

## **June Meeting Minutes**

### **City Neighborhood Council**

West Precinct Conference Room – 810 Virginia Street

6:30pm, Monday, June 25, 2005

**Districts Represented:** Ballard (Andy MacDonald), Delridge (Pete Spalding), Downtown (Catherine Stanford), Lake Union (Chris Leman), QA/Magnolia (John Coney), Northeast (Bob Lucas), Northwest (Irene Wall), Southeast (Pat Murakami), Southwest (Dennis Ross)

**Districts Non-Represented:** Central, East, Greater Duwamish, and North

**Mayor's Office:** Marco Lowe

**DON staff:** Yvonne Sanchez, Bernie Matsuno, Scott Minnix, Laurie Ames, Garry Owens.

**Guests:** Councilmember Peter Steinbreuck, Kate Joncas and Catherine Stanford, Holly Miller, Office for Education, and Mike Perring

### **Meeting Notes**

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by CNC Chairperson, John Coney. Welcome and introductions took place.

#### **Actions Taken:**

- Approved: 6/25/05 meeting agenda
- Approved: May '05 meeting notes (with recommendation that future notes remove reference to an "alternate" when indicating DC attendance.)
- CNC decided to support/be involved in the Parking Forum being planned by Councilmember Steinbreuck and DPD.
- Approved: CRT's Large Projects Fund recommendations (passed unanimously)
- Approved: Memo (to be prepared by the CNC's transportation committee) identifying several transportation projects and encouraging district councils to provide feedback/comments regarding the projects.

#### **Presentations:**

- Councilmember Steinbreuck – NBDS: The process for approval of NBDS by the City Council will be slowed; give more time to hear from constituents; no vote likely to occur until September. CM Steinbreuck will send his proposal (for a slower process) to district councils and stewardship groups for feedback/comment. His office will be working w/DPD to organize a Parking Forum; the CNC expressed support and interest, and would like to be involved.

- Kate Joncas and Catherine Stanford - Downtown Urban Center Planning Group (DUCPG). Catherine discussed the 1999 DUCPlan and how it built upon the 1995 Downtown Plan. The '99 plan collected the plans for the five downtown neighborhoods and developed umbrella policies for housing, land use, urban design, human services, transportation, economic development, and capital facilities. The DUCPlan calls for a “downtown for everyone” and, when the plan was presented to Council, the committee was confident about saying that it was broadly supported because of the outreach work that had been done. The plan languished for a while; now it’s moving forward as evidenced by the Center City strategy.  
RE: Housing development. Catherine emphasized their desire to have a range of housing in the downtown area, more bonuses for affordable housing, and developers willing to build using LEED standards. A question about TDRs (Transfer Development Rights) was raised, i.e. can affordable housing be built “outside” of the downtown area (Interbay, Eastlake) where development may be less expensive? There was some sharing of opinions and it was suggested that this might be a future topic for discussion by the CNC.
- Holly Miller, OFE – Family and Education Levy. Seattle voters approved a seven year, \$116.7M Levy in '04. The Levy goals are: 1) Support academic achievement, i.e. goals for each program supported by the Levy, 2) Increase accountability to citizens, and 3) Provide culturally appropriate programs. To achieve these goals Levy dollars are targeted for: Early learning/school readiness initiatives, support for middle school programs, student health, case management for high risk youth, and family support/family involvement.

Holly also commented on the former school closure plan that was presented as a way to address the district’s deficit - \$14M - \$20M in the '06-'07 school year. She’s hopeful that the district is moving toward the development of a strong academic plan, which should then drive budget decisions.

- Mike Perringer – Citywide Public Safety/Crime Forum. The West Precinct Advisory Council (WPAC) has been planning this forum to “have community members speak up” about an array of public safety issues. In particular, the Advisory Council is focusing on: Drug Use/Dealing, Nightlife/Night Clubs, Police Department Budget/Staffing, Civility/Behavior, and statistics. WPAC has talked with about 40 different groups and are receiving tremendous support for this idea. Perringer shared the Council’s work plan for this event, scheduled to take place in the evening on September 22, 2005 at the Convention Center. The CNC is supportive of this effort and will do its part to help spread the word.

