

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL
March 26, 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
Rob Fellows (for Rick Klingele,) Greenwood Community Council
Tom Meyer, Licton Springs Community Council
Anne Bowden, Phinney Neighborhood Association,
Ron Lewis subbing for Irene Wall, 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:

Ron Hornung
Kate Martin
Faye Garneau
Jim Jensen (sp?)
Cathy Tuttle, Seattle Greenways
Al Starkenburg
Stacy Molzahn
Sean DeBlicke
Peggy Hougard
Larry Janowicz
Chris Bihary
Marcia Norman
Deborah ?
...and three more attenders whose names I did not get.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Eugene Wasserman.
2. Introduction/Short Announcements

3. February 2014 minutes were approved as printed with minor corrections.

4. Neighborhood Park and Street Fund Review

Thomas Whittemore explained the process for the NWDC making a recommendation. We will move three projects forward. We will not prioritize tonight. Rather, will hear about each project.

- 2014-005 Traffic Calming at N 115th and Fremont Ave N
 - Stacy Molzahn and Al Starkenburg presented the project as per the application. Concerns of the NWDC: Would speed bumps be better?

- 2014-040 Clean Up and Stairway at NW 58th/3rd Ave NW-2nd Ave NW
 - This project will not move forward. [I did not get the name of the person who presented the project.]

- 2014-054 Repairs along 3rd Ave /140th NW-145 NW
 - Sean DeBlicek presented the project.

- 2014-055 Crossing improvements at 3rd Ave NW/NW 92nd and/or 8th Ave NW /92nd
 - Kate Martin presented the project. These would be the only improved crosswalks on 3rd NW and 8th NW between NW 85th and Holman Road.

Decision: The NWDC voted unanimously to move three projects (005, 054, and 055) forward.

5. Safe Routes to School Project Updates – Brian Dougherty, Senior Transportation Planner SDOT

Topics: Safe Routes has funding for building sidewalks. Brian showed the various ways they make walking more safe. Brian asked the council a series of questions about what the council sees as most important, and the community engagement process.

Concerns of the NWDC members, affiliates and guests:

- We will go back to our community councils to discuss this.
- May we suggest more projects or show support for different projects? Ans: yes.

The NWDC agreed to have the NWDC members will go back to their constituent agencies to discuss Brian's questions. In two months Brian will come back to us with an update.

6. Staff report – Thomas Whittemore

The next round of neighborhood matching funds reviews is coming up. Thomas needs volunteers to help with the reviews as part of the citywide review team. Thomas needs a name from each district by April 1. We got volunteers to participate in the reviews.

7. City Neighborhood Council – Rick Klingele (for Irene Wall) – No report this month.

8. Chair's Report - Eugene Wasserman

- Eugene's term is up in June, so anyone interested in being NWDC chair should be thinking about that now.
- Eugene believes (and the NWDC agreed) that we should have a joint meeting with the North District Council and invite the mayor. The meeting would be in place of this meeting. Eugene will work to make that happen, perhaps in May or July. Thomas will help with that.
- Do not forget the Neighborhood Summit on April 5 at Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, 9 am to 1 pm.

9. Other discussions: None.

10. Next NWDC meeting – April 23, 2014

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peter House, Secretary