

CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes for the June 28, 2010 meeting

District Council representatives in attendance: Chas Redmond, (Southwest District Council and CNC Chair); Chris Leman, (Lake Union District Council and CNC Budget Committee Chair); Laine Ross, (Downtown District Council and Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Chair), Dan Wasell, (North District); Janet Stillman (Lake Union District Council); Dennis Saxman (East District Council); Nicole Franklin, (Magnolia/Queen Anne District Council and CNC Secretary); Sharon Sobers, (Central District)

Guests in attendance: Patricia Lopez, Veronica Sherman King, Ted Divina, (DON); Antoinette Angulo, Peter Zimmerman, John Reardon (CRT reps); Katherine Mackinnon, Belltown Community Council, Elizabeth Campbell, Friends of Belltown Gardens, Lisa Dixon, Downtown Alliance for Pioneer Square

Agenda and May Minutes

Were approved

Large Project Fund Recommendations

CRT members were recognized for their work. Seventeen projects are being recommended for award. One applicant had appealed the CRT decision, but the appeal was withdrawn. Members discussed how outcomes of projects could be shared. NMF does have a web page that features projects. Not everyone likes Face book. Many CRT members are going to continue working through the CNC NMF Committee.

CNC voted to approve the recommendations.

Recommendations will now go to Mayor and Council for final approval.

The CNC NMF Committee will debrief this year's process and make recommendations for next year.

Budget Letter to the Mayor

CNC Budget Committee has forwarded the letter for comment twice to District Councils. One suggestion was to suggest consolidation of services to reduce costs. It was also suggested to stress service centers should not be closed or consolidated. Public safety is stressed. Have not received any further suggestions or any opposition. It is important to send the letter soon, as budget decisions are being made. District Councils are encouraged to send their own letters if they like. Funding for District Council gathering of neighbors type event was discussed. It was decided to ask for "adequate or sufficient" funds, rather than asking for a specific dollar amount in support of this event.

Letter was approved with one abstention.

Low Rise Zone Letter

Irene was unable to attend the meeting, so Chris Leman discussed the letter in her stead. The letter has been circulated for review to the District Councils. District Councils did suggest some minor changes. Delridge District Council suggested the creation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee to oversee design review. Chris Leman suggested drafting another letter specifically addressing design review.

Letter was approved with three abstentions.

Youth, Schools & Education CNC Outreach

Considering the possibility of holding a forum in conjunction with the Youth Advisory Council. Would focus on neighborhood-level issues, schools, stories. Could offer speakers, workshops, etc.

CNC has had a hard time engaging youth. Chris will continue to work on the idea and would welcome help. Comment that this needs to address youth's needs, not needs of the CNC. Comment that it is a venue for networking and making connections with youth.

District Council Audit Response Workplan

Chas distributed the draft workplan. Concern was voiced over the number of meetings included in the workplan. Chas stressed that comments had been sought over the last few months and should have been submitted during that time. Looking to identify resources and create a survey over the summer. Will look at best practices of various councils. Hoping to get good demographic data for the districts. Sharing of information between councils on how they have handled difficulties.

Chas stressed that the work-plan is a two-year document. It is a step-by-step process.