

June 23, 2010 Northwest District Council Meeting

Steve Deters called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and had everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

Those in attendance were: Steve Deters – Aurora Merchants, Gloria Butts – Broadview Community Council/Dunn Garden, Dale Johnson - Broadview CC, Janice Burnell Broadview CC, Pat McCoy - Bitterlake/ Broadview, Ron Horning - Green Lake Community Council, Rick Klingele - Greenwood Community Council, Marita Niemann – Haller Lake Community Council, Velva Maye - Haller Lake CC, Liz Kearns – Licton Springs Community Council, Irene Wall – Phinney Ridge Community Council, Beth Pflug – Neighborhood Service Center, and Dean Fournier - 46th District Democrats.

Beth said that Amy Hirotaka, from the Department of Information, had to leave early so it would be best for her to make her presentation next. Amy gave us all flyers and made a presentation on how we can best use the social media for communicating with each other. It definitely helps people know how to get involved. Many of our communities are using it very well.

Irene Wall is the chairman of the nominating committee. Steve Deters is willing to chair the NWDC meeting one more year. Irene Wall will continue as our CNC representative until the end of the year. Janice Burnell volunteered to be secretary. Our bylaws do allow nominations to be made from the floor and the ten day notice can be waived. Irene moved that we accept Steve and Janice as new officers. A show of hands was sufficient.

Beth Pflug reviewed the May 26th NWDC meeting. She reported that the district did approve both Matching Fund projects which were Vision Greenwood Park and Greenfield/Bagley. The city wide review team will now make a recommendation to the city neighborhood council. By the end of the year official notice will be sent out to the winners. There should be about 17 projects funded. Vicki Sonntag is currently on the city wide review team. If anyone else is interested in doing this, it would be good to pass the job around.

Steve then asked neighborhood groups to give a report of what is happening in their area.

Irene Wall, Phinney Ridge CC, reported they have a new website and are trying to reach out to new members. They are looking at social issues involving people living in their cars. She is looking into how a part of the west entry to the Zoo was named Bank of America Commons. She said the way this was done was pretty secretive and usually one must pay half the cost of the construction if they are going to get their name on it. Bank of America did not do this.

Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council, announced that there is a proposal that Cindy's Pancake House will be replaced with a four-story homeless housing building with services on site.

Dale Johnson, Broadview, reported that they are working on making their blog more active. He said the city is still accepting applications though June 30th for the 18 month update of their neighborhood plan.

Liz Kearns, Licton Springs, reported they are updating their bylaws and applying for 501c nonprofit status. She also said they continue to hold a once month work party at the Licton Springs Park and have been doing that for 13 years. She reminded people that there will be a North Seattle Precinct picnic on July 10th.

Gloria Butts, Broadview CC, reported on the progress of the new p-patch and suggested interested people get on he list.

Velva Maya, Haller Lake CC, ended the neighborhood reports and said Haller Lake had just recently installed new officers.

Irene Wall, CNC, said they are trying to come up with a work plan to address an audit they did two years ago seeing what is and is not working in neighborhood councils. Their aim is to make district councils more effective and too make sure Beth Pflug, and others in similar positions, have adequate staffing.

The meeting was adjourned by Steve Deters. There will be no meeting in July, so the next meeting will be August 25th.

Respectfully submitted,
Marita Niemann