

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2008

In attendance: A Richard (Dic) Selin, (CNC Secretary; Lake Union/FNC), Pete Spalding (CNC Vice Chair; Delridge Neighborhoods District Council); Irene Wall, (Northwest District Council), Kathy Nyland (Greater Duwamish), Sarah Valenta (Southeast District Council, Janis Maloney (East District), Robin Sizemore (co-chair, NMF Oversight Committee), Jeannie Hale, (Northeast District Council), Dennis Ross, (Southwest District Council), Nicole Franklin, (Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council), Chris Leman, (CNC Chair, Lake Union District Council). Guests: Richard A. Conlin, (City Council), Ted Divina, (DON), Michael Dobbie (Olive-Denny Neighbors), Dolores Ranhofer, (Lakewood-Seward Park Community Association),

City Council President Conlin. Richard Conlin was the featured guest, and spoke of his efforts toward a City Council that is more open, responsive, and focused. The City Council web site is being overhauled. The new solid waste disposal contractor does not own a landfill, so will have stronger incentives to encourage recycling. Conlin announced a process by which a blue ribbon panel will recommend to the City Council whether to put a new parks levy before the voters. Any district nominations of people to serve on that panel should be offered immediately.

Legislative report. The City's lobbyists were all busy in Olympia that day, but in a prior phone call they reported major progress on the regulation of condo conversion, and funding for the aging and for social services to reduce gang violence and domestic violence.

CNC work plan. CNC's 2008 work plan was adopted, with the understanding that it is a guide to action, and will change with events. The adopted version is now on the web site at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>.

Neighborhood leadership training program. City Council resolution 31044 requires the Department of Neighborhoods by Feb. 15, 2008 to provide a plan for how to spend the \$100,000 in the current budget for this program. As submission of the plan has been delayed, CNC authorized a letter making suggestions [finalized and sent March 18; available at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>]. At the Feb. 25 CNC meeting, members reflected on past training efforts, with a feeling that they were highly theoretical, and lacked substantive examples and lessons for neighborhood organizations. There was a desire for greater neighborhood involvement in planning and overseeing the training program.

Neighborhood Matching Fund. Committee co-chair Robin Sizemore urged all district councils soon to designate their representative(s) to the Citywide Review Team, which reviews NMF applications and makes recommendations to the CNC on their funding. Please let both Robin (robin.sizemore@comcast.net) and your DON neighborhood district coordinator know your district's nominations. Each district can nominate one representative, and can also nominate one or more at-large members.