

City Neighborhood Council  
Monday, March 28, 2005  
Draft Minutes by John Coney

Chair. John Coney  
Vice Chair Peter Spalding  
Secretary Scott Meyer

Representatives and Alternates Present:

Andy MacDonald (Ballard), Pete Spalding (Delridge), Andrew Taylor (East), Meg Olsen (Central), Chris Leman (LUDC), John Coney (MQADC), Lynn Ferguson (NEDC), Irene Wall (NWDC), Dennis Ross (SWDC), Nicole Rinauro (Guest MQADC), Bob Lucas, (NMF Chair), Ref Lindmark, (Transportation Chair)

Representatives Absent:

Adrienne Bailey (DCD), David Dillman (Downtown DC), Michael Richmond (Greater Duwamish), Matthew Fox (NEDC), Scott Meyer (SEDC)

A quorum was present.

6:30 Welcome and Introductions

Coney will take Minutes for this meeting. Spalding will take notes. The Executive Committee will meet to address the lack of Minutes and ensure that a Secretary is available to maintain Minutes and that they are posted by DON.

6:35 Review Agenda, approve Minutes of February 28. The Agenda was adopted.

6:40 Councilmember Richard McIver, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committees, spoke on budget constraints in '05.

**THE BUDGET PROCESS AND TIMETABLE**

Councilmember McIver reported that '05-'06 is to be a year of carry-over budgeting. This year will be a rebound year for the City's tax revenue through the Real Estate Excise Tax. The budget process for the '06 budget will be complete by November 31, 2005.

Letters to the Mayor should go out by April 15. CNC should provide Council with budget recommendations prior to the mid-June Budget Hearing. CNC should be represented at the Budget Hearing(s). No Councilmanic Bonds are slated for approval.

There is no rush to pay off low cost loans incurred in recent years: City Center CIP Councilmanic Bonds, Library Bonds, Family/Housing/Education Levy, Fire Protection Levy, Pro-Parks Levy Lift. There is a 30% cut likely to Federal Block Grants to the City.

**Note:** CNC will consider advocating for longer neighborhood library hours.

Chris Leman provided the Councilmember with some details of the projected CNC City Budget Conference on May 21.

7:15 Mike Podowski, DPD

### **Biotech Building Code proposed changes.**

Podowski described the existing '03 Building Code changes for "Biotech Overlay": additional height on each floor for scientific lab utilities. New proposed code changes, zoning changes. Hearing April 18, 2005. Neighborhood Business District Land Use Code: Could include "biotech" overlay with 14'-16' ceiling heights. Adds up to 20' additional height. Setbacks possible. Commercial Zone 3 and Commercial/Industrial would allow "biotech" overlay. Actually would not be limited to "life sciences" applications.

Irene Wall will conduct April 23 Public Workshop on Neighborhood Business District Strategy and Commercial Code Changes, Parking Code changes, etc. CNC may direct letter to comment to DPD subsequently.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dennis Ross, Chris Leman - Neighborhood Matching Fund Bylaws paragraphs Amendment: The Amendment revised by Lucas and Leman was given approval on its first reading. The second reading and potential adoption into the Bylaws will occur at the April 25 meeting.

7:50 Bob Lucas - **Neighborhood NMF Volunteers Recognition Event:** 6:00 p.m., May 26, at the Golden Gardens Bath House Building.

8:00 Bob Lucas - **Report from NMF Guidelines Review Committee.** The recommendations to be discussed at the April 25 CNC meeting. CNC Reps are urged to e-mail suggestions in writing.

8:15 Andrew Taylor, CNC (Miller Park Neighborhood Association) - **A Public Safety Committee for CNC?**

The Board discussed the need for such a Committee and the availability of the volunteer hours from CNC Board and District Council folks. No decision was reached. It was noted that at 5:30 p.m. on April 26, Chief Gil Kerlikowski will participate in a Public Hearing on Public Safety sponsored by Councilmember Licata. Spalding will check on possible CNC involvement in this forum.

8:30 **Further Committee Reports**  
**Budget Committee,** Chris Leman:

Committee Member Nicole Rinauro will develop a June Budget Workshop. Leman will draft a letter to District Council Chairs and Members urging them to prepare budget recommendations related to their Districts and to communicate city-wide budget topic concerns to the CNC Budget Committee. (The letter was distributed on April 14 through DON.)

**Neighborhood Planning,** Irene Wall:

On April 23, a 9:00 a.m. CNC Workshop is scheduled on Parking Requirements in the DPD proposed Building Code changes and Pedestrian Overlay Zone changes. Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck will co-sponsor this event in the Landes Room at

City Hall. Further workshops and forums will be planned centering on proposed Code changes and Comprehensive Plan changes.

**Transportation** - Ref Lindmark:

**ACTION ITEM:** A letter supporting the consideration by WSDOT and SDOT of the Montlake Neighbors proposal for a link between the 520 Bridge and I-5 was put into a Motion. The proposal includes an exit ramp to the south side of Husky Stadium at the Link Light Rail Terminal. The Motion failed on a 4 to 3 vote with abstentions. Lindmark agreed to bring a more neutral letter to the April 25 meeting.

**A Candidates Night** was discussed. No volunteers were available yet to take on this assignment.

8:50 John Coney, Chair:

**State of the Neighborhoods Conference** proposed for November: This Conference has the approval of DON, Councilmember David Della (Co-Sponsor) and the Executive Staff. Coney and Wall will work up the details over the next few months.

9:00 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:

April 25, 6:30 p.m., West Precinct Conference Room:

Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck will be our guest. He will discuss the proposed Land Use and Building Code changes, including parting requirements for new construction.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Budget Committee: April 5, 19, 7:30 a.m. City Hall #380

Transportation Committee: April 22, 12 noon, Economy Building, Goodwin Library, Pike Place Market (4th Fridays)

Neighborhood Planning Committee: April 5, 7:00 p.m., West Precinct Conference Room