

**City Neighborhood Council  
Minutes  
Monday, October 23, 2006**

**Attending:** Bob Lucas, Chair NMF; Dennis Ross, SW; Irene Wall, NW; Andy MacDonald, Ballard; Ronald Boddie, Central; Chris Leman, Lake Union, Pete Spalding, Delridge, and CNC Chair, Pat Murakami, SE

Department Of Neighborhoods Staff: Scott Minnix

Guests: Sally Clark, Peter Steinbrueck, David Della, City Council

**Budget Discussion:**

CNC has sent two letters to Council regarding neighborhood budget priorities.

**Peter Steinbrueck comments**

- Charter Amendments information distributed.
- Revenue is currently good.
- General Fund will be increased 2007-2008.
- Mayor's budget adds \$14 ½ million in 2007, \$15 million in 2008.
- Police and Transportation slated to get lowest increase.
- Areas where money could be shifted being identified.
- Councilmember Licata working on public safety strategy. Councilmember Steinbrueck working on finding more funding for officers.

**Sally Clark comments**

- Funding dependent on bail-out of B&O tax loss from State
- \$20 million predicted revenue loss in 2008
- Finding \$25 million to fund 50 officers a year for five years – hard to find enough money
- Even with state bail out, expenses will exceed revenue in 2009
- Would like to add items not included in Mayor's budget; Mayor assumes Council will add
- Mayor looking at increasing B&O tax if state doesn't bail city out.
- Proposed annexations also expensive

**David Della comments**

- Next Council budget hearing Oct 30 at 5:30
- Can attend or call in comments
- Cuts in CDBG funding
- People first budget
- Public Safety core issue
- Human Services
- Quality of Life issues

- Prevention/intervention programs as public safety spending
- Making officers more effective
- Parks funding
- Pro-parks funding ends in 2008
- Parks maintenance issues
- Need strategic business plan from Parks
- Audit of Parks Department
- Parks Superintendent review by Council as proposed in Charter Amendments
- Changing Parks Board appointment process

Q. Park Rangers: Benefit to downtown parks only.

A. Not much support from Council for park rangers. Council not included in Downtown Parks plan. Parks strategic plan needed to address this type of issue. This money could be re-allocated to police officers, who are better trained and have more authority.

Q. Transportation Funding?

A. Transportation chronically underfunded. Seismic upgrades need to be done. Long-term project. Revenue sources limited. State legislature not allowing much leeway in taxing venues. Frills still included in Bridging the Gap package.

Q. Second Pro-Parks Levy possible?

A. Some discussion for future.

Q. Any possibility of more funding for NMF?

A. Unlikely this year. \$542,000 frozen three years ago. Proposal to release this money. Not clear where this money will be allocated.

Q. P-zone mapping needs to be a priority for DPD.

A. DPD adding 8 ftes in budget.

Q. CDBG funding...is any available for neighborhood development?

A. Rainier Valley Development Fund took most available money.

Q. Can funding for community crime prevention be safeguarded? Calling departments "Mayor's Office" increasing. Any way to address this?

A. These offices are in Executive Department.

### **Comments:**

Zoo's development plan contentious, particularly parking garage. Expenses for city have increased, rather than being capped. Zoo business strategy needs to be scrutinized.

Increased police needed NOW.

Need Smart policing

### **Search for new Department of Neighborhoods Director**

Lots of neighborhood folks on interview panel  
Interviews underway  
Can't comment until process is finished

New growth targets/ revising neighborhood plans via NMF?/ New planning process?

10-year update to Comprehensive Plan—haven't looked at updating neighborhood plans, but good idea.

Will invite Councilmember Clark to future meeting to discuss.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Correction:  
Neighborhood Planning Committee: Irene elected as chair of committee.  
Minutes adopted with correction.

### **Budget Letter:**

Ron Boddie suggested language change: We suggest major investments and substantial increases in the number of Seattle Police staff.  
Change 'six' to 'additional' new officers.  
Letter was unanimously approved with changes

### **Parks Letter:**

Remove word "Business" from Strategic Business Plan  
Letter was unanimously approved with change

### **Presentation of Slate of Officers for Next Year:**

Send e-mail with nominees to Pat by Friday, October 27

### **Transportation Committee Report:**

Will look at Transportation Levy funding items  
No funds for non-arterial street paving  
Next Meeting: Friday, Oct. 27 11:30 Tully's corner of 45<sup>th</sup> and ?

### **NMF Committee Report:**

Distributed meeting minutes from October 2 meeting  
Working on improved outreach for NMF – met with NMF staff and district coordinators  
No meeting in November. Next meeting Dec 4 at W Precinct 6:30

**Neighborhood Planning Committee:**

Will be looking for site for meetings  
Need to address lack of funding for neighborhood plan updates

**Announcements**

Third Annual Gathering of Neighbors  
November 4  
Noon to 3 p.m.  
Sealth High School