

Below is the draft agenda for the Monday, July 28 CNC meeting, along with background and a listing of other meetings. You and everyone are welcome to attend and/or send us suggestions and ideas!

City Neighborhood Council
www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil
Monday, July 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
Vice Chair: Pete Spalding (Delridge) bayowonder@comcast.net
Secretary: Peter Aberg (Northeast) petersea2001@yahoo.com

DRAFT AGENDA:

- 6:30 Introductions, review/approval of agenda and of the June minutes (see link below)
- 6:35 Continuation from last meeting of discussion on voting membership in district councils (see below)
- 7:45 Brainstorming session on possible CNC roles on School District issues (see below)
- 8:00 Noise ordinance changes---possible action on draft CNC letter (see link below)
- 8:15 Possible action on letter reaffirming 2006 call for timely web access to budget decisions (link below)
- 8:20 Reports of CNC's committees
Budget Committee--Ron Boddie, Chair
Neighborhood Planning Committee--Irene Wall, Chair
Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee--Laine Ross, Chair
Transportation Committee--Ref Lindmark, Chair
CNC executive committee
- 9:00 Adjourn

UPCOMING

All CNC and district council 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 other documents, videos and links. An on-line meeting calendar that includes the district council meetings is <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/meetinglocations.htm>.

CNC September 29 meeting. The City Neighborhood Council traditionally does not meet in August. The next scheduled meeting is Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. at the West Precinct, 810 Virginia St. That is also the day of the Mayor's presentation to the City Council of his biennial budget proposals, and Director of the Department of Finance Dwight Dively will be at the evening City Neighborhood Council to brief us and distribute the first copies of the budget proposals.

CNC Executive Committee. The next scheduled meeting next meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 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.

CNC Budget Committee, chaired by Ron Boddie (Central District), rboddie_2@msn.com. Next meeting is being scheduled.

CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee, Chaired by Laine Ross (Downtown District), laine@ceoworkz.com. Next meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 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, August 15 (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 meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 6:30 p.m. at the West Precinct, 810 Virginia St.

BACKGROUND

Draft minutes. Draft minutes from the June 23 CNC meeting (and approved minutes from previous meetings are available by going to <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil> and clicking on "Meeting Minutes and Agendas."

Voting membership in district councils. On April 19 and June 23, CNC held lengthy discussions on voting membership in the district councils, with particular reference to SE District Council. (One-page statements that CNC requested April 19 from SEDC's executive committee and from a coalition of disaffected groups can be found at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil> by going to "Documents, Videos, and Links," and then to "CNC and District Council Governance.") Also, on July 21, the Seattle P-I had an article on the controversy that can be found at http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/371544_mutiny21.html

CNC's executive committee continues to believe that the SE district council dispute will be best and most lastingly resolved by those within the district. We have been encouraging dialogue and peacemaking efforts, and therefore are pleased to announce that both sides in the SE district council dispute are now committed to talks that, we hope, will produce a lasting ability to work together for the greater good of their district. In deference to the peacemaking process that is now beginning, we urge that the July 28 CNC discussion on voting membership in district councils have a focus on questions that are common to any district council. The various City Council resolutions that apply to the district councils and CNC are also on the web site--click on "Documents, Videos, and Links" and go to the end.

Draft letter on timely web access to documents on City Council's consideration and adoption of budget. For possible action at the July 28 CNC meeting, see the "What's New" section of <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil> for a draft letter that reaffirms CNC's May 2006 letter recommending the timely posting by the City Council on its web site of documents on consideration and adoption of the budget. Because the CNC is not scheduled to meet again until Sept. 29, for the letter to have an impact on this important biennial budget, it would need to be authorized (possibly with requested revisions or further circulation to the districts) at the July 28 CNC meeting. Comments are welcome, to CNC chair Chris Leman, cleman@oo.net, (20y) 322-5463, and CNC budget committee chair Ron Boddie, rboddie_2@msn.com.

Draft CNC letter on noise ordinance changes. The Department of Planning and Development and the City Council's Transportation Committee have approved C.B. 116204 (<http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~public/CBOR1.htm>) which, although making some improvements in noise standards, hours, and enforcement authority, would weaken the noise ordinance by: (1) eliminating the required "public hearing on due notice" regarding proposed variances; (2) eliminating the right to appeal temporary variances; and (3) creating for "major public projects" a new variance that would apply to any public project expected to last six months or more. A possible CNC letter commenting on the noise ordinance changes has been on the CNC web site (at "What's New" in <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>) for the past month. As the ordinance may come before the City Council before CNC's Sept. 29 meeting, CNC may wish to consider adopting or revising the letter at its July 28 meeting. [CNC chair Chris Leman wishes to disclose that he has filed an appeal on the ordinance revisions; the appeal would be heard and acted on by the Hearing Examiner.]

Feedback sought on possible CNC role in School District issues. CNC's current work plan includes monitoring of school surplus issues, but there was sentiment to get into other School District issues when CNC held a roundtable on at-risk youth at its May 19 meeting, and we have heard from two district councils with further suggestions. Possible topics include truancy policies, the City/School District agreement on joint use of facilities, school facilities decisions, school assignment policies, trees on school grounds, and provisions for student car and bicycle parking. The July 28 CNC meeting agenda includes a period for brainstorming on whether or how CNC might get more involved, such as by establishing a Schools committee. Please send any feedback or suggestions to CNC Secretary Peter Aberg, petersea2001@yahoo.com , or call (206) 523-6296.

Budget letter. The letter that CNC approved June 23 went to the Mayor and City Councilmembers regarding CNC's recommendations on the 2009-10 biennial budget. It is available at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil> by going to the "Documents, Videos, and Links" section and then to the "Budget Issues and Processes" section.

Neighborhood planning letter. The letter regarding the neighborhood plan update process that CNC discussed and authorized June 23 was revised and circulated again to the district councils for any further comments, then sent July 10 to the Mayor and City Councilmembers. It is available at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil> by going to the "Documents, Videos, and Links" section and then to "Neighborhood Planning, Comprehensive Plan, and Land Use." The City Council PLUNC committee (chaired by Councilmember Sally Clark) is scheduled to adopt or revise the executive branch proposals in the next month.

Workshop on community-building. District councils are invited to co-sponsor a workshop on community-building 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.

Conclusion. Comments on this e-mail are always welcome. Please note especially the meetings and deadlines listed.

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