

**City Neighborhood Council
Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2006
(Reschedule of November meeting that was cancelled due to snow)**

Attending: Robin Sizemore (Northeast); Cheryl Klinker (North); Crystal Kilmer (Queen Anne/Magnolia); Irene Wall (Northwest); Chris Leman (Lake Union); Ronald Boddie (Central); Pat Murakami (Southeast); Pete Spalding (Delridge); Ron Burke (Southwest); Andy MacDonald (Ballard); Bob Lucas (Matching Fund Chair); Stephen Lundgren (CIRP).

Department Of Neighborhoods Staff: Scott Minnix, Laurie Ames, Tara DeCoster

Guests: Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Shauna Walgren, SDOT

October minutes reviewed and approved with minor changes.

Neighborhood Plan Committee draft letter (proposing a longer period each year for citizens to propose amendments to the comprehensive plan) was discussed. Has been a lack of outreach to community in the last couple of years, plus timeline for suggestions shortly after holidays is not ideal. January 20 deadline is very early, in relation to timeline of entire process. Letter was adopted with changes, proposing March 1 as the deadline..

Councilmember Rasmussen

Distributed summary of changes that City Council made to Mayor's budget. Police and human services were most requested during hearings. Council added police officers at a sustainable level and will look at further increases in future as budgets permit. Added funding for late-night youth recreation programs. Added funding for program to identify youth at risk for dropping out of high school and working to keep them in school. Increased funding to senior centers. Mayor's proposal for downtown park rangers was not adopted.

Question on cost of annexation of White Center. Rasmussen against annexation. Area needs a lot of help. Money from state and county not guaranteed.

Pete Spalding cited report showing 39 new officers would need to be added to SW Precinct if area annexed. Most people in area do not want to be annexed to Seattle.

Cheryl Klinker expressed concern at the City Council's recent repeal of parking requirements in urban centers such as Northgate.

Neighborhood Street Fund/Cumulative Reserve Fund

With November passage of the transportation levy, an additional \$1.5 million is now available for projects. Funding source is now stable for many years. Looking to rename the fund. Let SDOT's Shauna Walgren know if you have suggestions. Goal is for projects with quick turn-around. A current issue is whether to award funds to some projects based on past district council recommendations, or to allow districts to submit proposals in a new round this spring. SDOT wishes the district councils to discuss this choice. In the new rounds, SDOT will provide each district council a list of at least ten possible projects, based both on SDOT's own analyses, and

on previous district submissions. Districts could nominate new projects, but in any case could not submit a total of more than five--regardless of how small or the possibility of their being ineligible or funded in other ways, and thus leaving a district vulnerable to having no eligible projects. CNC's budget committee has been urging that the districts be allowed to nominate more than five projects. CNC unanimously authorized a letter to SDOT and adopted a resolution stating that "The City Neighborhood Council recommends to SDOT, the Mayor, and the City council that district councils not be limited in the number of projects they may nominate to be considered for the Neighborhood Street Fund or Cumulative Reserve Fund, so long as they identify their top five priority projects, and are informed that SDOT may not be able to fully evaluate the others."

Election of 2007 Officers

Pete Spalding will be retaking chairmanship of Delridge District Council and withdrew his name from consideration for 2007 CNC chair. Members thanked Pete for his leadership of the 2006 CNC

Nominating committee consisted of Pat Murakami (chair), Cheryl Klinker, and Dennis Ross. Their slate, as follows, was approved by secret ballot (counted by Scott Minnix) as required by the by-laws. .

Chair: Chris Leman

Vice Chair: Pat Murakami

Secretary: Judith Edwards

Committee Chairs:

Neighborhood Planning: Irene Wall

Budget: Ron Boddie

Transportation: Patrick Donnelly

Neighborhood Matching Fund: Robin Sizemore.

Budget Committee

The upcoming year's budget will pose difficult choices, with projected reductions in tax revenues. Committee seeks suggestions on its work plan. .

Neighborhood Planning Committee

Looking to recruit new members. Focus this year will be on next generation for neighborhood planning, code revisions (shorelines, multifamily, SEPA thresholds). Neighborhood Summit last year—needs follow-up. Need mechanism to ensure citizen's desires are addressed, not just developer's when projects are planned and granted.

Transportation Committee

Transportation levy leaves unfinished business, especially need to fund reconstruction of non-arterials that represent majority of lane mileage. Levy creates a citizen advisory board, we need to make sure that it has real power, like ProParks and CIRP (library) oversight committees. Discussion of supporting Feet First proposal to almost double to \$900,000 the budget of the pedestrian plan Some members critical of amount of funding being given to planning, when construction projects are turned down due to lack of funds.

Neighborhood Matching Fund

Biennial budget continued funding for NMF but did not increase it.

Libraries.

CNC continues to be represented by seven volunteers on CIRP, committee for citizen oversight of library construction. Bob Lucas mentioned that, with the waning of Libraries for All construction funds, the Library has halted planning for a Sand Point library branch, and was encouraged to submit a letter for CNC consideration.