

## **CNC October 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

District Council representatives in attendance: Chas Redmond, (Southwest District Council); Phil Shack, (North District and CNC Chair); Chris Leman, (Lake Union District and CNC Budget Committee Co-Chair); Laine Ross, (Downtown District and CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Chair); Tony Provine, (Northeast District); Matt McBride, (Delridge District Council); Catherine Weatbrook, (Ballard District Council); Lauren Balter, (Magnolia/QA District Council); Andrew Taylor (East District); Dick Burkhart, (Southeast District Council and CNC Transportation Committee Co-chair); Bill Bradburd (Central District Council and CNC Budget Committee Co-chair); Karl de Jong, (Southwest District Council); Alexis Gallegos, (Greater Duwamish District Council)

Guests: Tod Rodman, James Bush, DON

### **Agenda and Meeting Minutes Approval**

September meeting minutes were amended to include corrections to attendees and mention of Candidate's Forum held prior to regular CNC meeting. Agenda was adopted with change to order of items to move nominating committee up on the agenda.

### **PACE**

James Bush distributed information on PACE. Notified CNC members of Rob Mattson's upcoming retirement. Job announcement has been posted; if you know of any good candidates, let them know of opportunity. Thomas Whittemore will be covering Ballard and NW District Councils in the interim. Tim Durkan will staff Lake Union District Council. Hope to have new hire on board by December. James clarified that coordinators are not assigned to specific districts, but are assigned regionally; however, staff specific district councils.

James thanked Chas and Phil for their assistance with the DON 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

There are 26 PACE participants this year, with representation from all districts. Will be nine sessions this year.

CNC member stated it was a challenge for people working 9-5 jobs to get to sessions beginning at 6 p.m.

James stated as three district coordinators are running the program currently, there is not a lot of flexibility in time. This is in addition to their regular workload.

Hope is that graduates of program will join community organizations and/or district councils.

James shared list of Small Sparks projects being considered for adoption by PACE groups.

James stated that Lindsey Greene is the new PACE intern this year.

Currently trying to find a way to make the program sustainable. Survey done last year showed that program was successful and produced desired outcomes. Port of Seattle provided some funding this year, as well as SPU providing space at no cost.

Will be putting on 2-3 PACE seminars this year. Would like to tie in the RACE exhibit at Pacific Science Center to PACE students and alumni.

CNC member stated that in the past DON leadership training was open to the public. Would like to see the trainings available to public.

James stated that the impact of training a small group of participants is more effective than opening up to a wider audience. Will open up seminars, tours, etc to larger groups.

Curriculum is being typed up by intern and will eventually be shared more widely.

POELS (public outreach and engagement liaisons) took the course last year and others are taking it this year.

### **Nominating Committee**

Chris Leman and Karl deJong have been working on the committee. Chris outlined the process and presented the slate of nominees. There are candidates for co-chairs for all committees. Discussion of necessity of committee members to attend regular CNC meetings to report out. Chris stated that the Transportation Committee and the Youth, Schools and Education Committees were created by resolution by the CNC. Karl stated it would be good to connect with PTSAs, etc to let them know about the availability of the CNC committee to further their goals. Bill Bradburd is stepping down from the co-chairmanship of the Budget Committee. Cindi Barker has volunteered to co-chair the Neighborhood Planning Committee. Gabrielle Gerhard has volunteered to be co-secretary; contingent on having another person volunteer to be co-secretary. Lauren Balter and Catherine Weatbrook have volunteered to be Vice Chairs. Laine Ross and Alexis Gallegos have volunteered to be Co-Chairs. Andrew Taylor stated that there was no mention in the by-laws regarding co-chairs for executive positions. May need to amend the bylaws to allow this. There is no language forbidding co-chairs. Tony Provine stated that use of co-chairs at NE District Council has worked well.

Chris stated amendment to allow co-chairs for chair, vice-chair and secretary could be proposed at this meeting and voted on at November meeting. Chas introduced draft amendment he had created addressing the issue of co-chairs for executive positions for consideration and vote at the next meeting.

### **Budget Committee**

CNC authorized budget letter which was sent on Friday. Considering drafting another letter. Chris explained the process of Green Sheets in Council to add budget items. Would like to see extra monies spent on restaffing district coordinator positions and crime prevention coordinator positions. Deadline to introduce Green Sheets is one week. Additional police officers and human services providers were brought up at budget hearings; no mention of addition of district coordinators or crime prevention staff. Laine stated restoration of district coordinators has been goal of CNC for many years. Karl volunteered to work with other CNC members on setting up appointments with City Council members and requested speaking points. CNC member stated there are other items in the proposed budget that should be protected. CNC member stated neighborhood plan updates should also be requested. Need to redefine what a neighborhood plan is; current planning being done leaves a lot to be desired. Not looking at entire spectrum of needs; mainly upzoning. CNC voted unanimously to allow advocacy of creation of Green sheets asking for increase in district coordinators, crime prevention coordinators and neighborhood plans.

### **Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee**

Committee met with Patricia Lopez and Karen Gordon in attendance. Discussion of surveys being done by DON. Issue with mis-identification of survey submitted and attributed to Laine. Current survey is in regard to additional funding provided in Mayor's proposed budget. One option is to increase number of cycles next year. NMF Committee had asked to be allowed to vet questions on survey, but was not given the opportunity. Chris stated two issues with accessibility are the requirement to attend workshop prior to applying and the inability to apply on paper. Neither of these issues was addressed in the survey. Matt stated there was no information on how results of survey were to be used. Survey was not scientific or validated. NMF Committee stated they did not endorse the survey and notified DON staff of that fact. However, committee did request results of survey when they become available. Committee is considering creating its own survey. Please send comments on DON survey to Laine or Chas. DON is also putting together focus groups. Committee will bring its set of recommendations to DON to CNC next month.

### **Neighborhood Planning Committee**

Committee is using a Survey Monkey survey to determine if there would be increased participation in the committee if meeting time and location were changed and if teleconferencing were available. Irene and Cindi also met with UW professor to discuss potential to have an intern work with the committee. Committee will be focusing on the 2015 major Comp Plan Update and how DPD will be soliciting citizen input into the process.

**Transportation Committee**

Draft letter to City Council regarding taxi/car for hire issue. Need to find a way to regulate. Cost of taxi licenses has become an issue. Letter addresses safety, access, equity, transparency and regional harmony. Is no "ask" at this point. City Council is still working on a position on this issue. Will look at letter again next month.

Attended Railvolution session. Curtis King stated to expect a state transportation package by late November. There will be local options for transportation taxes. Package will still have to be voted on.