

## **DRAFT CNC November 25, 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); Karl de Jong, (Southwest District Council); Alexis Gallegos, (Greater Duwamish District Council); Glenn Avery, (Magnolia/QA District); Brian Ramey, (Lake Union District), Tod Rodman, (Southwest District), Cindi Barker, (SW District)

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

Agenda and October meeting minutes approved with minor edits.

### **CNC By-Law Amendment Vote**

Chas opened discussion on amendment to bylaws allowing for co-chairs for the chair and vice chair positions. Co-chairs were nominated for the chair, vice-chair and secretary positions. Irene asked if this amendment would mean the nominating committee would need to solicit candidates for co-positions and for clarification if this opens up nominations to district council alternates, as well as representatives. Chris stated that under current bylaws, the chair position is open only to representatives, not alternates.

**CNC members voted unanimously to pass the amendment to allow co-chairs for executive positions.**

### **Pedestrian Zone Mapping Project/Aly Pennucci, DPD - Presentation**

A pedestrian zone is used to promote and protect walkable areas. Does not relate to cross-walks or other infrastructure, but addresses need for development to be pedestrian friendly, with front-facing aspect, with parking to the rear. Map shows current and proposed areas. In 2006, there were two types of pedestrian zone, which have now been narrowed to one. Recently, in response to regulatory reform, street level uses were reduced. Sixty zones were identified by Council as pedestrian zones, with some urban village areas added.

Pedestrian zones are located within Neighborhood Commercial zones. Eighty percent of ground floor must be active use. Parking must be behind or within the building and parking requirements are reduced.

DPD plans to attend district council meetings over the next few months to present the map and get input. In response to a question from Alexis, Aly stated areas that will soon receive more intense neighborhood planning, may not be reflected on the map; issues will be addressed during the plan updates.

Chas asked how strip mall areas might be addressed by this zoning. Aly stated as redevelopment happens, the zoning would take effect.

CNC member stated that there was an issue with a gas station being located in an area in Crown Hill that was not a pedestrian zone in an NC-1 zone. Community needs to be able to give input and codes need to be enforced.

Irene stated that small, historic business areas could be negatively affected by parking requirements under the bike and ped master plans. Many of these areas don't have areas to put parking behind the building and will continue to rely on street parking.

NE 65<sup>th</sup> already targeted for bike lanes and has heavy transit use -- Concerned about further loss of parking.

Aly stated there will be conversations with the community about what is wanted.

CNC member asked about linking pedestrian zones. Aly stated pedestrian zones only related to neighborhood commercial zones, and there are residential zones in between which prevents this linkage in many cases.

Irene stated there is concern that "managed parking" translates to paid parking, which is not what many neighborhoods want to see. Additional outreach and on-line tools will be offered after the holidays.

### **Nominating Committee**

Gabriel Gerhard rescinded her offer to serve as co-secretary -- Have received nominations for Phil Shack and Karl de Jong to serve as co-secretaries. Alexis reiterated that she would be willing to serve as co-chair. Catherine Weatbrook stated she was willing to serve as either co-chair or co-vice chair. Process and role of nominating committee was discussed.

## **Results of Balloting/CNC Vote:**

Alexis Gallegos and Laine Ross – Co-Chairs                      Lauren Balter and Catherine Weatbrook – Co-Vice Chairs  
Karl de Jong and Phil Shack – Co-secretaries                      Dick Burkhart and Tod Rodman – Transportation Comm Co-Chairs  
Cindi Barker and Irene Wall – Neighborhood Planning Comm Co-Chairs  
Chas Redmond and Laine Ross – Neighborhood Matching Fund Co-Chairs  
Carol Fisher and Chris Leman – Budget Committee Co-Chairs  
Kiku Hayashi and Sharon Sobers – Youth, School and Education Committee Co-Chairs

## **Budget Committee**

Chris outlined the history of the Budget Conference. Last four sessions have been held at Seattle Center at no charge. Conference is tentatively scheduled for January. Suggestions made to rename to Seattle Priorities Conference and to reduce number of break-out sessions. Suggest seeking donations for food and printing, rather than asking Department of Neighborhoods for funding. Historically, city departments have been well represented. Volunteers will be needed to help moderate/facilitate. The Center School would like to hold a break-out session for youth.

Chas stated the need to identify City Council Budget Committee Chair and new city budget director.

Phil stated need to find a way to make it exciting to the community and get good attendance.

Chris stated he would like to get the word/invitation out to city departments by December 1.

Laine stated this could be discussed during the Executive Committee Conference call on December 3.

Irene stated timing could be changed as it comes right after passage of budget and people are probably burned out on budget discussions.

CNC member added that incoming mayor planning to hold a neighborhood summit early in the year – avoid don't conflicts with that event. CNC may possibly be a part of the MO event or an expanded program.

CNC members directed the CNC Executive Committee to follow up with Mayor's office and further discuss.

## **Neighborhood Planning Committee**

Committee discussed 2015 Comp Plan Amendments. Question where growth numbers came from -- Would like to develop a set of scoping comments which are due by December 27. Alternatives being offered currently by DPD are narrow; either keep current strategy or implement changes related to transit community's initiative, or possibly a hybrid of the two. Committee would like to explore other alternatives and how Comp Plan policies relate. Need to include values in the EIS other than accommodating growth. Urban villages are all over the map in relation to meeting growth goals. How can this disparity be corrected? District Councils are encouraged to forward their individual comments.

## **CNC voted to approve drafting of letter and circulating for comments.**

Committee also requested approval to send letter to incoming mayor in regard to microhousing after circulating for comments. CNC voted to approve with one abstention.

Final letter deals with omnibus legislation to amend code. Request to split the legislation into two sections with minor changes in one section and more substantive changes in the other.

CNC voted to approve with one abstention.

## **Transportation Committee**

Discussed draft letter. CNC voted to approve sending the letter, with East District abstaining.