

## **City Neighborhood Council Minutes**

January 29, 2007

### **In attendance:**

Bob Lucas, NE District Council  
Malaika Lafferty, LU District Council  
Pat Murakami, SE District Council  
Chris Leman, LU District Council  
Scott Minnix, DON  
Laine Ross, Downtown District Council  
Ted Choi Tam, Downtown District Council  
Cheryl Klinker, North District Council  
Ronald Boddie, Central District Council  
Andrew Taylor, East District Council  
Stella Chao, DON  
Pamela Green, Mayor's Office  
Patrick Donnelly, SE District Council  
Dennis Ross, SW District Council  
Redeat Habte, Seattle University  
Kathy Nyland, Great Duwamish District Council  
Judith Edwards, Great Duwamish District Council  
John F. Reed, Delridge resident  
Run Vzel, North Beacon Hill C, GDDC

### **December minutes**

The December minutes were reviewed and approved with two abstentions.

### **DON Director Designate Stella Chao**

Chao said that she was energized and impressed with the Jan. 27 workshop on community building that was organized by the district councils. She will attend each district council in order to learn more about the districts' issues. She then invited CNC members to speak to their issues.

In answer to a question from Ron Boddie, Chao said that she wants to build a strong team vision, a collective vision. Her ideas include: new ways of engagement with groups around the city. Wants staff to explore new ways of access/engagement. Options of engagement should be diverse. Chao was cautioned by a CNC member "not to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Some good programs are already in place."

Judith Edwards and Kathy Nyland reported that Thomas Whittemore, NDC for the GDDC, is building attendance and doing an excellent job with the District. They requested that he continue in that role.

Cheryl Klinker asked what role DON might play in getting developers into the process before projects go to design review. The use of facilitators to help Districts resolve difficult disputes was mentioned.

Ted Choi Tam spoke to the livability of S. Downtown, the Night Market creating huge impacts and the impact on transportation that the Goodwill/Dearborn development will have. Chao responded that she sees DON as a liaison between communities and City departments, a point of entry for the citizenry.

In answer to a question from Chris Leman, Chao said that she would be happy to share a draft of the general job descriptions and performance standards used that apply to the neighborhood service center coordinators, in time for input from the CNC and the district councils. Leman also requested that a monthly DON report be brought to or sent to the CNC by either Chao or Minnix.

Dennis Ross voiced concern over the viaduct issue, pointing out that the viaduct is a major conduit for both health care and jobs in W. Seattle. He is concerned that no plans are being made to alleviate the disruption to residents.

Malaika Lafferty suggested that Design Review Boards meet in closer proximity to the projects they are reviewing and that project proposals and agendas be shared with District Councils. Patrick Donnelly suggested that DON be a point of contact for people seeking more information on earthquake preparedness, etc. Chao responded affirmatively, saying that DON is working on emergency preparedness and that the department wants to be a portal for information.

Bob Lucas suggested that Block Watch captains become liaisons for emergency preparedness. He reminded the district councils to supply volunteers to serve on CNC's Citywide Review Team and Neighborhood Matching Fund Review Committee.

#### **Pamela Green, Director of Community Outreach. Mayor's Office**

Green sees her main job as being to "advance the mayor" and do community outreach. She will tour all of the districts, attend District Council meetings, and the CNC on a quarterly basis. She commented that the Viaduct, 520 bridge and the Mercer corridor are all huge agenda items.

#### **Library Opportunity Fund Discussion**

There was discussion of a Library Board proposal to reallocate funds from the Libraries for All program away from efforts to establish branch libraries in the Sand Point and Mount Baker neighborhoods. It was agreed that Cheryl Klinker would revise a letter that had been circulated with the CNC agenda and that Chris would circulate Cheryl's revision and, if no district councils objected to the revision or asked that it be held for a future CNC meeting, it would be sent.

**Transportation Committee**

Chair Patrick Donnelly reported on his efforts, welcoming suggestions and new members.

**Budget Committee**

Chair Ron Boddie reported on his committee's efforts to review the City budget, welcoming suggestions and new members. Review of the City budget is hampered by the fact that, although the City Council approved the budget on November 20, the Dept. of Finance has not printed it or put it on the web site.

**CNC Executive Committee**

The executive committee now meets on the first Monday of the month at the Fremont Neighborhood Service Center, 5-6 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.