

## **CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

### **Minutes for the July 26, 2010 meeting**

District Council representatives in attendance: Jim Del Ciello, (SW District and CNC Vice-chair); Chris Leman, (Lake Union District Council and CNC Budget Committee Chair); Sharon Sobers, (Central District); Matt McBride (Delridge DistrictJ); Janis Maloney, (East District)

Guests in attendance: Sol Villareaul, Mayor's Office, Skip Knox, Ted Divina, DON

#### **Agenda and June Minutes**

Due to lack of quorum, June minutes were not approved at this meeting.

#### **Proposed Youth, Schools and Education Committee Outreach**

Youth Commission looking at its agenda for the year. Suggested that CNC members go back to district councils and look at areas where youth could be engaged. Poll districts to see how they feel. Suggestion to hold more frequent, local, smaller events; possibly hold middle school event and high school event separately. Perhaps even look at event for pre-teens. Could perhaps hold events at schools.

It was suggested that the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center might be a good agency to connect with, as it has many innovative youth programs. Could serve as a model for other areas. Suggested to have a theme of Neighborhood Teen Friendliness.

Sol Villareaul explained the Youth Commission's purpose and plans for the upcoming year. Youth Commission members give feedback and suggestions directly to the Mayor.

#### **Review and Discuss Audit Response Work Plan**

CNC Executive Committee discussed the work plan during its phone conference. Three basic issues:

- 1) Where will resources come from to address the audit recommendations noted in the work plan?
- 2) How accurate is the data and how will it be used? Would be better to wait for the Census 2010 data?
- 3) What is to be accomplished, given the broad scope of the audit's recommendations?

Due to CNC Chair Chas Redmond's vacation, CNC Vice-Chair Jim Del Ciello made a presentation to SPUN Committee along with DON's Stella Chao. Del Ciello brought up the points discussed during the CNC Executive Committee meeting. Del Ciello also reported he suggested the Committee avoid a top-down approach to directing councils. Previous CNC President Skip Knox distributed copies of his thoughts on the work plan. Del Ciello also reported that the CNC is a valuable resource for the city and look to work with all stakeholders. Glad to hear about the Mayor's Engagement program. Need to ensure everyone is able to be involved.

Chris Leman blamed the Vice-Chair for a lack of a quorum. He then distributed a list of his comments. He also commented that the work plan is very labor intensive. Volunteers are being asked to put in even more time than they already give. Need to slim down the plan. Leman did not see many of the themes that were discussed at the meetings in the work plan. The role of the district councils seems to be becoming less and less over time. Outreach is only being done to underrepresented groups. District Councils don't have websites because they can't get support from DON.

Comment was made that DOIT now offers support to district councils for setting up web sites and blogs. They are willing to come and make presentations to district councils. Sharon Sobers noted that DOIT had made a presentation to CNC on this topic.

Sol Villareaul explained the Engage Seattle Initiative. Improving access, volunteering and leadership training are the three arms of the initiative.

First leadership training group will consist of representatives from the Youth and Families Initiative group.

Budget Committee reported out their latest findings by distributing and discussing related concerns for the upcoming budget season. Of the many points made in the 3 page document, each point recognized the current economic climate and the frugality required to support various city services. As a result, the document has only one suggested budget increase to support an expansion of the a community event such as the Gathering of Neighbors, spearheaded last year by the Delridge and SW District Councils, last year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.