

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2013**  
**Greenwood Senior Center - 525 North 85<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

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.  
Velva Maye, Haller Lake Community Club.  
Tom Meyers, Licton Springs Community Council.  
Ann Bowden, Phinney Neighborhood Association.  
Jacqueline Sorgen, 36<sup>th</sup> District Democrats.  
Peter House, 43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats.  
Gloria Butts, Bitter Lake P-Patch.  
Joan Caldon, North Seattle Boys And Girls Club  
Rob Mattson, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

**1. Introductions/Short Announcements**

- a. 43rd District Democrats recently endorsed Ed Murray for Seattle Mayor.
- b. Broadview CC received an award from Puget Sound Regional Council for the completion of 130<sup>th</sup> Street. Opening celebration will be 13 July 2013, 10am-12pm at 130<sup>th</sup> and Linden.
- c. Dunn Gardens ([www.DunnGardens.org](http://www.DunnGardens.org)) has several fundraisers planned this summer.
- d. Velva Maye will be resigning/retiring after this meeting.
- e. Broadview CC met last night; discussed the light rail stations and the Broadview neighborhood plan. BCC will oppose the City's plan to raise the height limit from 65 to 85 feet in Bitter Lake Urban Village.
- f. Speed cushions are being installed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW to keep speeds down.
- g. Green Lake CC May meeting discussed Rapid Ride and the City's tree project.

**2. Agenda Review and approve NWDC minutes from April 24, 2013.**

Eugene Wasserman moved that minutes be accepted and Jacqueline Sorgen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. REF: (<http://nwdistrictcouncil.org/pdf/NWDCApr242013.pdf>).

**3. 2013 Neighborhood Matching Fund – Large Projects.**

No projects were submitted from NW District so no need for district level review.

Only six (6) projects city wide requested funding. \$1.1 million allocated; \$524K in requests. CNC is concerned that the additional funding will be lost, as well as future funding. Sent a draft of letter that they plan to send to Mayor McGinn asking for a meeting to discuss the issue and come up with suggestions for resolution, including additional outreach.

Some discussion among NWDC reps present that draft of letter does not address real reasons why requests are down but focuses on this year's changes in the review process which NWDC and CNC have opposed. Most agreed that biggest issue is awareness; too many people don't know these grants exist.

**4. CNC Election Forum.**

Scheduled for last Wednesday in June – same day as the next NWDC meeting. Proposed questions for the candidates can be submitted to Rick or via (<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/>).

**5. CNC Budget Letter Draft.**

The CNC is looking for input and suggestions and is encouraging DCs to write/send their own letters. Some discussion among NWDC reps present that CNC picks and chooses budget issues that may represent personal

opinions rather than those of the DCs and should provide a forum for developing policies that all DCs can agree on in advance and use those to develop opinions around budget issues. The CNC plans to vote on the letter at their last Monday of June meeting. Comments should be sent to CNC Chair or CNC Budget Committee co-chairs (see [attached letter](#), also at <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/documents/CNCdraftbudgetletterMay2013.pdf> for email addresses & phone numbers).

## **6. NWDC Letter – Enhanced City Funding For Sidewalks.**

A letter was drafted by Eugene Wasserman. Rick Klingele plans to add some edits and try to get agreement with Eugene, then present it to NWDC representatives in time for each to get input from their organizations back to Rick/Eugene such that a letter could be voted on in the last Wednesday of June meeting.

## **7. SPD North Precinct Relocation.**

SPD is at the beginning of the process of looking for new location for North Precinct. [Info sheet distributed \(attached\)](#). Info also available at <http://www.seattle.gov/NorthPrecinctStation>. Some discussion about the fact that this will provide some neighbors with the opportunity to once again push for two precincts in the north end. This has been a long-standing issue. North precinct is one of five in the city but it serves 42% of the city's population and covers 32 square miles.

## **8. Committee Reports:**

- a. Elections, Jacqueline Sorgen / Steve Deters.**
  - See (<http://www.NWDistrictCouncil.org>) for the latest in election forums.
- b. Engagement, Ellen Hewitt.**
  - NWDC has \$510 available for outreach and engagement, with some of this already earmarked for website fees. A list of possible ways to use those funds as well as comments from Rob Mattson was provided. A decision is to be made at a later meeting. People were encouraged to join/aid engagement committee.
- c. Grants, Rick Klingele / Lee Harper.**
  - Creating a summary list of grants available, grants history, etc. Hope to have a first draft on (<http://www.NWDistrictCouncil.org>) in the next few days.
- d. Nominating, Steve Deters / Ellen Hewitt.**
  - 2 candidates have been identified so far:  
For Chair: Eugene Wasserman.  
For Secretary: Peter House.  
By-laws will be checked to see if officer positions are limited to Certified Member Organization representatives. [*Editor comment: They are not.*]

## **9. Staff Report, Rob Mattson**

- 2013 PACE (leadership development) Program Update. Thirty people went through the program last year. This year – 26 slots, 81 applications, including seven (7) from NW District (from which 0 were accepted in 2012).
- Parks Green Space Levy Oversight Committee recommendations - Opportunity Fund - 70+ projects submitted; \$8M available; three projects recommended were from NW sector – two in Ballard and a Sensory Garden @ the zoo. The Greenwood Interurban Trail Connection (110th to 90th) tied the Sensory Garden with a score of 27, but went unfunded.

## **10. Chairs Report, Rick Klingele**

- The next NWDC meeting, June 26, 2013 @ 7 pm @ Greenwood Senior Center, will include ranking the "Neighborhood Streets Fund" proposals (see 01-2013 minutes) and the "Neighborhood Parks & Streets Fund" proposals (see 03-2013 minutes), utilizing City department analysis which Rob will provide ASAP, hopefully by mid June.

**Adjourned – 8:50 pm.**