

CNC OCTOBER 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes – Approved 11.24.14

District Council representatives in attendance: Catherine Weatbrook, (CNC Co-V Chair - Ballard District); Bill Bradburd, (Central District); Stephanie Tschida, (Central District); Amanda Kay Helmick, (Delridge District); Laine Ross, (CNC Co-Chair, Downtown District Council - CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Co-Chair); Lindy Wishard, (East District); Alexis Gallegos, (CNC Co-Chair, Greater Duwamish District); Bruce Carter (Magnolia/Queen Anne District); Phil Shack, (CNC Co-Secretary, North District); Tim Motzer, (North District); Rick Klingele, (Northwest District); Chas Redmond, (Southwest District, CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Co-Chair); Tod Rodman, (CNC Transportation Committee Co-Chair, Southwest District); Dick Burkhart, (CNC Transportation Committee Co-Chair, Southeast District); Cindi Barker, (CNC Neighborhood Planning Committee, Co-Chair); Kiku Hayashi, CNC Youth, Schools, Ed Co-Chair
Guests: James Bush – Department of Neighborhoods (DoN); Allynn Ruth, DoN; Janis Traven, DoN NMF Advisory Committee member; Pete Spalding, Delridge Neighborhood District Council (DNDC); Joanna Cullen, Central District (CANDC), Lloyd Douglas, (LUDC); Janis Traven, (MQA); Alex Zimmerman – Standup America

Introductions

Public Comment Period: P. Spalding read a letter drafted by DNDC objecting to DoN Neighborhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee recommendations to the Large Projects Fund citing a violation of Resolution 27709, funds are to be disbursed to address problems community members have identified. The DNDC further believes that shifting funds to NPSF is a violation. Central Area District Council noted their decision to take similar action.

A. Zimmerman – Standup America: Called for buses to be ride-free to all citizens.

Motion: R. Klingele - Move minutes to top of agenda; No second; Motion failed

Agenda Approved – No changes; Per Co-Chair Gallegos, September meeting notes deferred

Department of Neighborhoods: James Bush - DoN NMF Advisory Committee members visiting District Councils sharing recommendations; DoN has not taken position; group meeting since January 2014 and has done a good job of identifying what can and cannot be done; surveys to DC Chairs, applicants, NMF committee members.

Janis Traven – DoN NMF Advisory Committee member served on CRT many times where support existed for non-geographic based, citywide projects; citing Wilson Pacific Native American Center. DoN goal - improve application process, questions arose on how to implement non-geographic based projects. Other considerations - allocate Citywide Review Team (CRT) a higher scoring percentage; current proposal - CRT reviews all projects and each District Council is represented on the CRT. Resolutions were not part of DoN NMF Committee discussions.

CNC Member Comments: Reduction of review count from aggregate of 60+ people to 20+; DoN failed to have a consistent approach; District Councils deprived of a voice; Cheasty project example; inquiry re percentage of applications includes non-geographically based projects

Allynn Ruth, DoN: approximately 8 to 10 projects cannot apply; \$25k ceiling via Small and Simple projects which do not require specific district affiliation.

CNC Member Comments: invitations to approximately 500 people - DoN advisory committee not broad based; final meeting with 6 members and those in attendance were primarily supportive of non-geo change; SEDC heard presentation, voted to send a letter, working on content; CANDC voted to oppose; loss of local voice; questioned how this shift builds community; Geo and non-geo do not have to be mutually exclusive; nonprofits can work with District Councils; DNDC frustrated with process; questioned authorization to meet on this issue

Co-Secretary Shack – changes by DoN on NMF Large Projects Fund were made to inject consistency into process, but disempowered District Councils; no more local review; fewer District Council members involved; proposal erodes neighborhood involvement; Clarification regarding process for DoN Director was requested

James Bush, DoN - this will not go forward without a lot of process; not being fast tracked

CNC Member Comments: no representation from south Seattle on committee; has committee been decommissioned

Motion: T. Provine – CNC draft letter in opposition of DoN NMF Advisory Committee Recommendations

Second: C. Weatbrook

Discussion: Each DC should write letters; CNC could send a letter strongly advising DoN to hold off on action; share letters among District Councils; delay all action on these recommendations until 2016

T. Provine regarding motion: timeline (per DoN) no longer relevant; Motion is to draft letter expressing dissent, defer to March of 2015, at earliest; acquire more feedback from District Councils

Motion Passes – CNC Executive Committee to send letter opposing action on recommendations from DoN’s NMF committee

Motion to Extend CNC Meeting: C. Redmond; Second: A. Helmick – Motion Passes

Member Engagement Document Discussion: Several member concerns regarding decision making and consequences in case of violations; not agreeing with majority view should be accepted; possible conflicts with bylaws, matter deferred to later date

Draft budget letter: Co-Chair Ross – Council Oct 23rd Budget Committee meeting comments referenced.

Member Comments: Public safety language strengthened; officers don’t map to density; omit reference to Office of Education/Early Learning

Motion: A. Helmick - Send budget letter as amended; final draft by Budget Interim Co-Chairs / CNC Exec Committee

Second: C. Weatbrook; Motion Passes

Nominating Committee Report: Slate of potential Officers / Committee Co-Chairs presented; Andrew Taylor to facilitate elections process during November meeting

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Planning Committee Report – C. Barker – discussed Susan McLain’s document regarding neighborhood plan; see committee report which was circulated and in dropbox

Transportation Report - D. Burkhart previously distributed report; also in Dropbox; copies circulated

Youth, Schools and Education – K. Hayashi worked with S. Sobers; Outreach to underserved communities is important; event postponed

July 28 Meeting Minutes

Motion: A. Helmick - Approve minutes as presented; **Second: C. Weatbrook**

Discussion: R. Klingele presented a version to amend

Motion Passes: Action/approval of original version as motioned, presented

Meeting adjourned, 8:45