

City Neighborhood Council

Agenda: September 28, 2009

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DRAFT AGENDA:

- 6:30 Introductions, review/approval of agenda and of June minutes
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 - Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes, June and July
- 6:40 Dwight Dively
- Department of Finance
 - Budget update
- 7:25 Stella Chao
- Department of Neighborhoods
 - Changes to the NMF process
- 7:40 Pete Spalding
- Parks Levy news, Opportunity Fund
- 7:50 Roundtable
- Nominating Committee
- 8:00 Committee reports: each committee is allotted five minutes, unless they requested more time.
- Budget Committee—Ron Boddie, Chair
 - Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee--Laine Ross, Chair
 - 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 :
- Neighborhood Planning Committee :
- Transportation Committee: Friday, October 16th, 11:30am-1:00pm, SMT 4090 (3rd Fridays)
- Youth, School & Education Committee: October 1st, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Magnolia/QA Neighborhood office (1st Thursdays)
- CNC Executive Committee: Oct. 5th, 5:30pm at the Beacon Hill Library (1st Mondays)

Committee Reports:

Budget:

NMF:

Neighborhood Planning:

Transportation:

1. Metro's financial situation will mean a reduction in bus service. How much of a reduction, what types of services will be cut, where the service will be cut and is it a 'cut or a suspension of service' are all going to be determined this fall as the King County Council and the Regional Transportation Committee respond to the Executive's budget. Executive Triplett has put forth a '9-point Metro Transit budget action plan'. The plan calls for : deferring bus service expansion except Rapid Ride and already approved Service Partnerships (most are in the City of Seattle using Bridging the Gap funds), cutting capital program, 10% non-service cuts (such as extra police, schedules, cleaning the buses, etc), using some of the ferries funding, using some of the operating reserves, increasing fares, using some of the fleet replacement funds, some efficiencies from the audit, and **Reducing Bus Service**. The current proposal is for about 9% of the service to come from all routes. Since Seattle has 60% of the service, it looks like 60% of the cuts will come from Seattle. The Executive is calling this a 'suspension' which means that when funds come back the routes will be restored.

The politics will come when the Council gets the budget. There is a proposal (with four councilmembers supporting) to try and get the cuts down to 2% however they do this with more fares, charging Seattle up to \$6M for ride free area, using more of the reserve funds and making larger cuts in non-service area. They also will call the service reductions cuts, which means when funds come back the new dollars will be subject to the 40-40-20 policy.

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2. Seattle City Council will be discussing repeal of the Bridging the Gap Hours Tax (Head Tax) at the upcoming budget hearings. Pedestrian and bike groups are advocating for dedicated funding for bike and ped improvements and are concerned that the \$6M a year from the Head Tax will be lost that currently are going to those areas. Given the upcoming cuts to the SDOT budget, it does seem counter-intuitive that the Council would be considering repealing a current taxing scheme. Pressure from business groups appears to be behind the action.

Youth, School, and Education:

CNC Executive:

Persons Present

- Kathy Nyland
- Steve Sindiong
- Laine Ross
- Veronica Sherman King

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Neighborhood Matching Fund - Stella Chao may attend to talk about the Neighborhood Matching Fund improvements / process – Documents may come out prior to meeting for people to review – to district council chairs / CNC – By Sept 25; Possibly have her come to the October meeting rather than the September meeting. We should have access to the audit prior to this.

City Budget - Dwight Dively will attend to discuss the budget.

Parks levy opportunity fund - Pete Spaulding would like about 10 minutes to talk about the fund.

Officers Nominating Committee

According to CNC bylaws, a nominating committee needs to be formed two months prior to elections. The current CNC Executive Committee, comprised of Kathy Nyland, Steve Sindiong, and Laine Ross, has volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. We will see if others would like to serve at the next CNC meeting. Need to determine if we need to meet in person. Need to present slate in October with a bio for each candidate.

Neighborhood Matching Fund

Laine Ross noted that Chris Leman had requested that in the letter to Council related to the NMF Review, the following wording be added: "The Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) that

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called for the NMF evaluation specified it must be presented to Council by July, 2008". Councilmember Clark's office looked into the issue, and it has been determined that the Council has never made a legislative action asking for a NMF review. There was a SLI related to P-Patch evaluations.

October meeting

Both mayoral candidates will attend meeting. West Precinct, or another location? We will probably not do much advertising for the event, other than our normal process. Another option is the Boards and Commissions meeting at City Hall. At the September meeting, we will see how many chairs can fit, and determine if a larger room is needed. We should also provide a calendar of other mayoral forums.