

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**December 4, 2013, 7:00 PM.**  
**Greenwood Senior Center - 525 North 85<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendance:**

Voting members:

Steve Deters, Aurora Avenue Merchants Association.  
Eugene Wasserman, Broadview Community Council.  
Marcia Norman, Friends of Green Lake  
Ellen Hewitt, Green Lake Community Council  
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council.  
Randy Harkness, Haller Lake Community Club.  
Tom Meyer, Licton Springs Community Council  
Ann Bowden, Phinney Neighborhood Association.  
Irene Wall, Phinney Ridge Community Council

Other members:

Peter House, 43rd District Democrats.

Staff:

Christa Dumpys, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Guests:

Paul Carlson, Metro  
Ron Hornung, resident  
Win Harrison, resident

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Eugene Wasserman.
2. Minutes were approved as printed.
3. Introductions with quick updates.
4. Paul Carlson, Transportation Analyst, Metro, spoke to the Council on the possible Metro budget cuts.

Topics:

- Pending additional revenue, planning is proceeding for service reductions.
- Most routes will have reduced services, but the schedule for phasing in the cuts is not set yet. September 2014 would see the first service cuts.
- The network is mostly preserved but the proposed cuts are significant

Concerns of the NWDC members, affiliates and guests:

- Why is all of this necessary?: Sales tax revenues declined dramatically in the recession.
- What is DART?: service in lower density areas.
- Route 28 will be gone, and 48X, 5X
- Some of the materials were not clear; Mr. Carlson will send an email with updated information.
- What about a state legislative fix? King County might be allowed to raise revenues locally.
- We will hear more about options for raising more revenue at a future meeting.
- When would the local election happen? Will there really be cuts or is all of this discussion meant to scare us?

#### 5. Charter Amendment 19 – Eugene Wasserman

Topics: Should we change the district council boundaries to reflect the boundaries in Seattle City Council District boundaries.

Concerns of the Council: Would the councils be strengthened by using the same boundaries as the new City Council districts?

Consensus: The NWDC will not advocate for changing the district council boundaries. The NWDC agreed to wait and see how things play out after the 2015 elections. Eugene will carefully monitor developments in other councils.

#### 6. Staff report – Christa Dumpys

Christa is our temporary staff person. The City has not yet decided who will be our permanent staff person.

#### 7. City Neighborhood Council – Irene Wall

Topics:

- New CNC officers were recently elected. The new co-chairs are: Laine Ross of the Downtown Council and Alexis Gallegos of the Lower Duwamish Council.
- The CNC decided to have a budget priorities conference on March 9. City Council members will attend.
- Major Comprehensive Plan will have an Environmental Impact Statement.
- Write to Irene at [iwall@serv.net](mailto:iwall@serv.net) to get more information on land use planning in Seattle.

#### 8. Chair's Report - Eugene Wasserman

Topics:

Bike Masterplan update: The maps for our area did not change. If anyone has comments, they should get them in now.

Eugene will send us all a map with locations of the pot shops that have applied to the state for licenses.

#### 9. Other discussions:

- We will ask for another presentation on the Park Legacy Planning process.
- The Zoo's annual planning report is out. Look at it on line. Comments are due now.
- Our sidewalks letter was picked up by the North District Council.

9. Next NWDC meeting – January 22, 2014

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peter House, Secretary