

CNC September 30, 2013 Meeting Minutes

District Council representatives in attendance: Chas Redmond, (Southwest District Council); Phil Shack, (North District and CNC Chair); Chris Leman, (Lake Union District and CNC Budget Committee Co-Chair); Laine Ross, (Downtown District and CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Committee Chair); Irene Wall, (Northwest District Council and Neighborhood Planning Committee Chair); Jody Grage, (Ballard District Council); Lauren Balter, (Magnolia/QA District Council); Dick Burkhart, (Southeast District Council and CNC Transportation Committee Co-chair); Bill Bradburd (CNC Budget Committee Co-chair); Catherine Weatbrook, (Ballard District Council); Janis Maloney, (East District Council); Gabrielle Gerhard, (Northeast District Council); Alexis Gallegos, (Greater Duwamish District Council); Mat McBride, (Delridge District Council); Karl deJong, (Southwest District Council); Rick Klingele, (Northwest District Council)

Guests: Beth Goldberg, City Budget Office; Tod Rodman, Diane Vincent, Amanda Kay Helmick

Prior to the regularly scheduled CNC meeting, CNC hosted a City Council Candidates Forum.

Agenda and Meeting Minutes Approval

July meeting minutes were approved with change to note that Rick Klingele was incorrectly listed as Ballard, rather than Northwest District, representative. Agenda was approved as presented.

Beth Goldberg, City Budget Office

Beth presented an overview of the Mayor's proposed budget. City has a new interactive presentation on the web. CNC members expressed appreciation for improvements in transparency regarding the budget.

Budget Committee

Bill attempted to map budget items to districts. Many line items only list "citywide" as location. Many budget items that are identified are going to Downtown and South Lake Union. CNC member stated that Ballard was not listed. Central was also not listed. This is first draft and not for publication; however, it does highlight equity issues.

Chris Leman stated that CNC should consider drafting a second budget letter at this point. City Council does take CNC suggestions into consideration, as shown by creation of video voter's guide, which CNC advocated for last year. Should also be advocating for return to 13 district coordinators. Would also like to see CNC meetings web-cast. Bill asked if CNC members could divide up the department budgets for analysis. However, CNC member pointed out that numbers were very high level, with no breakdowns.

Irene Wall asked if staff being added were getting the job done. SDOT has a very large amount of overhead. CNC member stated last year consolidation of some services had been considered; perhaps might look at that again.

CNC members were instructed to send items for budget letter by the end of the week via e-mail. CNC members can also communicate with council members as individual citizens.

CNC voted unanimously to approve drafting budget letter.

Matching Fund Committee

\$500,000 addition in Mayor's proposed budget for Neighborhood Matching Fund. Will add consultant for CPTED projects. CNC members discussed concept of DON being reimbursed by other city departments for outreach provided by district coordinators.

Communications Committee

Kudos to Laine for success of forums this summer. Possible CNC anniversary event in December. CNC is invited to have a table at DON's 25th Anniversary celebration in October.

Nominating Committee

Need volunteers to serve on committee. Chris Leman and Karl de Jong volunteered to serve. Committee is tasked with creating a slate of nominees.

Neighborhood Planning Committee

Trying to determine if change in meeting date/time would result in more participation. Developed a Survey Monkey survey. Trying to get an intern as well. Committee discussed input on land use and comp plan. Whose input is being taken?

Transportation Committee

Ballot issue on Sound Transit Phase 3. Will need authority from the legislature for more taxes. Metro has had difficulty getting increased funding. Sound Transit will hold scoping meetings this fall. Phase 2 to close out in 2023.

Sent letter on bicycle master plan update. Planning Commission also sent letter. Have not received a response yet. Anticipate that changes will be made in response to suggestions.

Concern over loss of mitigation funding for West Seattle buses; where will new funding be found?

Taxi for hire issues.

Question regarding parking regulations re Car to Go. Feel they are violating RPZs.

Introduction: Amanda Kay Helmick, PACE student, founding member West Seattle Transit Coalition

Neighborhood Plan Update – request for city to incorporate emergency/disaster planning into neighborhood planning. City contracting with new organization to revise emergency plans; good time to suggest city include this.