

City Neighborhood Council
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Monday, February 25, 2008
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
West Precinct Conference Room
810 Virginia Street

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DRAFT AGENDA:

- 6:30 Introductions, review/approval of agenda, approval/revision of Jan. 28 minutes (attached)
- 6:35 Briefing on state legislative session by one of the City's lobbyists (tentative based on availability)
- 6:50 Revision and adoption of draft CNC work plan for 2008
- 7:15 Neighborhood Leadership Training program (see draft language below for possible CNC letter)
- 7:30 Reports of CNC's committees (includes inviting input into committee 2008 work plans)
Budget Committee--Ron Boddie, Chair
Neighborhood Planning Committee--Irene Wall, Chair
Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee--Laine Ross and Robin Sizemore, Co-chairs
Transportation Committee--Ref Lindmark, Chair
- 8:00 Welcome to City Council President Richard Conlin
- 8:30 Continued roundtable on district council challenges and opportunities
- 9:00 Adjourn

ATTACHMENT: Draft minutes from Jan. 28, 2008 CNC meeting.

UPCOMING:

These events are open to the public. CNC agendas and minutes are available at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil, which also has CNC's by-laws, 2007 work plan and 2008 draft work plan, contact information for district representatives, correspondence, and videos and other documents. An on-line meeting calendar that includes the district council meetings is <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/meetinglocations.htm>). If you can't come, your ideas are welcome now!

City Neighborhood Council meets Monday, February 25, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the West Precinct, 810 Virginia St. Draft agenda is above. CNC's executive committee has tentatively chosen transportation as the emphasis for CNC's March 24 meeting, and we are considering a focus on programs for children and youth for the April 28 meeting, and a focus on neighborhood business districts for the May 19 meeting. Comments and suggestions on any of these agendas are always welcome.

CNC Executive Committee next meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 5-6 p.m. at the Fremont Neighborhood Service Center, 908 N. 34th Street. All are welcome to attend, or if you would like to participate by conference telephone, contact Chris Leman at (206) 322-5463 or cleman@oo.net.

CNC Budget Committee, chaired by Ron Boddie (Central District), rjboddie_2@msn.com. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 5 p.m. in room 370 of City Hall, 601 Fifth Avenue (note change of time and location from what was previously announced).

CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Review Committee, co-chaired by Robin Sizemore, robin.sizemore@comcast.net and Laine Ross, laine@ceoworkz.com. Next meeting: Tues., March 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center, 160 Roy Street.

CNC Neighborhood Planning Committee, chaired by Irene Wall (Northwest District), iwall@serv.net. Next meetings: Tues., Feb. 19, and Tues., March 18, both 6:30 p.m. at the West Precinct, 810 Virginia St.

CNC Transportation Committee, chaired by Ref Lindmark (Northwest District), refl@nwlinc.com. Next meeting: Friday, March 21 (11:30 a.m. in room 4090 of the Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue).

BACKGROUND:

Welcome to City Council President Richard Conlin. Every current City Councilmember has spoken to the CNC at one time or another. It has become a tradition for the newly elected City Council President to make an early appearance at CNC, and we are thus honored to have Richard Conlin back as our featured speaker on Feb. 25.

CNC work plan. CNC's annual work plan is normally adopted at the February meeting. A public comment draft has been available for the past month at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/cnc2008draftworkplan.pdf>, or by clicking <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>. Copies of the updated draft will be distributed at the Feb. 25 CNC meeting; we will try to post the updated version on the web prior to the meeting. One addition would be to hold a CNC/districts neighborhood summit; another would be to hold a workshop on land use issues, including the major institutions code.

Neighborhood leadership training program. The City Council is requiring the Department of Neighborhoods to provide a plan for how it would spend the \$100,000 in the current budget for this program. This is a good time for CNC and the district councils to provide input to DON and the City Council on how leadership training is conducted. The CNC chair offers for district council and CNC consideration for Feb. 25 or a subsequent CNC meeting the following draft language for a possible draft letter to the DON director and City Council: "The City Neighborhood Council welcomes the re-establishment of a neighborhood leadership training program. CNC suggests that the program include a substantial component of peer-to-peer training. Using volunteers to teach other volunteers will make the program funds go furthest, help keep the curriculum and examples on a practical level, and introduce a self-sustaining momentum that will encourage continuity. CNC also urges that the neighborhood leadership training funds not be limited to or focused primarily on the update of neighborhood plans."

CNC executive committee to meet with DON officials. CNC's executive committee and committee chairs will be meeting in March with DON Deputy Director Kimberlee Archie and Ted Divinia, who is one of her deputies. If you have any questions or concerns you wish us to bring up at this meeting about the neighborhood service centers, the roles of district coordinators, neighborhood planning, or any other topic, please contact CNC chair Chris Leman, cleman@oo.net, (206) 322-5463 or another officer or committee chair.

Workshops on neighborhood planning. On Saturday, March 1, the University of Washington is holding an invitation-only forum about neighborhood plans, and whether and how to update them. UW has selected most of the attendees, but some spaces are available if you act quickly by contacting the UW research assistant Chris Godwin, crgodwin@gmail.com or crgodwin@u.washington.edu. CNC's own workshops on neighborhood planning are open to everyone, and the next one will be this spring. Below are links to a video of CNC's 2007

workshop, summaries of the workshop's breakout sessions, and the two letters that CNC subsequently sent to the Mayor and City Council regarding implementation and "updates" of neighborhood plans. (If you have any trouble with these links, just go to <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>.)

- August 10 letter: http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/cnc_response_n_plan_proposal.pdf
- October 30 letter: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20CNC%20October%202007%20letter%20on%20neighborhood%20planning.pdf>
- Summary of breakout sessions of May 19, 2007 CNC workshop on neighborhood planning

<http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/NotesfromCNC%27sMay19workshoponneighborhoodplanning.pdf>
- Video of the May 19, 2007 CNC workshop on neighborhood planning <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5010730>

City Council extends to Feb. 25 the deadline for proposing Comp Plan amendments. In response to CNC's January 29 letter (<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/Comp%20Plan%202008.pdf>), Councilmember Sally Clark has announced that the City Council is extending to Feb. 25 the annual deadline for submitting amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan (the deadline had formerly expired Jan. 18). Proposals should be submitted to the City Council at complan@seattle.gov, rather than to Department of Planning and Development as in the past. For background on how to propose a Comprehensive Plan amendmend, see <http://www.seattle.gov/council/issues/compplan.htm>.

Workshop on community-building. District councils are invited to co-sponsor a workshop on community-building, modeled after the January 2007 event which featured public officials and citizen speakers, and breakout sessions. The 2007 workshop was organized by a committee of district council representatives and their district coordinators.; the video is at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5010713>. As several district councils have already done, please have your district council be co-sponsor, designate a volunteer to serve on the planning committee, and arrange for your district coordinator to allocate \$100-200 from your district's outreach fund. Pledges made last year expired with the end of the year, so they need to be reaffirmed. Coordinator is Judith Edwards (Greater Duwamish District Council) at judedw@comcast.net or 329-8801.

Any questions or comments on the above are welcome. Please make sure to note the meeting dates listed.

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