### **Committee Reports:**

Neighborhood Planning by Irene Wall

CNC will participate in Councilmember Steinbrueck’s Parking Forum, the first

set of Neighborhood Business Strategy issues to be processed by City Council. Stay tuned for dates/times.

#### Budget Committee - Chris Leman

Committee Member Nicole Rinauro continues to organize the Budget Forum for early '06 in cooperation with Dwight Dively of the Budget Office.

The Committee has worked in the past month to develop a method of bringing citizen nominations for Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) to the attention of the Budget Office. Encouraged by Dively, the City's old forms for this purpose have been reviewed. A letter will be drafted for the September CNC meeting advocating for a renewal of Citizen Nominations for CIPs, etc.

Also discussed City revenue issues: property tax uses, designation of revenues from surplus city property sales, bond issues, levies.

Leman noted that important meetings are being held regarding the next Biennial Budget this summer. Watch for further reports in September from this Committee on developments.

#### Neighborhood Matching Fund by Bob Lucas

- Bob presented the Citywide Review Team recommendations for the '05 Large Projects Fund (LPF). 18 projects are recommended; total award amount is \$1,463,876; match amount is \$2,744,897. If approved by the CNC, they will be forwarded to the Mayor, then to the City Council for final approval. The CNC voted and unanimously approved the CRT award recommendations.
- Bob also mentioned the LPF awards ceremony scheduled for Sat, July 16 at 10:00am at the Yesler Community Center. All CNC members were invited to attend.

#### Transportation by Ref Lindmark

- A transportation memo (prepared by the committee) will be sent to all district councils and stewardship groups. The Memo will ask groups to provide feedback/comment to the Mayor and City Council about planned transportation projects. Such a memo would be good for publicizing the importance of providing input about projects; Ref also suggested that this type of memo could be done on a regular basis. The CNC approved the development of the memo.
- Barbara Gray, SDOT lead staff person for Right of Way Manual will be invited to do a presentation to CNC in September.
- Items on the Transportation Committee watch list:
  - The Transportation Strategic Plan
  - The new SDOT Transit Plan which planning process has no public/community input component at this time.
  - The SDOT Intersection/Traffic Signal/Crosswalk plan
  - The Right of Way (street/sidewalk design) Manual

## DON District Coordinators' Survey - Bernie Matsuno

The Survey was done at the request of the District Coordinators to provide a base of information indicating how better the Coordinators can serve their Districts. The goal was to obtain responses from each District Council, more than one Member if possible. The CNC Board will be asked to help DON to develop a further survey with similar goals.

## Old/New Business

### King County International Airport (KCIA) - Coney/Spalding

County Executive Ron Sims and Southwest Airlines have put on the table a proposal for SWA scheduled passenger flights from KCIA. There are two major issues here:

1/ Additional approaches and departures over many Seattle neighborhoods.

2/ Use of Global Positioning Satellite instruments to allow air traffic to be over water more frequently, not neighborhoods. This strategy increases noise and risk in some neighborhoods, minimizes it in others.

- CNC will alert District Councils to these issues. (This has been done.)

- The CNC Board welcomes Pat Murakami as the new representative from the Southeast District.

- Pete Spalding stepped down as the person to organize a CNC Candidates Night. Chris Leman and Dennis Ross will take up this challenge.

- There will be no August meeting of the CNC Board.

- The next meeting is on September September 26, 6:30pm.

Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowski will be our guest. CNC Board Members are urged to speak with their District Councils to obtain issues and topics for the Chief to address. Your ideas from the Districts will be needed in August.

Address them to both John Coney and Pete Spalding.

Barbara Gray, SDOT, Lead Staff for the Right of Way Manual development will be invited.

- Mayor Greg Nickels will be our guest for the October 31 meeting. He has been asked to speak on the Neighborhood Business Strategy. Other topics are welcome. Let John Coney know your wishes.