

Below is the draft agenda for the Monday, April 28 CNC meeting, along with background and an updated listing of other meetings and deadlines. Please share this message widely. You and everyone are welcome to attend or send us suggestions and ideas!

City Neighborhood Council
www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil
Monday, April 28, 2008
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
West Precinct Conference Room
810 Virginia Street

Chair: Chris Leman (Lake Union), cleman@oo.net, (206) 322-5463
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Acting Secretary: Kathy Nyland (Greater Duwamish) alamodem@earthlink.net

DRAFT AGENDA:

- 6:30 Introductions, review/approval of agenda, approval/revision of March 31 minutes (attached)
6:35 Joint presentation and dialogue with our guest speakers:
City Councilmember Jan Drago (Chair of Transportation Committee)
Director Grace Crunican (Seattle Department of Transportation)
(topics include neighborhood parking, SR99, Neighborhood Street Fund, and as you wish)
7:55 Possible CNC action on letter (see draft, below) regarding Seattle/suburbs bus funding allocation
8:00 Department of Neighborhoods report on upcoming evaluation of NMF and P-Patch
8:10 Neighborhood leadership training--discussion of DON proposals (attached, and see note below)
8:15 Reports of CNC's committees
Neighborhood Planning Committee--Irene Wall, Chair
Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee--Robin Sizemore/Laine Ross, Chairs
Citywide Review Team--Chair(s)
Transportation Committee--Suzanne Anderson, Vice Chair
Budget Committee--Ron Boddie, Chair
CNC executive committee
8:30 Continued roundtable on district council challenges and opportunities. Note: volunteers from three SE District organizations have asked to make a presentation about the value to district councils of putting a limit on the number of voting seats held by social service agencies.
9:00 Adjourn

UPCOMING:

These events are open to the public. CNC agendas and minutes are available at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil, which also has CNC's by-laws, work plan, contact information for district representatives, correspondence, and videos and other documents. An on-line meeting calendar that includes the district council meetings is <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/meetinglocations.htm>.

CNC Executive Committee next meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 5-6 p.m. at the Fremont Neighborhood Service Center, 908 N. 34th Street. All are welcome to attend, or if you would like to participate by conference telephone, contact Chris Leman at (206) 322-5463 or cleman@oo.net.

May 26 CNC meeting will focus on at-risk youth. In some sense, all youth are at-risk today. The May 26 CNC meeting will feature a roundtable on what government and neighborhoods can do to help youth to happy, safe, productive lives. Invitees include Jim Street, Willie Austin, and some teenagers; additional speaker suggestions are most welcome (to the CNC chair).

CNC Budget Committee, chaired by Ron Boddie (Central District), rjboddie_2@msn.com. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 5 p.m. in room 370 of City Hall, 601 Fifth Avenue.

CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee, co-chaired by Robin Sizemore, robin.sizemore@comcast.net and Laine Ross, laine@ceoworkz.com. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center, 160 Roy Street.

CNC Transportation Committee, chaired by Ref Lindmark (Northwest District), refl@nwlink.com. Next meeting: Friday, May 16 (11:30 a.m. in room 4090 of the Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue).

CNC Neighborhood Planning Committee, chaired by Irene Wall (Northwest District), iwall@serv.net. Next meetings: April 22 and May 20 (both Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at the West Precinct, 810 Virginia St.).

BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

District councils co-sponsor with the City Council four May community meetings on the budget. CNC thanks Councilmember Jean Godden for inviting the district councils to co-sponsor the May public meetings of the City Council's Budget Committee, which she chairs. Most of the districts are now on board to co-sponsor one or two of the meetings; if your district is not yet involved, please consider doing so. Co-sponsorship raises the profile of your district and empowers people to get involved in the budget process. The City Council's budget committee consists of all nine Councilmembers, so you are likely to have a lot of the Councilmembers there. For questions, or to get involved, contact Godden's office via tom.vanbronkhorst@seattle.gov or by calling 684-8807. The meetings are all 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and are as follows: Thurs., May 8, 2008, Miller Park Community Center; Thurs., May 15, 2008, Ballard Northwest Senior Activity Center; Tues., May 20, 2008, High Point Community Center; and Thurs., May 29, 2008, Rainier Valley Cultural Center. Background, addresses and an electronic version of the flier are at:

http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/budget_comm.htm#community_meetings Please help spread the word.

Evaluations of Neighborhood Matching Fund and P-Patch program. The Department of Neighborhoods recently informed CNC that it is conducting an evaluation of the NMF and P-Patch. CNC's first opportunity to learn about these evaluations will be at the April 18 meeting a briefing about an. The CNC chair has asked for details to send out with this agenda, but so far has received none.

Neighborhood Leadership Training Program. City Council resolution 31044 required 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. This plan was provided to the City Council on April 2, and Councilmember Clark's office sent us the attached copy. It notably departs from the suggestions that CNC sent to DON and the City Council in a March 18 letter (available at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>), and the further discussion at the March 31 CNC meeting, both of which are summarized in the attached minutes. In particular, there does not seem to be recognition of CNC-identified priorities that the training be widely available, practical, and sustainable over future years, that it involve a peer-to-peer model, that it have major web-based and organization-building components, and that the curricular materials not be proprietary (so that the public can continue to use them after a particular consultant may have given a class).

