

## CNC Minutes 10/25/04

Attending: Victor Barry, Chair; Michael Thompson, Vice Chair; Scott Meyer, Secretary; John Coney, Transportation Committee Chair; Pete Spalding, Budget Committee Chair, Bob Lucas, NMF Committee Chair, Irene Wall, Neighborhood Plan Committee Chair; Stephen Lundgren, Ballard; Catherine Stanford, Downtown; Andrew Taylor, East; Chris Leman, Lake Union; Lynn Ferguson, NE; Dennis Ross, SW; Jerry Owens, NW.

### 1. WELCOME

Vic Barry called the meeting into order at 6:40pm.

Bernie Matsuno was introduced as the new replacement for Brent Crook.

Guests: Yvonne Sanchez, Department of Neighborhoods; David Della, City Councilmember

### 2. REVIEW AGENDA, APPROVE MINUTES

September minutes were approved.

Stephen Lundgren suggested greater brevity in future minutes.

### 3. GUEST: COUNCILMEMBER DELLA

Councilmember Della shared the council budget resolution. He indicated support for a budget that puts people first and that preserves programs that meet basic needs. He also supported preserving public safety improving financial stability of the city, transportation, economic development, healthy neighborhoods, GMA, etc. The city council is currently reviewing budget with departments (one round of discussions). He encouraged public and CNC attendance of city council meetings. The budget was scheduled to be finished by Thanksgiving with a preliminary vote on 11/22 and a final vote on 11/29.

Recommended cuts or adjustments:

- Major institution fee
- City might explore charging to provide staffing
- King County Bar Association legal clinic funds cut
- Historic preservation cuts
- Work study positions in neighborhood services centers cut
- NMF reduced by \$300,000 over two years
- Dept. of Transportation and Parks Department to be scrutinized for potential savings

Yvonne Sanchez indicated that Councilmember McIver wanted to delay awarding of race relations and social justice funds until 2005 so as to “capture” funds in the current budget cycle.

Bernie stated that there was no money for race and social justice in 2003. In 2004, DON proposed that \$400,000 of large projects funds be set aside for RRSJ funds. Small and Simple fund requests are continuing to increase.

Yvonne noted that councilmembers may not be aware of the RRSJ or may confuse it with some of the mayor's initiatives.

A few comments suggested that communities are asking nonprofit organizations to help fund current projects because Pro Parks funds are insufficient or lacking.

The North District is concerned that the community center and library project at Northgate came in over budget and now the community is concerned about future funding for it.

Councilmember Della indicated that no discussion has been held about privatizing Magnuson Park.

Numerous comments suggested that NMF is insufficient for current needs and that Pro Parks funds are not fully funding projects.

#### 4. GUEST: E-MAIL PRIVACY

The guest speaker from the City Attorney's office was delayed until next meeting. Vic distributed a handout regarding public disclosure and privacy.

Chris Lehman read a portion of the by-laws preamble.

#### 5. BUDGET

Kevin Patrick was nominated to the CHIRP board (Citizens' Implementation Review Board) and was unanimously approved by the council.

This was the last period for comments on the letter from the CNC to the City Council regarding 2005 budget.

Vic suggested sending a brief letter regarding preserving NMF funds and the \$35,000 for work study in neighborhood service centers. Various members indicated public safety funding is of high importance in many districts. Various chambers of commerce are concerned about business related crime. There was consensus for a letter supporting the above items.

#### 6. NMF COMMITTEE

Volunteer Recognition Day was discussed and a handout distributed. A vote on recognition was suggested and unanimously passed.

#### 7. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A draft letter was handed out and discussed. Some points:

- New transportation plan is linked to the city's comprehensive plan
- Recognizes need for concurrence for transportation in urban villages
- Places stronger emphasis on alternative modes of transportation
- Plans for integration with light rail, monorail, etc.
- Suggests the need for an annual review

December 15 is the closing date on public comment. November was suggested as a better alternative so that SDOT could have time to take suggestions into advisement.

A motion was passed unanimously to table the discussion until November.

Stephen recommended MICs (Manufacturing and Industrial Centers) be included.

## 8. NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vic read a letter from Irene Wall regarding planning. Voting regarding approval of the letter would be conducted by e-mail.

Changes to the comp plan must be approved by the city by December 1.

Central Area in particular wants more economic development opportunities.

## 9. BY-LAWS REVISIONS

Vic wanted to clarify what he thought were misunderstandings about the by-laws change process. He suggested that the CNC could be made stronger, more representative and more effective under the proposed revisions. He indicated that the by-laws changes came from the Executive Committee of the CNC, which met to reassess by-laws and asked an informal task force to meet and generate some recommendations.

Stephen moved to table discussion until January meeting.

Bob Lucas discussed CRT and NMF changes. He wants the districts to nominate people to both bodies with an emphasis on including people who have project experience.

Mike Thompson suggested refocusing on getting DON to develop interest at the neighborhood and district level instead of revising CNC by-laws.

A vote was held on Stephen's motion to table and passed with only two nays against.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.