

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL
January 22, 2014 – 7 PM
Greenwood Senior Center - 525 North 85th Street
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Voting Members:

Jacqueline Sorgen, 36th District Democrats
Steve Deters, Aurora Merchants Association
Eugene Wasserman, Broadview Community Council
Marcia Norman, Friends of Green Lake
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council
Tom Meyer, Licton Springs Community Council
Ann Bowden, Phinney Neighborhood Association

Staff:

Thomas Whittemore, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

Guests:

KC Councilmember Larry Phillips
Mark Minkoff, King County Metro
Julie Johnson, UW Landscape Architecture

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair Eugene Wasserman
2. Minutes were approved as printed
3. King County Councilmember Larry Phillips discussed a planned funding proposal for Metro Transit
 - Revenue for Metro service has fallen short since 2009
 - To make up for it, routes have been changed or eliminated, maintenance has been delayed, the reserve has been eliminated, there have been labor givebacks but now there is nothing left to cut.
 - Without additional funding, Metro plans a 17% service cut starting June that will affect 80% of routes. Despite the fact that demand is up, cuts will make the service equivalent to 1997 levels. Could mean losing as many as 50,000 riders daily and putting 30,000 cars on the road.
 - Legislature has not come to agreement on additional funding for transit
 - To secure additional funding, County is considering establishing a transportation benefit district (TBD) that would include a funding package that will need to be voter approved. Funding proposal would include \$60/vehicle fee and 1/10 of 1% sales tax increase that would generate \$130 million/year to fund Metro.
 - Anticipate that it will be on the ballot on April 22

- There is also a separate fare increase proposal, which would be the fifth fare increase since 2008.
 - For additional information, contact Marty Minkoff, marty.minkoff@kingcounty.gov, 206-477-5799
4. Julie Johnson, UW Department of Landscape Architecture faculty member, talked about a studio study of Greenwood-Phinney being done by students from UW Landscape Architecture.
 - Students are looking at the health of Greenwood -Phinney.
 - Held a public meeting at the Greenwood Library to look at key issues, land use, zoning, demographics, landmarks
 - Public is invited to see results at various studio dates including final presentation March 14 from 12- 2:30 pm at Gould Hall on UW campus
 - Previously looked at Ballard and Lake City
 5. Staff Report –*Thomas Whitemore*
 - Parks Legacy meeting-January 30@ Bitter Lake CC
 - PKN SEA v. 50: Big Ideas - Imagining Seattle’s Future 2035 & Beyond @PACCAR Pavilion at the Olympic Sculpture Park, January 30, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Beginning of the discussion on the City’s Comprehensive Plan update
 - NMF Small and Simple Deadline-February 3 (workshop January 23 @ Rainer CC, 4600 38th Ave S)
 - 2014 Neighborhood Park and Street Fund Deadline Feb. 3,
 - Neighbor Appreciation Day – February 8
- Additional events
- SPU strategic plan discussion – Feb 22 at 10 am at N Seattle CC
 - Pancake Breakfast – Feb. 23 at Bitterlake CC
6. Report – City Neighborhood Council –
 - Eugene Wasserman will be attending January meeting. CNC will be discussing new City Council boundaries and District Council boundaries and how they mesh or don’t.
 - Some discussion of the role of the District Councils in City administration
 7. Chairs Report, *Eugene Wasserman*
 - Next NWDC meeting – February 26, 2014
 - Suggestion: bring a copy of the Comprehensive plan to get a feel of what’s included and what’s involved in updating it.
 8. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes by Ann Bowden