

City Neighborhood Council

Agenda: June 29, 2009

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DRAFT AGENDA:

- 6:30 Introductions, review/approval of agenda and of April minutes
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 - Approve agenda
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- 6:40 Patricia Lopez, Department of Neighborhoods
City-wide Review Team
- 6:50 Hazel Barnett Bhang, Department of Neighborhoods
NMF Evaluation
- 7:05 Mary Denzel, Auditor's Office
District Council audit
- 7:25 Roundtable conversation
- CNC Committees
 - Modes of communication
 - Candidates' Forum
- 7:45 Committee updates
- Budget Committee—Ron Boddie, Chair
 - Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee--Laine Ross, Chair (hiatus, CRT underway)
 - Neighborhood Planning Committee—Irene Wall, Chair
 - Transportation Committee—Ref Lindmark, Chair
 - Youth, School & Education Committee--Mike Warren, Chair
 - CNC executive committee
- 8:30 Adjourn

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Upcoming meetings:

CNC Committees:

- Budget Committee: ?
- Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee (Hiatus. NMF process underway)
- Neighborhood Planning Committee ?
- NPAC: July 21, 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm, Bertha Knight Landes Room, City Hall (3rd Tuesdays)
- Transportation Committee: July 17, 11:30am-1:00pm, SMT 4090 (3rd Fridays)
- Youth, School & Education Committee, July 2, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Magnolia/QA Neighborhood office (1st Thursdays)
- CNC Executive Committee: July 6, 5:30- 6:30 pm, Beacon Hill Neighborhood Center (1st Mondays)

Committee Reports:

CNC Transportation Committee meeting notes: June 19, 2009

1. Jane Rebelowski from SDOT Neighborhood Traffic Operations group shared with the group the city's neighborhood traffic calming program.

A few observations:

a) SDOT responds to individual and community requests when folks think traffic is going too fast for the conditions, there is too much volume for the neighborhood street, or if there is a lot of cut through traffic.

b) Jane said that SDOT is holding meetings in all districts (except downtown) to explain to communities (usually folks that have requested help) the process, the options, and the different strategies that are available. They show the citizens how to use the radar gun, how to use the petition (need to get most of the neighbors on board with whatever is decided), and how to find funds (if project needs DON money), etc.

c) It is important that people understand what works as well as what the ancillary problems may be created such as reduced parking or noise.

d) Some of the tools provided: letter to speeders, Speed Watch signs, Yard signs, Speed Watch Trailer, SPD enforcement, parking management and painted intersections.

e) When speeds on 25MPH streets exceed 35MPH (85%) they will look at speed humps (curb to curb), speed cushions (6 ft rubber squares), chokers, chicanes. The most common remedy is traffic circles. There are continuing conversations with the Fire Department about how many traffic circles there are and issues they create for them.

f) Funding for street calming include SDOT funds, NSF, NMF, and private funding.

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We discussed ways that the SDOT communicates traffic circles and other actions with the community. We advised her to include DON and District Coordinators as a way to find out if community councils or other groups should be notified if projects are happening. She is going to follow up with this idea.

2. Metro Service Reduction Update

We continued to discuss the impending service cuts and what we could do to influence the impact on Seattle neighborhoods.

a) The King County Regional Transit Committee meeting demonstrates the tension between the City and the suburbs. The suburbs have recommended getting rid of the ride free area and raising fares. The City has argued for a suspension of service not a reduction and the use of capital funds to maintain service.

b) Metro will present it's budget with recommendations to the Executive in two weeks and then the Exec will transmit it to the KC Council in the fall.

c) Metro has added an option to their list. It is called the 'Blended Service" which maintains the route structure but makes cuts in either frequency of service and/or the span (how late it runs). This, along with a plan that preserves commute service, a plan that saves mid-day service, and a plan that focuses on high capacity corridors.

d) There are few funding options. The one that is most likely is a property tax that was allowed by the legislature and would not require a vote. The problem is, this is election year.

The committee will draft a letter for submission to the CNC addressing the cuts.

3. We had a short conversation on the Viaduct North Portal discussions.

More to come.

4. We also discussed the LINK opening. ST is expecting in excess of 90,000 people on opening day.

5. We had a discussion about the software problems of SDOT around the small projects in NSF program. Committee will draft a letter asking SDOT to address concerns and to put the information on the web.

Notes from Ref Lindmark, chair

Next meeting: July 17, 2009 11:30-1 SMT #4090

CNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – June 1, 2009

Persons Present

- Kathy Nyland

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- Steve Sindiong
- Laine Ross
- Veronica Sherman King

Code of Conduct

Kathy is collecting information on the Time Place Manner approach, rather than a Code of Conduct. The Time Place Manner approach relates to the manner in which people conduct themselves and the consequences, and could allow for suspension of representation in a particular function if there appears to be a conflict in that duty. This approach seems more applicable to government entities, but may be applicable to CNC's.

Council Candidates Forum

Forum will be held on June 18. Laine has secured catering donations, which will include appetizers. Sally Clark's office has signed paperwork for sponsorship – the room will be free. Kathy will get paper and pens for the candidates. Potential questions will be emailed out to Executive Committee for review this week. District Coordinators have sent out the flyers. A press release will go out later this week to the Seattle Times, Online PI, and Stranger after Executive Committee review. A walk through will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 3:30pm. Executive Committee should be at room an hour in advance of the event to set up (4pm). Everyone should continue to get the word out.

Mayor's Forum

Kathy has gotten questions from people if the CNC will be holding a Mayor's candidates forum. At present, there are six people running for Mayor's position. One potential idea is to have candidates come to the next several CNC meetings, or wait until after the primary, and have the two candidates come to the October meeting.

June Agenda

Bridging the Gap Large Fund Process – Patricia Lopez, DON

Patricia Lopez has noted that June 2 will be the last open house for CRT – The department would like all of the recommendations pulled together, and to be on the June meeting agenda.

District Council / CNC Audit – Mary Denzel, Seattle Auditors Office

The draft audit is now available. Comments can be sent back to the City. Kathy will send the draft audit to the CNC. Comments were due on June 2, but the City will try to extend this review period. We should invite Mary or another representative to speak to the CNC at its next meeting.