

MINUTES
City Neighborhood Council
Monday, October 29, 2001
6:30 p.m.

Voting Members: Stephen Lundgren (Ballard); Adrienne Bailey (Central); Kate Joncas (Downtown); Janis Maloney (East); Charlie Cunniff (Greater Duwamish); Chris Leman (Lake Union); John Coney (Magnolia/Queen Anne); Mike Thompson (North); Jeannie Hale (Northeast); Ref Lindmark (Northwest); Joan Jevnikar (Southeast); Ann Owchar (Southwest);

Absent: Russ Brubaker (Delridge)

Other District Council Members: Cindy Barker (Morgan Junction Community Association); Deborah Witmer (CNC Secretary/Southeast); Dennis Ross (Admiral Community Council/Southwest); Ron Burke (Southwest); Neal Lessenger (Meadowbrook Community Council/North); Paul N. Stoms (Madison Park Community Council/East); John Jeannot (SPCC/Central Area)

City Staff: Marilynne Gardner (City Budget Office); Brent Crook (Department of Neighborhoods); Marty Curry (Seattle Planning Commission); Dennis Lathrop (Seattle Planning Commission)

A complete tape recording of this meeting is available to listen to — call Sandy Brooks at 684-0719.

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

1. Introductions/announcements/agenda/minutes

Stephen requested that minutes in the future have follow-up action items flagged. **Stephen moved to approve the July Minutes as submitted; Kate seconded; approved unanimously. Adrienne moved to approve the September minutes as submitted; Charlie seconded; approved unanimously.**

2. Budget Committee Report: Stephen Lundgren

Copies of the last committee meeting (candidate's forum) are available from SEA28 if you haven't seen it running. Jan Drago has announced she is interested in having a City budget forum after the new administration is in place; Stephen has committed to working with her. This may not actually replace the regular CNC budget conference. The next budget committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12 in room 221 of the Municipal Building. The City budget is still up for comment and members are encouraged to submit comments directly to City Council. The committee is still looking for one more Citizens' Implementation Review Panel (CIRP) candidate. Emilee Wheeler has already been confirmed by the Budget Committee. They are concentrating on recruiting in the Southeast for the vacant member.

Stephen moved to confirm Emilee Wheeler as CNC CIRP nominee; Joan seconded; approved unanimously. Mike asked if Stephen had heard anything about scaling back of the new community centers. Stephen doesn't feel it would be a surprise and asked Marilyn to add

any comments. She suggested inviting Parks to come to a Budget meeting as she hasn't heard anything but they might know **[future action item]**. Mike has heard this from several staff members and seconded the idea of asking Parks for further information. Although the CNC has no oversight on this, we can certainly follow it. Mike will be following up with Parks and will report back to the CNC **[future action item]** Several members also suggested we have the Parks Oversight Committee here (full CNC) as there are some questions as to what is happening there **[future action item]**. The Queen Anne community has some unresolved issues.

3. Large-Group Discussion

Charlie facilitated a large-group discussion on planning for a future meeting to talk about the larger question of “the future of the CNC”. Representatives of the Planning Commission were also present; materials were made available: the CNC Bylaws and establishing Resolutions. Charlie began by reminding us of the relationship of City groups to each other (neighborhood groups, district councils, CNC). The large group came up with 33 questions/issues that need to be addressed for the future. Then we looked at who should be involved in these discussions? What kind of forum should happen? It was decided to continue the discussion at the next CNC meeting, which will begin an hour earlier (5:30 pm) to allow for longer discussion. Charlie and Stephen will break the 33 questions/issues into categories and distribute them to the District Council Representatives by next week so they can be discussed at upcoming district council meetings **[action item]**. All participants at tonight’s meeting are invited to attend.

It was suggested that the new mayor be invited to January CNC meeting **[future action item]**.

4. Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee presented a tentative slate for Officer Elections next month: Chair: Kate Joncas; Vice Chair: Irene Wall; Secretary/Parliamentarian: Ann Donovan; Neighborhood Matching Fund Chair: Doug Lorentzen; Neighborhood Planning Committee Chair: Cindy Barker; Budget Committee Chair: Stephen Lundgren. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

It was suggested that if we meet in December, we might have a briefing from the City Lobbyist **[future action item]**.

4. Website Update: Deborah Witmer

Deborah announced that the interim pages for the CNC will be uploaded shortly. Members will be notified when the pages are available. Member contact information is needed by the end of the evening if it is to be included in this interim information. It is expected that the Department of Neighborhood’s web pages will begin their general updating in Spring of 2002; the CNC web pages will be updated and added to at that time. Prior to that, the CNC will need to address issues such as lines of responsibility, schedule regularity, etc. A revision of the Bylaws as it pertains to Officer Duties will also be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Witmer, Secretary