

**CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Minutes for the July 28, 2008 meeting**

District Council voting representatives in attendance: Peter Aberg (NE District, and CNC Secretary; Adrienne Bailey (Central district representative); Robert Drucker (Ballard district representative); Kathy Nyland (Greater Duwamish representative); Nicole Franklin (Magnolia/Queen Anne district representative); Chris Leman (Lake Union representative, and CNC Chair); Janis Maloney (East district representative); Dennis Ross (Southwest district representative); Philip Shack (North District Council representative); Pete Spalding (Delridge district representative, and Vice Chair); Sarah Valenta (Southeast district representative); Irene Wall (Northwest district representative).

Guests in attendance: Dan Nolte (office of Councilmember Sally Clark); Alex Wiggins (DON); John Vander Sluis (Department of Planning and Development) Mickey Fearn (Department of Parks and Recreation); Peter Acker (Lakewood Seward Park); Tom Acker (SE Seattle Crime Prevention Council); Ray Akers (Columbia City Community Council); Carleen Cafferty (Mt. Baker) , Amber Campbell (Rainier Valley Post); Doug Cargill (Columbia City Community Council); Peter Daug (SE district); William Davis (Mount Baker Community Club treasurer); Michael Dobbie (Olive-Denny Neighbors); Bassine Douidar (Hillman City); Kwan Gee Fung (Othello Neighborhood Association); Denise Gloster (Hillman City Business Association); Matthew Nye (Mt. Baker resident and business owner); Boyd Pickrell (Southeast District Council chair), Ref Lindmark (Chair of CNC's transportation committee); Barbara Marinu (North Rainier Valley); Yalonde Gill Masundire (Rainier Beach); Peter Masundire (Rainier beach); Ron Momoda (Othello Neighborhood Association); Pat Murakami (Mount Baker Community Club president), R. Thomas Ott (Lakewood Seward Park); Susan Pichereau (SE Seattle Crime Prevention Council); Mariana Quarnstrom (Southeast Seattle Crime Prevention Council); Richard Ranhofer (Lakewood/Seward Park); Kenneth Robinson (University of Washington Dept. of Anthropology); Margaret Satake (Mt. Baker); Dennis Saxman (Pike/Pine), Barbara K. Selberg (M. Baker); Paul Stoms (East district chair); Jenna Egusa Walden (Othello Neighborhood Association); Nancy Wagner (Othello Neighborhood Association)

Agenda. The agenda was adopted after being amended to begin with hearing the request of some SE Seattle residents that their newly forming coalition be considered for an at-large CNC position.

Potential application for an at-large CNC position by a second group representing Southeast Seattle. Speakers from SE Seattle who do not feel that the SE District Council adequately represents their interests, advocated for CNC establishing an at-large position for their newly formed Southeast Seattle Neighborhood District Council. City Council Resolution 28948 (1994) states that "Each District Council Chair or a designated alternate, shall serve on a City Neighborhood Council. Additional positions may be added by the City Neighborhood Council, as needed, in order to make the membership reflective of the City's diverse population." CNC's by-laws section 2.2 states that interested organizations should submit an application "in such form as the Executive Committee may adopt from time to time." CNC's

executive committee has not adopted this process, so needs to do so. The SE application would be the first that CNC has received since adoption of the 1994 City Council resolution.

Once the completed application is received, the Executive Committee will, as provided for in the by-laws, "promptly make a recommendation to the full CNC for action." The by-laws provide that a CNC vote (which requires at least a two-thirds majority vote) on the Executive Committee recommendation can occur, at the earliest, at the meeting after the one where the recommendation was received.

It was moved, seconded, discussed, and passed (with three abstentions) that CNC support its Executive Committee in receiving the application from the Southeast Seattle Neighborhood District Council.

Continuation from last meeting of discussion of voting membership in district councils.

*Ballard District Council.* Has debated whether to allow voting membership by condo associations that do not hold open meetings.

*Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council.* Expanded its membership a few years ago beyond business and residential groups. The Chair is from Heron Habitat Helpers; other new voting members include the 36<sup>th</sup> district Democrats and 36<sup>th</sup> District Republicans, the Magnolia and Queen Anne historical societies, Queen Anne Helpline, and Queen Anne Neighbors for Responsible Growth.

*Delridge Neighborhoods District Council.* Rarely takes positions on issues, leaving that for the membership groups. Has voting membership for South Seattle Community College and the Seattle Housing Authority

*Northwest District Council.* Voting members include the Boys and Girls Club, and Carkeek Park Alliance.

*Central Area District Council.* Social services agencies do not have voting positions. They are so numerous in this area that they would quickly outnumber the residential and business organizations.

*North District Council.* Farmer's market currently belongs. Considering membership for PTAs and churches.

*Northeast District Council.* Voting membership is limited to residential and business associations.

*East District Council.* Voting membership is limited to residential and business associations.

*Southwest District Council.* Has a credentials committee that ensures existing and applicant organizations comply with requirements such as to have elections and open meetings. The Credentials Committee reached out to the Duwamish Tribe, who are now voting members. The district council turned down Feet First because it is a citywide organization.

*Greater Duwamish District Council.* Voting membership includes several business organizations as well as residential organizations.

*SE District Council.* Several members of the audience who reside in the SE district expressed concern about residential and business associations being outnumbered by social service groups.

*Lake Union District Council.* Business associations and residential associations are roughly equal in number, and the district takes positions on issues they have in common, avoiding issues like land use and parking that tend to divide residents from businesses. The LUDC by-

laws allow non-profit organizations (currently the Boys and Girls Club, and History House) to share one voting seat, as they are not residential or business associations. LUDC representative Chris Leman passed out a list of “Possible options for district council by-laws to ensure a voice for community councils and neighborhood business organizations.”

Establishment of a CNC Committee on Education: After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that CNC establish a special committee that for one year will focus on education issues. Peter Aberg agreed to chair the committee. Adrienne Bailey, Mike Warren, and Sarah Valenta have agreed to serve on the committee, and any others are most welcome.

Library. Sarel Rowe of Friends of the Seattle Public Library said that the group welcomes the opportunity for dialogue with district councils about the library’s direction and resources. She described the current search process for a head Librarian.

Minutes: Minutes from the June 23, 2008 CNC meeting were approved as submitted (two abstentions).

Noise Ordinance: The City Council is considering revisions in the Noise Ordinance. A draft letter was circulated for review, but insufficient feedback has been received from the district councils to take action on it.

Web access to City budget documents: Following up a 2006 CNC letter, a letter to the City Council calling for timely web access to budget decision documents was approved unanimously.

Neighborhood Leadership Training: Alex Wiggins from the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) talked about the Request for Proposals regarding neighborhood leadership training.. A draft will be sent out for public comment in the next few days. A major focus of the RFP will be sustainability—looking at structures that can best continue on once the immediate year’s funding is expended. Still being decided is the percentage of the money being allocated to established vs. new organizations.

Neighborhood Planning Committee: The committee is reviewing the latest executive branch proposals on neighborhood plan updates. Chair Irene Wall will meet in August with Councilmember Sally Clark on this and other topics. Wall discussed the committee’s work plan, including possible workshops on multi-family code revisions and the design review process, regional planning, growth impacts, and demographics. The committee is deferring its exploration of the major institutions process to next year.

Neighborhood Summit. CNC’s last neighborhood summit, keynoted by the Mayor, was in January 2006. As provided in CNC’s adopted work plan, another may be held this October or November.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

*[Note from Peter Aberg, Secretary: these minutes are based on rough hand-written notes, as the Department of Neighborhoods' tape recorder did not produce any audio this time.]*