

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL
May 27, 2015 7:00 PM
Greenwood Senior Center - 525 North 85th Street
Meeting Minutes

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Attendance:

Voting members:

Jacqueline Sorgen, 36th District Democrats
Eugene Wasserman, Aurora Avenue Merchants Association, Chair
Jim Jensen, Broadview Community Council **absent**
Marcia Norman, Friends of Green Lake
Ellen Hewitt, Green Lake Community Council
Adam Goch, Greenwood Community Council **absent**
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:

James Bush, Program Manager, Department of Neighborhoods
Art Brochet, Communications Representative, Seattle Department of Transportation
Clarissa Scudieri, Epic Life Church

Community:

Ron Hornung, Greenlake neighborhood
Faye Garneau, Aurora Avenue Merchants Association
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Eugene Wasserman, Chair.
2. Introductions/Short Announcements
3. Review and approve NWDC minutes from April 22, 2015 – Approved.

4. Current status of Records Retention Act as it relates to District Council business – James Bush, Program Manager, Department of Neighborhoods.

James explained the Act; the city keeps track of all the records of our business and decisions; we should be careful to keep the city staff informed of what we do...email is fine; district councils will need to go through training (on line).

5. Northgate pedestrian bridge update – Art Brochet, Communications Representative, Seattle Department of Transportation. Art brought a model to the meeting; the City does not yet have full funding for the bridge; City has approached the federal government for funding assistance; total cost would be \$25 million; Jacqueline suggested having power available on the bridge to re-charge wheelchairs...Art said he would take that suggestion back to his team; Art asked the NWDC for a letter of support for the City's \$25 million federal Tiger grant: Concerns that the Council has had too short notice for us to make a decision.

6. Celebrate North Seattle, June 28 – Clarissa Scudieri, Epic Life Church. An event to highlight all the positive features of North Seattle; They are looking to broaden the base of support; Location: Oak Tree Village parking lot; lots of kids activities.

7. Suggestion for new location for the Northwest District Council meetings starting after the June 2015 meeting – Thomas Whittemore, Neighborhood District Coordinator, Department of Neighborhoods
The Greenwood Senior Center will not let us use our current meeting space after June 2015; members suggested a number of other places to meet and they will send details to Thomas.

8. City Neighborhood Council Update – Kris Lethin, CNC Representative
Two letters in the handouts from the CNC giving support for funding for the Seattle Schools;

9. Staff Report –Thomas Whittemore, Neighborhood District Coordinator, Department of Neighborhoods
Police precinct meeting handout.

10. Chair's Report - Eugene Wasserman
Appointment of Elections Committee: Contact Thomas or Eugene if interested.
Eugene is completing his term as chair. Peter House will be stepping off the NWDC and will not continue as secretary.

11. Next NWDC meeting – Our next meeting will be June 24, 2015.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peter House, Secretary