

**City Neighborhood Council
Minutes
Monday, September 25, 2006**

Attending: Bob Lucas, Chair NMF; Dennis Ross, SW; Irene Wall, NW; Laine Ross, Downtown; Kate Joncas, Downtown; Janis Maloney, East, Bonnie Miller, NE, Cheryl Klinker, North, Chris Leman, Lake Union, Pete Spalding, Delridge, and CNC Chair, Pat Murakami, SE, Crystal Kilmer, Queen Anne/Magnolia

Department Of Neighborhoods Staff: Scott Minnix

Guest: Dwight Dively, Finance; Pamela Green, Mayor's Office

Dwight Dively: Distributed summary of Mayor's budget proposal and explained biennial budget process. Council will approve 2007 budget and endorse 2008 budget. Economy has been good 2005/6. Took five+ years to come back to 2000 levels of sales tax/revenue. State doing better economically than the country as a whole, but is forecasted to slow a bit in the next couple of years. General fund is ¼ of entire city budget. Challenges: 2008 B&O tax collection change. City will lose \$20 million. Mayor and Council asking state to repeal or change law to reduce impact. Health care costs growing more than 14% per year. Parks maintenance and operation funding levy ends in 2008 – will need to find alternative sources of funding in 2009. Funding in budget for priorities, technical improvements. Six new patrol positions and ten new police cars are included in budget.

Q. Is there any plan to add substantial numbers to SPD?

A. Thirty-three new officers added in the last year. Trying to improve technology to use officers more efficiently. Each officer costs \$100,000. Council looking at additional staffing possibility.

Q. Need to look at public safety by neighborhood. Crime going up in some neighborhoods.

A. Geo policing to look at this.

Climate protection, restore our waters, and green Seattle and 10 year plan to end homelessness other priorities. Challenge to suburbs to expand human services spending. Seattle Center and monorail recommended for funding. \$1.2 million for Center planning. All budget information available on City website.

CIP Suggestion Process: Citizens were asked to submit suggestions. 181 suggestions were received. Many suggestions did not match department CIPs. Departments mainly looking at maintenance, upkeep. Citizens looking for new facilities. Mayor asked to set aside \$1 million for ideas that didn't fit in with usual CIPs. Will ask for assistance in prioritizing ideas.

Q. What sources of funding are being looked at for Parks maintenance and operation when levy expires?

- A. Looking at County funding and General Fund.
- Q. Looking at increase in fines/fees to pay for increased officers? Cameras at intersections?
- A. Are currently four cameras in operation. A year from now will have enough data to see if increased tickets could fund new officers.

Thursday, Oct 5, 5:30, City Hall, Rm 370: Review of Budget by CNC Budget Committee

October CNC meeting will feature City Council review of Budget

Skatepark Plan: No funding to construct at this point. Looking at planning, so analysis is complete if/when funds become available. If neighborhoods want to fund/build on their own, then a site is already identified. Thirty new potential sites have been identified. One hundred and thirty three sites were evaluated.

- Q. Are there more than the 30 identified sites that would be viable?
- A. Yes, but these 30 are the top-rated.

- Q. Are the four parks currently built or being planned skate spots or dots?
- A. Ballard Bowl is a skate spot. Woodland will be a small spot. Dahl skate park not yet funded. Jefferson Park modest sized skate spot.

- Q. Skate parks that are not grey to grey?
- A. Those not grey to grey are in non-programmed areas. No athletic uses lost.

- Q. Magnuson Park?
- A. Nothing happening yet. Site identified.

- Q. Looking at damage done by skaters?
- A. Need to build facilities, otherwise entire city is a skatepark.

- Q. What are costs of various facilities?
- A. \$35 per square foot.

Community Notification of City-sponsored Housing Projects: Siting of homeless shelters. Shelter populations growing. Need a neighborhood notification process for siting. New housing for mentally ill population in SE in single family neighborhood, close to schools. No services available. Notification lacking. Office of Housing has notification standards. Appears they did not follow standards in this case. Neighbors within 300 ft of facility must be notified. Would like to see this area expanded. Need to involve neighbors early in the process. Ten-year plan to end homelessness will result in more homeless housing in neighborhoods. Services should be provided on site. Should city-wide task force be convened to address these issues? Need over-all strategy, coordination between agencies/government/neighborhoods.

Nominating Committee: Need to come up with slate of officers for next year. Dennis Ross, Cheryl Klinker and Pat Murakami are on committee. If you'd like to put your name in for office, let them know. Will vote on slate at the November meeting.

NMF Committee: Meeting minutes were distributed. Met on September 5. Trying to increase publicity regarding NMF. Power Point presentation available. Will be meeting with NMF staff and District Coordinators in getting information out. No extra funds for Matching Fund or staffing. May get money for temporary employees/consultants, but no full time, permanent staff.

Budget Committee: Oct 5 Budget Meeting in City Hall 370. Please try to attend if you can. Parks Department Strategic planning letter revisions. Letter not approved at last meeting. Unknown if funding is included in new budget. Referred to Budget Committee to research and come up with new language for the letter.

Transportation Committee: Viaduct proposals not going to vote. Council approved tunnel option and chose surface option as second choice. Bridge the Gap Levy amount reduced to 9-year package. Will address about ½ of the backlog. No money included for non-arterials.

Neighborhood Planning Committee: Difficulty of getting city to deal with neighborhood plans/vagueness of some areas of plans. Zoning issues. Would like to meet in the next month. Mapping of zones not done in advance of pedestrian overlay areas. Ask for money in the budget to get this done. Irene will try to create an electronic form with this information for dispersal to neighborhood groups. Irene was nominated and approved as chair of this committee.