

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes for the July 27, 2009 meeting

District Council representatives in attendance: Dan Wasell, (North District); Laine Ross (Downtown District); Andy Macdonald, (Ballard District); Steve Sindiong, CNC Secretary; Chas Redmond, (Southwest District); Nicole Franklin, (Magnolia/Queen Anne District); Ref Lindmark, CNC Transportation Committee Chair; Chris Leman (Lake Union District); Irene Wall, (Northwest District); Ron Boddie, CNC Budget Committee Chair; Paul Stoms, (East District); Dick Burkhart, (Southeast District); Kathy Nyland, CNC Chair; Mike Warren, CNC Youth and Education Committee Chair

Guests in attendance: Dan Nolte, Councilmember Clark's Office; Veronica Sherman King, DON; Karen O'Conner, Parks Department

Agenda and Minutes

Agenda was approved.

Chris Leman suggested changes to wording of June draft minutes. Minutes were provisionally accepted. Tape will be reviewed to affirm changes suggested by Chris.

Parks Levy, Karen O'Conner

Opportunity Fund: Applications out early 2010. \$15million is funded for the opportunity fund. Applications have been released. Workshops in March and April. Oversight Board will review applications and tour sites. Recommendations to Mayor and Council by fall 2010. Staff are recommending two funding / application periods, including 2010 and 2012. Process will be similar to previous Levy process. Community support will be part of criteria looked at. Information available on web site.

Q: Who is eligible to fill out an application?

A: Anyone – residents, organizations; Priority may be for projects in a Neighborhood Plan.

Q: Will criteria change over the two funding periods?

A: Unlikely – Will probably follow existing funding criteria.

Q: Can church property for park use be considered, or projects in areas without neighborhood plans?

A: Applications will be taken from all areas, regardless of neighborhood plans. Will look at gap analysis to determine which areas are most in need.

Will schedule Karen again next quarter to present more information.

Bylaw Proposal

3.2 Suggested change: Term of Office: Each elected officer shall serve for a term of one (1) year commencing on January 1 and lasting through December 31st, or until their successors are duly elected and take office.

Change will be voted on at the September meeting.

Roundtable

District Council Audit

Kathy attended a stakeholder meeting regarding the audit. Brief overview was given. Highs and lows outlined. Some Councilmembers expressed interest in term limits and how recruitment of new members is done. Interested in seeing more consistency in how district councils operate. Council will review in 2010.

CNC members expressed concern over report's comments related to district council's role in advising City government.

Dan Nolte: Multi-family Code

Current code is 20 years old and in need of an update. Low-rise revisions are on hold. Architects were be hired to put together scenarios for low-rise, and discussed in September. Currently looking at mid-rise and high-rise code., Suggestion to have administrative design reviews for multi-family units. Also suggestion that District Councils be kept up to speed on the code updates. Dan will keep CNC apprised of the process as it moves forward. A Brownbag is to be scheduled after September 9.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee/Ron Boddie

District Councils should be aware of the City budget process and should prepare letters if they wish. Budget Committee working on mission statement and budget letter to Mayor and City Council. Some areas of concern include emergency preparedness, human needs and public services, possible impacts to Neighborhood Service Centers. It was suggested that District Councils should advocate for their concerns over issues within their geographic areas, and write their own letters. Chris Leman pointed out that the CNC has sent a letter regarding budget to the Mayor for the past 10 – 20 years and should not fail to do so this year. Should not miss this crucial period to get letter to the Mayor. Irene Wall supported this view and suggested a follow-up letter could be sent in September if necessary. Suggested possibility of including reductions that CNC could support. Motion to draft letter to Mayor was approved. Next Budget Committee meeting on August 4, at 5pm, City Hall.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee/Laine Ross

Large projects awards moving forward; have been approved by Council and Mayor. Award ceremony scheduled for August. Matching Fund evaluation again on hold; most likely will not be released until after budget process. Next meeting is second Tuesday of September. Drafted letter of support for NMF to be sent to Councilmember Clark. Chris Leman questioned why evaluation was being withheld; letter should indicate that City Council statement of legislative intent specified report would be available by July 2008. Motion to accept the letter as written, was seconded and was approved.

Neighborhood Planning Committee/Irene Wall

Reviewing MF Code – will start discussing the mid-rise/high-rise changes. NPAC has been meeting regularly. Josh Brower has been elected as chair of Planning Commission. May result in changes to committee. Have held two open house meetings. Attendance has been light. NPAC working on improving outreach/attendance. Online survey is available. Recommendations from the 3 communities on LINK light rail line in South Seattle will likely be in September. Meeting in the fall to report on final status report. Outreach has been done mainly via e-mail. Surveys being completed on-line and at events. Interested in seeing recommendations for station area planning. Next meeting to be August 18.

Transportation Committee/Ref Lindmark

Discussed traffic calming on arterials such as Aurora Ave. SPD upping enforcement/ ticketing on Aurora. Will also install speed signs, new lane markers. Lake City Way and Rainier also will receive attention. Also discussed Bridging the Gap and Metro funding. Brown bag coming up related to Metro service reductions and how they will affect Seattle. Possible additional vehicle licensing fee to preserve service. Chris Leman stated that busses and trash/recycling trucks cause excessive damage to roads. Comp Plan seeks reimbursement for damage done but does nothing to prevent damage occurring. There is an amendment before council to be voted on August 18 that will allow a study of this. Transportation Committee would like CNC to encourage City Council to support this study. Motion was seconded, discussion ensued. Motion was not carried forward.

Youth, Education and Schools Committee/Mike Warren

Will be working on Youth Violence Prevention issues. The issue will be brought back to the CNC at its September meeting. Mike Warren will go to District Councils to see what their interest is in the Youth Violence initiative.

Kathy Nyland reminded Committee Chairs to write up brief description of their committees for recruitment at District Council meetings.

Executive Committee

Dwight Dively will attend September meeting

Will invite Mayoral candidates to October meeting. Chris Leman suggested that another venue be selected for the Mayor candidates forum.

Committees were asked to please send motions to the CNC Executive Committee prior to meetings

Primary elections coming up; encourage people to VOTE!

Nomination Committee will be selected in September