

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL
June 25, 2014 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
Marcia Norman, Friends of Green Lake
Ellen Hewitt, Green Lake Community Council
Jim Jensen, Broadview Community Council
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council
Amy Besunder, Phinney Ridge Community Council

Other members:

Peter House, 43rd District Democrats.

Staff:

Thomas Whitemore, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Guests:

Brian Dougherty, Senior Transportation Planner SDOT

Community:

Faye Garneau, Aurora Avenue Merchants Association
Ron Hornung, Green Lake community member
Donna Hartmann-Miller, Maple Leaf Community Council
Sean DeBlicke
Diana Nobel

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Eugene Wasserman.
2. Introductions/Short Announcements
3. Review and approve NWDC minutes from May 28, 2014 – Approved as submitted to this meetings.
4. Neighborhood Park and Street Fund updates and final ranking vote
We had two projects to consider:
 - 2014-005: Fremont Ave at 115th Traffic Calming.

- 2014-054: 3rd Ave NW from NW 140th to NW 145th Streets Walkway Repairs.

The NWDC was informed that previously proposed project 2014-055 (92nd Ave crossing NW 3rd and NW 8th) was rejected by SDOT for being incompatible with the bike master plan (90th v. 92nd) and for having fewer than 20 pedestrians per hour in a recent survey. The NWD Council had concerns about the SDOT cost estimates. We will ask SDOT to come to a future meeting to explain how they cost these projects. We agreed that as we vote we can show a preference for the circle or the speed bumps.

Sean DeBlicke and Diana Nobel spoke to the NWD Council about the 3rd Avenue project.

The NWD Council voted:

- Priority 1 was 2014 – 054, repairs along 3rd Avenue NW.

5. Safe Routes to Schools Projects Update – Brian Dougherty, Senior Transportation Planner SDOT

Mr. Dougherty reported on the various things being funded under Safe Routes to School Program. The priority is for public elementary schools because they have the most walkers and bikers, as compared with private and parochial schools. There is an oversight committee for SRS: Seattle Traffic Safety Committee.

One project highlighted by Mr. Dougherty is that sidewalks (both sides, design and construction) will be built (2015 is the goal for completion) for Greenwood N. from 136th to 145th at a cost of \$3 to \$4 million.

Concerns of the NWD Council:

- What is the process for making funding decisions?
- What is the review schedule?
- Could the prioritized projects list be published on the website?
- The possible 92nd and Aurora crosswalk project.
- In sum, the process is not always clear to us.

Mr. Dougherty said he would talk to representatives of Christ the King School and other larger parochial schools in our district.

6. Staff Report –Thomas Whittemore, Neighborhood District Coordinator, Department of Neighborhoods

There was consensus:

- We need a map of the district showing all the city/state projects underway.
- We also need a better record of projects proposed but not funded.

Thomas will bring us a list of all projects proposed whether or not funded.

Donna Harmann-Miller reported on a forum on the Parks Ballot Proposition #1: July 7th, church at 12509 – 27th Ave NE.

Send suggestions to Thomas for “hot topics” for discussion at future meetings.

7. City Neighborhood Council Report – Rick Klingele

The CNC will meet on June 30 at City Hall to talk about the City’s comprehensive planning process, the neighborhood matching fund large projects fund, and a

proposed citywide civics education process (www.CivicsForAll.org), amongst other things

8. Chairs Report - Eugene Wasserman

Eugene will draft a letter to the city council and the mayor urging the city to give consideration of all schools (private schools and parochial schools, not just public schools) when deciding on funding priorities for Safe Routes to School projects. He will circulate the draft to the NWD Council for comments.

9. Next NWDC meeting – September 24th, 2014

There will not be meetings in July or August this summer.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peter House, Secretary