April 19 Neighborhood Planning Forum. This successful forum (attended by more than 110, including three City Councilmembers) was video recorded, and we will circulate a link to the video and a written report when they are available.

Videos of Feb. 10 Citizens Budget Conference. The Seattle Channel has been broadcasting C.R. Douglas's focus piece on the budget that is based largely on the conference. It can be viewed on the web site at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=3100801>. A video of the concluding City Council panel is at http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/budget_comm.htm. A video of the opening session is at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5010806>. A link to one of the sessions on SDOT is <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5010808>.

Doug Lorentzen, 1945-2008. On March 4, Seattle lost this stalwart CNC member and former chair of CNC's Citywide Review Team and its Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee. Son of one of the last City treasurers, Doug also chaired the Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council and was active in neighborhood planning, major institutions review of Seattle Pacific University, and in many other City issues and advisory roles. A tribute in the Queen Anne News by former CNC chair John Coney (with a photo that captures Doug's gentlemanly personality) is at http://www.pacificpublishingcompany.com/site/index.cfm?newsid=19382161&BRD=855&PAG=461&dept_id=517907&rfl=8. CNC and the district councils would not be the independent, vital advisory bodies they are without the dedication and skills of volunteers like Doug Lorentzen. His work is all around us, and he will be greatly missed.

Thanks to Dick Selin for his service as CNC Secretary. Because of health issues, Dick Selin has resigned as CNC Secretary, to focus his energy on another cycle as member of CNC's Citywide Review team. CNC thanks Dick for his service; we have benefited greatly from his long experience with neighborhood programs, dating back nearly 40 years. Kathy Nyland, Chair of the Greater Duwamish District Council, has agreed to temporarily act as Secretary until action by the CNC to fill the vacancy.

Residential Parking Zone Policy Review. SDOT is now reviewing the RPZ program, which helps residents find on-street parking that would otherwise be occupied by non-residents parking long-term. The program has suffered in recent years from a lack of priority and funding from SDOT, such that neighborhoods wanting an RPZ were not allowed to apply for one. Some fear that the current review could cut back the program permanently. Advisory committees have been created of residents, businesses, and major institutions. See http://www.seattle.tov/transportation/parking/rpz_policy_review.htm for the existing policy and process, examples of different approaches to RPZs in other cities, a subscription form for updates, and comment and survey forms you can fill

out on-line. To receive the RPZ survey or any other materials on paper or in an alternative format, call (206) 684-3025 or jennifer.hayes@seattle.gov.

Workshop on community-building. District councils are invited to co-sponsor a workshop on community-building (tentatively in May), modeled after the January 2007 event which featured public officials and citizen speakers, and breakout sessions. The 2007 workshop video is at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5010713>. As several district councils have already done, please have your district council be co-sponsor, designate a volunteer to serve on the planning committee, and arrange for your district coordinator to allocate \$100-200 from your district's outreach fund. Pledges made last year expired with the end of the year, so need to be reaffirmed. Coordinator is Judith Edwards (Greater Duwamish District Council) at judedw@comcast.net or 329-8801.

Proposed letter on Seattle/suburbs bus funds allocation. At its March 21 meeting, CNC's transportation committee proposed to CNC the following letter to the Seattle-area members of the King County Council. The letter was briefly discussed at the March 31 CNC meeting. Input from the district councils has been positive. Possible endorsement (or possible revision) of the letter is on the April 28 CNC agenda (please send comments to the CNC chair):

"Dear County Councilmember:

"For the past decade, new transit service dollars from the County's Transit sales tax have gone 80 percent to suburban areas (40 percent to south King County and 40 percent to north King County), with only 20 percent going to service within the City of Seattle. This is despite Seattle having the most transit ridership, and despite the fact that each dollar spent on Seattle service produces far more ridership increase than in the suburbs.

"As a group, Seattleites not only ride the bus more than do suburbanites; they also vote more consistently for transit funding ballot measures. Yet many of Seattle's Metro bus riders must stand in the aisles, or stand in the wind and rain at poorly sheltered bus stops as packed buses pass them by. This while buses are near-empty on many routes in suburban and exurban King County.

"As a proportion of King County's greenhouse gas production, motor vehicle emissions are about 50% and growing. With the new state law passed in March requiring reductions in vehicle miles traveled, the County can no longer afford to distribute its new transit dollars without regard to where they will do the most to reduce driving. It also cannot continue to give lowest priority in new transit funding to improving mobility and livability in our established cities.

"Please work to change the 20:40:40 ratio for distributing new service dollars into a more equitable ratio of 33-33-33, with Seattle receiving the same proportion as the North and South county areas. CNC is the citywide voice of the thirteen district councils, which like CNC are official Seattle advisory bodies. While we rarely address letters to the King County Council, this issue is of such importance to Seattle neighborhoods that you should hear from us directly." Any questions or comments on the above are welcome. Please make sure to note the meeting dates listed.

Conclusion. Comments are always welcome on this CNC e-mail of the April 28 agenda and related materials. Please note especially the meetings and deadlines listed.

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