

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Minutes for the January 28, 2008 meeting

Attending: Robin Sizemore (Co-Chair, NMF Oversight Committee); Judith Edwards (outgoing Secretary); Andrew Taylor (member of nominating committee); Jeannie Hale (Northeast); Laine Ross (Downtown); Sarah Valenta (Southeast); Dennis Ross (Southwest); Kathy Nyland (Greater Duwamish); Dic Selin (incoming Secretary); Robert Drucker (Ballard); George Counts (Magnolia/Queen Anne); Irene Wall (Northwest); Ronald Boddie (Central); Pete Spalding (Delridge, and incoming Vice Chair); Pat Murakami (outgoing Vice Chair); Chris Leman (Lake Union, and CNC Chair); Janis Maloney (East); Malaika Lafferty (Lake Union alternate). Guests: City Councilmembers Tim Burgess and Bruce Harrell; Leroy Chin (Department of Neighborhoods—DON); Kimberlee Archie (DON); Hazel Bhang Barnett(DON); Ted Divina (DON); Kadie Bell (DON); Parks Supt. Tim Gallagher, Mickey Fearn (Parks); Lloyd Douglas (Cascade); Geof Logan (Fremont); Dennis Saxman (Pike/Pine).

Agenda and minutes. The agenda was adopted as proposed. The November minutes were approved as proposed.

Election. It was moved, seconded, and passed by the required two-thirds majority to reconsider CNC's acceptance at the November meeting as resulting in co-chairs, the tie vote for chair. As by this vote it was decided to reopen the balloting for chair, the CNC chair turned the elections portion of the meeting over to CNC's nominating committee, who had designated Andrew Taylor for this role. The election was continued, with Chris Leman and Pat Murakami continuing to be nominees. It was moved and passed not to entertain further nominations. A challenge was made to Chris Leman's eligibility to be nominated. It was moved, seconded, and passed that he was eligible to run. Ballots were distributed to the twelve district representatives present. The nominating committee left the room to count the ballots, and came back to report that result that Leman was re-elected chair by a vote of 6 to 5, with one abstention.

Councilmember Bruce Harrell. Is Chair of the Energy and Technology Committee and Vice Chair of the Public Safety, Human Resources, and Education Committee. Also serves on the Housing and Economic Development Committee. Is promoting the use of technology to give the public greater access to the City Council and to other City activities. Is exploring ways for the City to save money on its use of technology. Is committed to keeping electric rates low, and ensuring that City Light follows good business practices. Is looking for ways to ensure that the Police and Fire Departments get the best results for the money spent.

Councilmember Tim Burgess. Chair of Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee. Extra police downtown have made a big difference, but more are needed in the neighborhoods. Working to ensure that the Police Department meets its hiring goals, hampered because compensation lags behind nearby jurisdictions, plus competition from military hiring. Believes that public safety is best when human services and education are attended to.

Is also Vice Chair of the Planning, Land Use, and Neighborhoods Committee (PLUNC), and serves on the Environment, Emergency Management, and Utilities Committee. Also is co-chair of the City's Domestic Violence Prevention Council and the Families and Education Oversight Committee.

Both City Councilmembers entertained many questions, and encouraged people to contact their offices to receive e-mail newsletters.

Department of Neighborhoods appointments. Kimberlee Archie was introduced as a new Deputy Director, with jurisdiction over the Neighborhood Service Centers, district coordinators, and neighborhood planning. Ted Divina is her deputy for the district coordinators, and is liaison to CNC. Leroy Chinn is acting North District coordinator while Ed Pottharst acts as DON's coordinator for neighborhood planning.

CNC work plan for 2008. A draft is on the City web site. Districts are urged to review it and suggest any needed changes. Is expected to be revised and adopted at the Feb. 25 CNC meeting.

Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee. Large Protect Fund letters of intent due Feb. 4. All the district councils should be getting ready to appoint their representative to the Citywide Review Team, and also think about nominating possible at-large members. The NMF process will be similar to last year. Looking for a location for the CRT meetings.

Budget Committee. Planning for the Feb. 10 Citizens Budget Conference. Excellent participation expected from the public, City Council, and agencies. Deputy Mayor will keynote.

Transportation Committee. Last meeting focused on neighborhood parking changes. Lots of neighborhood interest in parking issues. SDOT has a schedule of neighborhoods where it will be considering installation of parking kiosks. Also, SDOT will be reviewing the Residential Parking Zone program.

Neighborhood Planning Committee. CNC discussed and approved a letter (with one abstention) presented by Chair Irene Wall, requesting an extension in the annual Jan. 18 deadline for proposing amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and asking that the Comprehensive Plan on the City web site be updated more promptly (still not current when the deadline looms for proposing amendments for the next year). Comment was made that the application this year is very complicated.