

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL
February 25, 2015 7:00 PM
Greenwood Senior Center - 525 North 85th Street
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Voting members:

Jacqueline Sorgen, 36th District Democrats
Eugene Wasserman, Aurora Avenue Merchants Association, Chair **(absent)**
Jim Jensen, Broadview Community Council
Marcia Norman, Friends of Green Lake **(absent)**
Ellen Hewitt, Green Lake Community Council
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council
Kris Lethin, Haller Lake Community Club
Tom Meyer, Licton Springs Community Council
Amy Besunder, Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Association **(absent)**
Alice Poggi, Phinney Ridge Community Council

Other members:

Gloria Butts, Bitterlake Pea Patch **(absent)**
Peter House, 43rd District Democrats, Secretary

Staff:

Thomas Whittemore, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Guests:

Sally Clark, Seattle City Council
Emily Ehlers, Seattle Department of Transportation
Mike Cruzan, Seattle Police Department
Juan Martinez, Neighborhood Matching Funds Project

Community:

Ron Hornung, Green Lake neighborhood
Faye Garneau, Aurora Avenue Merchants Association
Alex Zimmerman, Candidate for City Council Position #8
Ted Inkley, Phinney Ridge Community Council
Catherine Weatbrook, City Council Candidate
Sandy Brown, Candidate for City Council
Kelsey ???, staffer for Councilperson Clark
Sam Woods, SDOT

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Rick Klingele, Chairperson, pro tem.
2. Introductions/Short Announcements
3. Review and approve NWDC minutes from December 3, 2014 – Approved. Please note that the NWDC did not have a meeting in January 2015.
4. State of the City Council Update – Sally Clark, Seattle City Councilmember
Remarks: Housing issues; rules on raising rents; rules on what is an acceptable level of quality; etc.
Topics of interest to the Council: Progress on ending homelessness in the city; requirements for parking in multi-unit housing; rents in micro-apartments; accountability of the city council to the people of Seattle; how will the new district elections affect policy in Seattle; participatory budgeting (there is an upcoming session on March 12 at East Cherry YWCA); oversight on spending in the city budget; etc.
5. Seattle Police Department Community Police Team, Q and A – Mike Cruzan, Seattle Police Department, Community Police Team (CPT)
Remarks on neighborhood policing; setting priorities for action
Concerns of the Council: A recent mugging near here and the police response; concerns about how the Dept. is dealing with racism in America and the Justice Department decree; the 911 team could be invited to a future meeting; precinct advisory committees could be better supported and do more.
6. Neighborhood Matching Fund, Large Project Review Process – Juan Martinez, NMF Project Manager
Remarks: Updates on the review teams; workshops on preparing an application for funds; offering help for folks looking for funding; getting involved in review panels...please apply by April 1.
Concerns of the Council: Funding status; application deadlines were discussed; understanding the process and schedule.
New topic: Thomas explained some more about this year's Parks and Street Funds project review and funding.
7. Neighborhood Greenway and Protected Bike Lane Projects – Emily Ehlers, Senior Transportation Planner, Traffic Management Division, Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT)
Remarks: Bike Master Plan was updated in 2014; presented the six projects that are coming soon (info will be emailed to us); two basic facility types (Greenways, protected bike lanes); there is a multi-modal corridor website; seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaster
Concerns of the Council: Multi-modal corridors; safety concerns about the placements of some of the multi-modal corridors; the Bike Master Plan needs better

exposure and there needs to be written evidence of the use of data to make decisions on placement of the corridors.

8. City Neighborhood Council Updates – Kris Lethin, CNC Representative
Highlights of recent meeting: The city is exploring a new method for land preservation...”conservation of character.”

9. Staff Report –Thomas Whittemore, Neighborhood District Coordinator,
Department of Neighborhoods
No new report. See comments above on neighborhood project funding.

10. Chair’s Report - Eugene Wasserman
Eugene was absent. No report.

11. Next NWDC meeting – Our next meeting will be March 25, 2015.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peter House, Secretary