented in July; frustrating to work with a few members of Work Group # 2 team - objections to agenda and bylaw version. Dozens of emails, lots of volunteer time expended. Consensus could not be achieved leading up to September 7 meeting among Co-Chairs and two other members; Helmick sent notice to cancel meeting.

D. Burkhart - he was not in attendance at the June 30 CNC meeting. He felt that many work group meetings would be necessary. The discussions could not happen in a broader setting as there was lots of passion in the room. There were several proposals to consider which needed serious review. The September 7 meeting was scheduled to help work out issues, discuss other proposals. This would have been a much longer process.

CNC Co-Chairs thanked both members for reports; CNC met bylaw requirements, vetted, provided revision guides in meetings; more discussion to examine the organization's trajectory. Term limits do not intrude on District Council terms.

8:35 Motion: T. Provine – to extend CNC meeting beyond 8:30, **Motion passes**

Motion: T. Provine - approve June 30 Bylaws proposal as previously presented; **Second: C Redmond**

General Discussion: Living document; new committee language added; Reminder - abstentions do not count toward up/down; **Motion Passes**

Meeting Adjourned 8:45