

Northwest District Council

September 28, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Steve Deters, Aurora Avenue Merchants Associations.
Janice Burnell, Broadview Community Council.
Ellen Hewitt, Green Lake Community Council
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council.
Velva Maye, Haller Lake Community Club.
Irene Wall, Phinney Ridge Community Council.
Ann Bowdan, Phinney Neighborhood Association.

And:

Dean Fournier - 46th District Democrats.
Lori Drabant - Volunteers of America Greenwood Food Bank.

And:

Rob Mattson - City Of Seattle Department Of Neighborhoods Staff.
Laurie Ames - City Of Seattle Department Of Neighborhoods Staff.
Kristian Kofoed - City Of Seattle Department Of Planning & Development.

1. Chair Klingele opened the meeting and after introductions asked if there were additions to the **agenda**. None were offered.
2. Steve Deters moved, Ellen Hewitt seconded, and all passed a motion to accept the **minutes** as corrected.
3. **Kristian Kofoed**, from the Seattle Department of Planning and Development, spoke about how (approximately) every 7 years the city attempts to identify the main ways the city should change in the next 20 years through a **Comprehensive Plan**. This fall will be primarily information gathering and the new goals will be written in 2012. There will be no limit on themes and there will be annual updates. The Comprehensive Plan will include all other plans like the Neighborhood Plans. Someone who had taken the survey questioned that she felt it led and did not ask for new ideas. This will be looked at. The survey is online and he passed out hard copies.
4. Steve Deters moved, Ellen Hewitt seconded, and all passed a motion to pay \$82.78 or the exact amount needed to pay for **web site domain and hosting**. This money was from the \$500 from DON to promote **Outreach and Engagement**. About \$400 is left and ideas for the remainder were voiced, including a newsletter, a public

meeting to introduce ourselves, etc. No volunteer stepped forward to develop the program so Irene Wall moved, Velva Maye seconded and all but one (1 nay, 0 abstentions) approved a motion to have the chair and staff decide on the best way to spend the money. Ellen volunteered to help.

5. **Laurie Ames**, Project Manager for the City Dept of Neighborhoods spoke about the **Neighborhood Matching Fund**. The fund has grown a lot -- from \$2.8M to \$3.6M and many interesting projects have been funded. Some are Phinney Park, Greenwood Park P-Patch, Carkeek Park salmon slide and trails, murals and the first art walk. All the projects are online.

Small Sparks = up to \$1000. (Ad hoc, no schedule)

Small & Simple = up to \$20,000. (TBD times per year)

Large Project = up to \$100,000. (TBD times per year)

The website is <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/>. Laurie's # is 206-684-0320.

6. Staff report -- Rob Mattson said that the **Alaskan Way Viaduct** will be closed for 9 days in October starting on the 21st and then passed out a list of candidates for the November general **election**.

7. Irene Wall gave her report from the **City Neighborhood Council**. Revenue looks bad this year and even worse the next 2 years. Positions have been lost and combining some work has saved others such as in grant writing. More changes are coming. DON is acting as a consultant to other departments to increase efficiency. Nominations are open for positions on the CNC and anyone may apply.

Irene mentioned the SLI Response, which can be found at

(http://clerk.seattle.gov/~public/meetingrecords/2011/spunc20110913_3c.pdf)

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(http://clerk.seattle.gov/~public/meetingrecords/2011/spunc20110913_3d.pdf).

The CNC will be sponsoring a Seattle City Council **candidates forum** on October 14, 2011 at about 5 pm in the City Hall Commissioners Room.

8. There was a vote to allow the chair to **select the CNC representative** rather than holding an election. The vote passed with 0 nay, 1 abstention.
9. The proposed **NWDC Bylaws** changes were passed out and it was noted that they would have to be sent to everyone 45 days before we vote on them.

10. **Roundtable:**

-- Phinney Ridge Community Council -- have been discussing murals, focusing on zoo mural.

-- 46th Democrats -- endorsed all incumbents plus Bobby Forch as a dual endorsement with Jean Godden.

-- Haller Lake Community Club -- had a good candidate night with good turnout.

-- Broadview Community Council -- had a relatively poor turnout for September meeting with Mayor McGinn who talked about the Family and Education Levy.

-- Greenwood Community Council -- a local panhandler has been observed being controlled by a 'pimp' (SW corner of 105th & Aurora).

-- Aurora Avenue Merchants Association -- have also observed the panhandler.

-- Phinney Neighborhood Association -- planning 30th anniversary of the Center and a big party on October 1, 2011 at 7pm plus October 13, 2011 Pig Out (http://www.phinneycenter.org/events/pig_out.shtml).

8 attended the murals discussion on 27 September 2011... they are aiming to do it without a matching grant (aiming for zoo mural, under Phinney Ave, first).

-- Green Lake Community Council -- most are supporting Seattle City Light's new solar project. There will be new seats in the Bathhouse theatre and next year a new roof.

-- Volunteers of America -- runs the Greenwood Food Bank and appreciate any donations and volunteer help.

11. Loose ends -- Janice is resigning as secretary as of 30 September 2011. No volunteers came forward to be elected to complete her term.
12. Adjournment.

Janice Burnell, Secretary.