

## **CNC November Meeting Minutes**

November 26, 2012

District Council representatives in attendance: Chas Redmond, (Southwest District Council and CNC Chair); Phil Shack, (North District and CNC Vice-chair); Chris Leman, (Lake Union District and CNC Budget Committee Chair); Laine Ross, (Downtown District and CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Chair); Irene Wall, (Northwest District Council and Neighborhood Planning Committee Chair); Tony Provine, (Northeast District); Jody Grage, (Ballard District Council); Lauren Balter, (Magnolia/QA District Council); Mat McBride, (Delridge District Council), Sharon Sobers, (Central District Council); Ref Lindmark, (CNC Transportation Committee Co-chair); Andrew Taylor (East District); Dick Burkhardt, (CNC Transportation Committee Co-chair)

Guests: Councilmember Sally Clark, Kevin O'Neil, SDOT

### Agenda and Meeting Minutes Approval

Members approved the agenda and minutes from the October CNC meeting.

### **CM Clark/Cannabis Zoning**

The City of Seattle is proposing to implement zoning restrictions pertaining to the growing, processing, and dispensing of cannabis in certain ones within the city for the purpose of limiting the impact of larger-scale cannabis-related activity.

The ordinance would limit the size of operations that grow, process, or dispense cannabis in zones with a predominately residential or historic character to a single collective garden. The zones include Single Family, Multifamily, Pioneer Square Mixed, International District Mixed, International District Residential, Pike Place Mixed, Harborfront, and Neighborhood Commercial 1. In these zones, the growing, processing, or dispensing of cannabis in any business establishment or dwelling unit would be limited to:

- 45 cannabis plants;
- 72 ounces of useable cannabis; and
- An amount of cannabis product that could reasonably be produced with 72 ounces of useable cannabis.

State is wrestling with the issue of growing for single use and growing for commercial purposes. Issue of collective gardens must be addressed. There are currently no requirements to be a patient of a collective. Medical cannabis dispensaries cannot be within 1,000 ft of a school. Serious providers appreciate the regulations and zoning. City Council must now deal with new legislation legalizing cannabis as well.

Issaquah has already completed zoning and licensing requirements. May need to go to state legislature for increased power to legislate. There are currently over 150 licensed dispensaries in the city.

CM Clark and CM Licata will be visiting District Councils over the next few months to discuss the issue.

CNC member asked about charter schools. CM Clark stated this issue will have to be addressed in the next year or so.

CNC member asked if some areas might be problematic and might be addressed proactively. CM Clark stated some dispensaries are run professionally, and unfortunately, others are not throughout the city.

CNC member asked about AIAs in neighborhoods. CNC was told that resources were not available to create/enforce AIAs. Currently, City is using voluntary bans, vs AIAs. CM Clark agreed that not counting 6-month voluntary period toward eventual AIA if necessary, did not make sense.

## **City Council 2013 Legislative Agenda**

CM Clark stated she has been hearing about transportation packages in 2014. Education is another big issue. CM Clark stated she did not know if any federal funds would be available for transportation or other items. Europe continues to be a concern to U.S. economy.

CNC member stated that open government is another concern. CM Clark cited the case of Gold Bar, where so many lawsuits are bankrupting the town. Open government can be abused.

## **Bike Master Plan – Kevin O’Neil/SDOT**

There is a current bike master plan which was adopted in 2007. Many of the projects have been funded through Bridging the Gap. In 2011 the City Council funded an update to the Bike Master Plan. Bicycle design standards have changed over the years since the first master plan was written. Council was also interested in creation of Greenways in the neighborhoods. Current plan focuses on trails and arterials. Greenways create better signage, better intersection safety and other traffic calming devices on the street. CNC member expressed concern that Greenways are not mentioned in any legislation and perhaps city dollars could be better used addressing problem areas. Kevin stated that many neighborhoods do not have sidewalks, but families and children would like to be able to ride bikes to various sites in the neighborhood.

Public engagement began in the spring with a public survey and a mapping tool. About 3,500 people responded. An initial conditions analysis was done. New policy recommendations and goals and objectives have been generated. Plan has been reviewed by Bicycle Advisory Board, Planning Commission and City Council. Work is still in draft form and comments can be taken.

Broad themes are: maintenance, safety, current structures, education/enforcement.

Draft network map has been created. These are available online. Visiting District Councils and other meetings to present information. New map is divided into tiers: bike trails, greenways, (proposed) and arterials. Arterials that are also identified in the transit master plan are identified as multi-modal corridors; need to decide how to handle those.

CNC member asked what percent increase was sought. Kevin stated there had been no benchmark created in previous master plan and they would have to come up with numbers for a starting point for the update. Fifty locations are currently being counted around the city. CNC member mentioned issue of bikers and buses playing leapfrog along bus routes. This issue has been addressed well on Dexter Ave, but in some cases, planners must look for parallel route to arterial for bikes.

## **CNC Elections**

Results:

Phil Shack – Chair

Ed Marquez – Vice Chair

Jody Grage - Secretary

Chas stated CNC meeting time/date must remain the same, but Executive Committee conference call location could be moved from City Hall Room 370. Chas has been compiling lists of district council participating organizations. Chas stated he has records from the past three years if anyone needs information in the future. CNC member stated it is important for alternates to be appointed to ensure participation from each district.

## **Transportation Committee – Bridging the Gap Levy Renewal**

Levy expires in 2014. CNC member requested more background and in-depth information provided on transportation budget issues. CNC member stated that CNC has written letters in the past that have had an effect on transportation funding issues. Issue of heavy vehicle damage to streets has not yet been addressed and would like to see this

addressed in the future. Bridging the Gap fund does not address non-arterial streets. CNC member stated that the SDOT budget is huge and mysterious. Would like to have someone with the ability to go through and dissect it. Not sure money is being spent wisely. Level of transit service is also important. Should not be paying more for less service.

CNC member stated that recent car tab request did not list projects that would be funded. Many are not interested in funding another Mercer-type project. Heavier vehicles should be taxed at a higher rate. Ref stated this is a state legislative issue; however, CNC could push for it. Any changes to gas tax will be at state level.

Fare system was discussed. Would be nice to have a system like on light rail that charges by distance traveled, not predetermined zones.

CNC members thanked Ref for his work as Transportation Chair over the past few years.