

City Neighborhood Council  
Minutes  
Monday, February 23, 2004

Attending: Victor Barry (Queen Anne/Magnolia, CNC Chair); Michael Thompson (Northeast, CNC Vice Chair); Ann Donovan (East District, CNC Secretary); Mike Richmond (Greater Duwamish); Catherine Stanford (Downtown); Pete Spalding (Delridge; CNC Budget Comm. Chair); Dennis Ross (Southwest); Irene Wall (NW, CNC/NPC Co-Chair); Stephen Lundgren (Ballard); Chris Leman (Lake Union); John Coney (CNC Tran. Comm. Chair); Bob Lucas (CNC/NMF Chair); Steve Cory (NEDC)

Guests: Sandy McKean (SEDC); Susan Crowley (City of Seattle OIR); David Foster (Seattle of Seattle OIR); Marco Lowe (Mayor's Office).

Staff: Brent Crook (DON)

Chair Vic Barry called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pete Spalding moved and Michael Richmond seconded the approval of the January CNC minutes. Motion passed.

**Seattle Office of Intergovernmental Relations**: Susan Crowley, Director, and David Foster, Legislative Liaison, discussed this year's legislative session. They handed out the 2004 City Legislative Agenda and the February 20<sup>th</sup> issue of the Legislative Bulletin. They made the following points:

- They explained how the City's legislative agenda is developed
- The City has 2 ½ staff in Olympia during the session
- This is a "short" session and should adjourn on March 11
- A main task is to pass a supplemental budget through 6/30/05
- Some major transportation projects, particularly the viaduct, are high priorities for the City in this session
- They are also monitoring that the State does not take any local authority away from Cities

A question and answer period followed. It was decided that the CNC will send a letter to support the Mayor's request for funding for the viaduct. Vic Barry asked Brent Crook to provide the CNC on information from the City's

Ethics and Elections Commission on what the relationship between citizen groups and the City is in regards to lobbying efforts.

**Minutes:** Ann Donovan, CNC Secretary, asked the CNC members if minutes in outline form, without significant dialogue, are sufficient. Chair Vic Barry suggested that Lisa Merki's minutes from January would be a good model.

**Discovery Park:** Vic mentioned that the Navy may sell their Discovery Park area base property due to changes mandated by Congress. This could result in property being made available for sale for development. A Discovery Park Master Plan is available – Vic will send to Brent for distribution.

**Chair's Report:** Vic made the following points:

- The Seattle Weekly Calendar sent out via e-mail is a good source
- He represented the CNC at two Neighbor Appreciation Day events
- He sent around the CNC roster for corrections and additions

**District Reports:** Vic wanted to discuss how to handle the monthly district reports. There was lengthy discussion with several suggestions which the Executive Committee will consider at its next meeting.

**Neighborhood Planning Committee:** Co-Chair Irene Wall discussed issues raised in the last committee meeting mainly focused on the Comprehensive Plan amendment process. She encouraged CNC members to visit the Department of Planning and Development's website to view the list of residual proposed amendments from previous years. There was a lengthy discussion about the Downtown Height and Density changes proposed by the City. The committee proposed a motion on the Draft EIS. After considerable discussion it was decided that CNC would not take action on this motion at this time, however, this could be a point of discussion at District Council meetings.

**Budget Committee:** Chair Pete Spalding reported that the CNC Budget Conference will be on Saturday, April 17, in the Bertha Landes Room from 8:30 – noon. Details on format will be discussed at the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2004. He did ask CNC members for suggestions on parking issues.

**Utility Brownbags:** Chris Leman reported that he has had a positive response from City Councilmembers Compton and Godden to hold two brownbag sessions one featuring City Light and one featuring SPU. He'll try to schedule these in March or early April.

**Transportation Committee:** Chair John Coney handed out the minutes of the last meeting and raised two motions for the CNC's consideration:

1. The following motion passed by consensus (includes amendments):  
"The City Neighborhood Council supports the inclusion in the 2005-2006 Biennium Budget of significant items for street, pedestrian and bicycle facilities:

- Neighborhood Street Fund, Consolidated Reserve Fund, Neighborhood Matching Fund
- Trail completions
- SPU/SDOT cooperative projects to improve the pedestrian environment
- City funding for neighborhood arterial and residential block sidewalks to match other sources
- The Pedestrian Program
- Bicycle/Pedestrian capital improvement projects
- Planning dollars to complete a Seattle pedestrian and bicycle level of service set of standards (T52)"

2. The following motion passed by consensus: "The City Neighborhood Council supports a requirement by the Seattle City Council that the Seattle Monorail Project reserve 1% of the Green Line Construction Budget for station area pedestrian and bicycle projects, both on-site and off-site."

Vic Barry asked the Transportation Committee to draft the letter in support of the Mayor's efforts on funding for the viaduct to bring to the March CNC meeting.

**Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee:** Bob Lucas, Chair, handed out the decision log and notes of the last meeting and briefly discussed the main issues. Chris Leman mentioned that the CNC was not on record as opposing the freeze on the NMF and suggested a letter be drafted to the Mayor and City Council requesting the freeze be lifted. Vic Barry agreed to draft the letter.

**Old Business/New Business:**

1. Future Speakers: the following future speakers for CNC meetings were suggested: Eugene Wasserman; Deborah Jacobs; Ven Knox (Seattle Monorail Project) and Allied Arts. These were in addition to suggestions already discussed at the Executive Committee as reported by Vic.
2. Michael Richmond discussed the issue of the lidding of some City reservoirs. There seemed to be interest, but not consensus, in hard lidding the reservoirs and Vic suggested that individuals and District Councils could write to City Council which could vote on this issue in the next few weeks. Vic also asked Michael to draft a letter for the CNC's consideration at the March meeting. Michael was very concerned about the timing issue.
3. Dennis Ross handed out three documents from the Library: the Branch Library construction update, the Central Library update and the Opportunity Fund update. He is very concerned about the suggestion by the Library to take \$200,000 from the Opportunity Fund (earmarked for a new Bookmobile) and give it to the South Park branch. Dennis Ross agreed to draft a letter for the CNC's consideration. Dennis also suggested inviting Deborah Jacobs to a CNC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 by Vic Barry, Chair.

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