

# City Neighborhood Council

*Agenda: March 30, 2008*

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## **DRAFT AGENDA:**

6:30 Introductions, review/approval of agenda and of February minutes

- Introductions
- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes

6:40 Councilmember Richard Conlin, President of the City Council

6:55 Q & A

7:15 Mary Denzel, City Auditor's Office

7:30 DON, City Wide Review Team (CRT)

7:40 Multi Family Code Update & PLUNC (open discussion)

7:50 2009 Work plan

- Protect
- Preserve
- Publicize

8:00 Committee updates

- Budget Committee—Ron Boddie, Chair
- Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee--Laine Ross, Chair
- Neighborhood Planning Committee--Cindi Barker, acting Chair
- Transportation Committee—Ref Lindmark, Chair
- Youth, School & Education Committee--Mike Warren, Chair
- CNC executive committee

8:30 Adjourn

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### Upcoming meetings:

#### Budget:

There is a special public meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 26 in the Council Chambers. After the public hearing, there will be a series of Special Budget Committee Meetings, timed to follow Council Briefings on Mondays in April. Starting time will be around 10:30 a.m. on April 6, 13, and 20. For home viewers, the meetings will be broadcast on the Seattle Channel, with streaming on demand.

#### CNC Committees:

- Budget Committee
- Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee
- Neighborhood Planning Committee
- *NPAC: April 21, 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm, Bertha Landes Room, City Hall*
- Transportation Committee: April 17, 11:30am-1:00pm, SMT 4090
- Youth, School & Education Committee, April 2 at 6:00 at the Mag/QA neighborhood office
- CNC executive committee: April 6, 5:30- 6:30 pm, Beacon Hill Neighborhood Center

### Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Planning Committee: Monday, March 23, 5:30 pm @ Starbucks in SMT.

#### Transportation Committee Notes - Friday March 20th

1. Megan Hoyt from SDOT reviewed a number of issues associated with the City's Bike Master Plan implementation. A few observations:

- As the program is being built out the issue of maintenance is starting to be an issue. The original plan spoke to maintaining things like the trails not necessarily new bike lanes, green bike markings, etc. With the recent snow wearing off the lane markings, the question of does BTG funds pay for re-stripping etc. is raised.
- Sharrows - these continue to raise a number of questions. Some folks think that the potentially put a biker too close to parked cars and let the auto traffic think that bikes do not belong on the main part of the street. While others think that anything that we do to make the streets more bike friendly including showing cars that bikes are on the corridor, is good. As they continue to be expanded SDOT and others will be looking for data as to whether they make the streets safer for all.
- Bike signage - we will continue to see more and more streets with the bike routes identified.

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2. Megan also discussed issues around the Nickerson St traffic channeling. The issue of putting bikes, more ped, and major freight and traffic (due to deep bore tunnel diversion) should be looked at.

3. Megan explained the on-street bike parking program. They are working with property owners when they place these in high bike traffic areas. They are exploring a variety of different types of racks and will look at racks that can accommodate tandems, and bike trailers. We might see more in our neighborhood commercial districts. So far most of the response has been positive. Megan said that comments are welcome at [bikeracks@seattle.gov](mailto:bikeracks@seattle.gov)

4. Short conversation around Metro and other transit agencies upcoming launch of the ORCA card. There appear to be a number of good things about it but the issue of doing away with paper transfers for cash riders may cause some riders to have to pay twice for a ride. Current plans call for a soft roll out in April with businesses coming on this summer. Policies around transfers are not set in stone and folks are encouraged to let Metro know about concerns.

5. LINK is still looking at beginning service in July. The question of Metro providing connecting service is up in the air. Metro's first service change around LINK will be in the fall and may be impacted by Metro's revenue shortfall. There is a concern that service may be worst for some than they currently have as underlying local service will be stopped forcing people to walk to a station for service.

6. Metro's impending financial crisis and its impact on service. We discussed how Metro's shortfall will result in service cuts unless new revenue is forthcoming. The current policy around service cuts will mean 62% of the cuts will come from the west subarea. This will be 25% of the service. It was discussed that now is the time for folks to learn about the policy impacts, to think about other ways to cut service and to ask people in power and those that would like to be in power who they can fairly address the financial concerns and to make sure that the fewest number of riders are impacted.

Kevin Desmond and Victor Obeso recently presented to the Regional Transportation Committee (dominated by suburban electeds) a number of ways to look at service. I have attached the powerpoint and would encourage folks to look at it. It is pretty clear that the arguments can't just be around 'get rid of the 40/40/20', they will have to address cost per ride, riders per hour, riders per route, etc. The answer is much more complex. The entire presentation can be seen at: [http://king.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=1591](http://king.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1591)

7. We had a discussion around the DON/SDOT process for handling the NSF projects. It appears that the software that DON/SDOT used does not allow for applications to be printed out. They used Zoomerang an online program that does not result in a printed document. This has caused a problem as applicants and reviewers cannot see the application.

The other issue was around instructions to District Councils as to how many projects should be reported out. The CNC Transportation Committee would like to encourage District Councils to submit as many proposals as they would like as long as they are prioritized. This will allow SDOT to see the projects in total in case there are issues around one or two of them. We would encourage the CNC to support this

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position.

The next meeting of the CNC Transportation Committee is April 17th, 11:30-1 at SMT 4090.

We will invite SDOT to present budget impacts.

**Youth, School, and Education:**

Bill Basl, the State Director of Americorps, was the guest at the last YSE meeting. He pointed out that the stimulus package has 1.2 billion for summer youth employment. He suggested that we ask to provide community input to help use these positions to provide opportunities for leadership and service as well as money.

We spent some time talking about the possible workshop. The workshop would be in the fall looking toward school next year. The current efforts will be to help before summer comes so we might add to the efforts re employment and needs for high school credits.

**CNC Executive Committee:**

**CNC Meeting Ground Rules**

It was agreed that a list of ground rules should be developed to be sent to all CNC members that remind them of the goal to complete all CNC meetings on time, and that establishes rules on keeping messages as succinct as possible. Kathy will put together a draft memo, and Steve and Laine will review, prior to sending out to the CNC.

**March Meeting Topics**

Speakers to come to the March meeting include Councilmember Conlin, who will discuss his priorities, and how the CNC can be effective. At the same time, the CNC can provide an update on the CNC's priorities. Mary Denzel, from the Auditor's office, will attend. We will inquire if she can share anything of the findings of the District Council audit.

Other meeting topics include more discussion on the Council Candidate forum, and Committee updates.

**Future Meeting Topics**

The following are potential topics for future meetings:

April Meeting: Early April, the Pedestrian Master Plan is to be expected to be released in March/April 2009: it will go the Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Committee, then SDOT will have opportunity for public feedback. This may be an appropriate topic for the April meeting.

Revised budget – Dwight can come in to give an overview of the budget, expected cuts.

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September Meeting: For our September meeting – Devote an hour to mayor candidates: Including Mayor Nickels, and possibly Norm Sigler, and others.

In general, it was agreed that the CNC should start to identify other presenters or topics that need to come to the CNC for the calendar year, and begin to schedule them.