

## MINUTES

City Neighborhood Council

Monday, February 25, 2002, 6:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

Voting Members: Stephen Lundgren (Ballard); Adrienne Bailey (Central); Russ Brubaker (Delridge Neighborhoods); Kate Joncas (Downtown); Janis Maloney (East); Charlie Cunniff (Greater Duwamish); Chris Leman (Lake Union); Victor Barry (Queen Anne/Magnolia); Mike Thompson (North); Jeannie Hale (Northeast); Irene Wall (Northwest); Joan Jevnikar (Southeast); Dennis Ross (Southwest)

Other District Council Members: Doug Lorentzen, NMF Committee Chair (Magnolia/Queen Anne); Joseph Smith (Citizens Implementation Review Panel – CIRP)

City Staff: Tim Ceis (Mayor's Office); Brent Crook, Ted Divina, and Yvonne Sanchez (Department of Neighborhoods)

*A complete audiotape recording of this meeting is available to listen to – call Sandy Brooks at 684-0719.*

### Introductions

Kate Joncas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., with a quorum present.

### Welcoming remarks from Deputy Mayor Tim Ceis

Tim announced that Mayor Nickels, scheduled guest speaker, is under doctor's orders to rest an injured knee. He introduced Yvonne Sanchez, the Mayor's appointee as the new Director of the Department of Neighborhoods. Yvonne stated she is looking forward to working collaboratively with neighborhood groups.

Representatives from each of the 13 District Councils listed their top priorities as follows:

**Ballard:** growth management (BINMIC planning) as it relates to land use planning and transportation concurrency needs; Ballard Civic Center; welcoming diversity; affordable housing; supporting the monorail system; and accessibility for the industrial and business areas.

**Central:** has an abundance of social services area which draws a certain element into the District; lack of resources for the neighborhood plan; and citizen involvement with the plan.

**Delridge Neighborhoods:** needs support in developing commercial nodes; there is a vision for the development of well-managed and well-maintained affordable housing; they welcome redevelopment of High Point, with the condition that needy families have housing options; and community policing.

**Downtown:** transportation; density/growth (affordable housing); and public safety as it relates to drugs, alcohol, and youth.

**East:** concerned that neighborhoods have to apply to the Neighborhood Matching Fund to improve the City-owned McGilvra garden strip; and neighborhoods should be telling the City what to do rather than the City telling the neighborhoods what to do.

**Greater Duwamish:** neighborhood plans; parks; library; economic development; and drainage.

**Lake Union:** needs a fireboat on Lake Union and Portage Bay; the preservation of the Department of Neighborhoods; and street maintenance.

**Magnolia/Queen Anne:** improved coordination between City departments on projects; athletic fields with lighting; and lack of cooperation with the Parks Department

**North:** public safety (drugs, homelessness, and burglaries); neighborhood building; and would like to see the Northgate and Lake City plan stay on course.

**Northeast:** University Village Master Planning; noise; UW Master Plan; University Area Transportation Plan; and Sand Point/Magnuson Park field lighting issues.

**Northwest:** improvement to traffic (synchronized lights); sidewalks; drainage/water quality; library impacts; and tweaking of the zoning to create a buffer to enhance the neighborhood environment.

**Southeast:** transportation (light rail); support to fragile businesses; and gentrification. The District feels it has its fair share of subsidized housing and continues to face a crime wave in certain areas.

**Southwest:** transportation solutions for the Alaska/Spokane Viaduct; links to the neighborhood via water taxi and elevated transportation; and an emergency preparedness plan.

### Concluding remarks

Tim said one of the Mayor's top priorities is transportation and he envisions investing in the infrastructure by getting back to basics. Public safety is an issue in every neighborhood. Violent crime is down, however, property crimes are up. Public safety will be a budget challenge. Tim appreciated the comments regarding the value of neighborhood plans. Funding the projects may also be challenging, due to projected revenue issues. Tim emphasized that he hopes to fix the issue of departmental coordination right away.

Yvonne said her goals are community driven and she possesses a strong interest in community values. She respects the work of the Department of Neighborhoods and views the Department as a convener between existing communities and communities that are not thoroughly engaged, and stressed the importance of including these communities.

### Review agenda and approve minutes

**Jeannie Hale moved to accept the minutes. Adrienne Bailey seconded. The minutes were approved, with the addition of the North and Northeast District's priorities.**

### "10 minutes to a Better Board"

Randy Wiger, representing the Neighborhood Leadership Program, spent 10 minutes discussing behavior elements that are "helping" and "hindering" factors at meetings. Handouts were given to members to take back to their District Councils.

### Committee Reports

**Budget:** Stephen reported that there is a Budget Priorities Conference planned for April 20. Discussion included participation of City departments and fine-tuning the agenda. The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for March 11, Room 1001, Arctic Building, 6:00 p.m. Per resolution at the January meeting, Stephen sent two letters to the Library: requesting that CIRP's minutes be posted on the Libraries for All website, and formally nominating Dennis Ross to the open CNC position on CIRP (copies provided)

**Neighborhood Matching Fund:** Doug discussed the process of responding to the council's statement of legislative intent regarding the purposes and scope of the Neighborhood Matching Fund.

**Neighborhood Planning:** there remains a need for a co-chair to join Cindy Barker.

### Old Business/New Business

**Chris Leman nominated Stephen Lundgren to the position of Secretary. Dennis Ross seconded; the vote was taken, and the motion passed.** Kate reported that future CNC meeting locations would be based on the accessibility of Channel 28 for public viewing access. Skip Knox, the first CNC Chair, suggested bringing the meetings to the neighborhoods to encourage inclusion. Chris noted that attendance has been good, attributing this to having one set meeting location. Kate plans to attend various District Council meetings. Stephen distributed the URL address of the new CNC webpage. Members were asked to review the site — more information will be added soon. Stephen asked that consideration be given to expanding the CNC Secretary duties, as written in the bylaws, to include oversight of the webpage, which is maintained by the Department of Neighborhoods. Chris suggested that the duties as written are sufficient to cover this.

### Adjourn

Kate adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ted Divina, Scribe  
Reviewed, Stephen Lundgren, CNC Secretary  
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