

City Neighborhood Council
Minutes
Monday, May 22, 2006

Attending: Pete Spalding, Chair, Chris Leman, Vice Chair, Janis Maloney, East, Tony Lo, Southeast, Cheryl Klinker, North, Stephen Lundgren, Ballard, Doug Lorentzen, QA/Magnolia

Department Of Neighborhoods Staff: Bernie Matsuno, Emma Moreno

Guest: Mayor Greg Nickels

Action Items: CRT Project Recommendations Approved.

Mayor Nickels

Transportation/street repair funding: ½ million dollar backlog of projects. Twenty-year proposal to upgrade and rehabilitate bridges, make investments in bike trails, sidewalks, freight mobility, transit corridor improvements. Would be funded by employee and parking tax, plus a levy.

Attended gun violence meeting in New York last month.

Meeting with school superintendent to discuss school closures; other district issues.

Center City Plan, Neighborhood Business District Plan, Zoning issues.

Q&A:

Q: Neighborhood plans: process for neighborhoods which didn't do plans? Updates to existing plans?

A: Have not figured out how to address this issue. DPD tied up with code issues for the next couple of years. May address after this is finished.

Q: Restore our Waters/Budget/Public Safety

A: Too soon to analyze success of ROW. Adding 33 police officers and requesting eight more. Precinct commanders charged with identifying problems and creating solutions. Foot/Bike patrols good for contact, but not very mobile.

Q: Funding for non-arterial streets

A: Focus on arterials due to higher priority due to heavier traffic, freight issues.

Q: Homeless Housing in Hillman City. Would like better notification process w projects involving funding from the City. Issue has caused polarization in the neighborhood. Feel they have not been involved in the process.

A: Not yet been briefed on this situation. Have good neighbor agreements at other facilities.

Q: Public safety issues at Madison and 22nd. Issues with community divisiveness over Park renovation. Lack of parking for housing/businesses.

A: Parking issues will be dealt with in Neighborhood Business District Strategy. Areas of public safety issues, but overall crime is down.

Q: Graffiti problems in Ballard.

A. Be sure to call in. Asking for more funding for graffiti removal.

Q. Seattle Center/Pike Place Market Funding

A. Looking at sources of funding. Will probably have ballot measure in two or three years.

Q: Length of transportation funding/why not parks maintenance levy?

A: Want to have long time-line, not need to go back to voters in five years. Parks maintenance can be absorbed by general fund.

CRT Large Projects Recommendations:

Report and recommendations distributed to members. CRT reviewed applications, held open houses and toured project sites. CRT and District Councils rated projects. Fourteen of twenty projects are recommended for funding; all but one funded at full request amount. Project managers will contact eligible non-funded project applicants to advise on possibility of re-applying next year. Four parks project awards contingent on ok of Operation and Maintenance costs by Parks Department. Approval is expected. Non-awardees have chance to appeal decision. With CNC approval, these recommendations will be forwarded to the Mayor. Madison Park issues: ok to approve funding, but would like a delay in moving project forward until more community input is received. This could be written as a condition of funding. Madison Park Council will be preparing and mailing a survey regarding preferences for park improvements. CNC thanked the committee for all the hard work on rating the applications and approved the fourteen recommended projects.

Transportation Committee:

Budget Committee: Letters sent to Mayor and City Council on CNC Budget. Proposed letter to Mayor and City Council regarding ballot for renewal of Parks and Community Center Levy. CNC will vote on at June meeting.

Neighborhood Planning Committee: Looking to revitalize the committee and look at the future of neighborhood planning. Irene hoping to return in the fall. Concerns over SDOT lack of funding tracking and inaccuracies in neighborhood plan implementation and lack of strategy/support for neighborhoods wanting to create/update neighborhood plans.

NMF Committee:

