

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL
May 28, 2014 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
Marcia Norman, Friends of Green Lake
Ellen Hewitt, Green Lake Community Council
Jim Jensen, Broadview Community Council
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council
Ted Holden, Phinney Ridge Community Council

Other members:

Peter House, 43rd District Democrats.

Staff:

Thomas Whittemore, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Guests:

Susan Stoltzfus, Seattle Public Utilities
Kevin Buckley, Seattle Public Utilities
Geoff Talent, Department of Planning and Development

Community:

Faye Garneau, Aurora Avenue Merchants Association
Ron Hornung, Green Lake Community Council
Donna Hartmann-Miller, Maple Leaf Community Council
Andrew Endzell, Maple Leaf Community Council

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 April 23, 2014) – Minutes approved as submitted. Eugene noted that we had talked about inviting the mayor to one of our meetings, but it turns out that a Seattle mayor has never met with a district council. Eugene will press on and try to get the mayor to come to one of our meetings.
4. Seattle Public Utilities Long-Term Control Plan and Broadview Sewer and Drainage Improvements update – Susan Stoltzfus and Kevin Buckley, SPU. Questions and

concerns of the Council: Why is the Densmore drainage not in the plan? It may be good to visit the groups in the Greenlake area. Ans: There is another effort that addresses drainage issues near Greenlake; planning will start next month. Concern about possible detrimental effects of some rain gardens. Concern about how much science is behind the efficacy of rain gardens.

5. Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance – Geoff Talent, Department of Planning and Development. Mr. Talent distributed a handout with lots of detailed information. Questions and concerns of the Council: What is the problem we are solving? Is the issue with a few bad actors? Ans: No, there are lots of problems out there. Why does the program need \$6 million in revenues? Ans: Largest cost is for the inspections.
6. Northwest District Council Elections – Ellen Hewitt and Rick Klingele, Nominating Committee; Eugene Wasserman was nominated for President, Peter House for Secretary and they were elected by acclamation. Terms run from July through June.
7. Staff Report – Thomas Whitemore
16 applications were received for the Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Project Fund (**NMF LPP**) (due early May)...
2 from NE District,
1 from Downtown District,
3 from Central District,
6 from SE District,
2 from Duwamish District,
1 from Delridge District,
1 from SW District.
Since there were none from NWDC, there will be no NWDC review except for the representative in the Citywide Review Team. "How can we get more projects proposed in the NW District?" was discussed. It was asked if more effort was applied in the SE district than the NW district.
B) We agreed to approach PTAs about school safety projects. Thomas will send out a list of suggested projects for funding under this program
C) We will be reviewing street improvement projects in June.
8. City Neighborhood Council (CNC) Report (distributed) –Rick Klingele
9. Chair's Report, Eugene Wasserman
We will not have meetings in July or August this summer.
10. Other discussions: None.
11. Next NWDC meeting – June 25, 2014
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Peter House, Secretary