

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Shoreline-Woodway-Edmonds-Lake Forest Park (SWEL) Timebank Community Presentation
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY:	Jan Stewart, Founding Member of SWEL Joanne Donohue, Timebank Member Sponsored by: Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmember Roberts
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Council rules and procedures provide that the Council make available at its second study session of each month the opportunity for a community group presentation. The intent of these presentations is to provide a means for non-profit organizations to inform the council, staff and public about their initiatives or efforts in the community to address a specific problem or need. In order to schedule the presentation, two Councilmembers must sponsor the request. The presentations are limited to 30 minutes with approximately 15 minutes for the presentation and 15 minutes for questions. Council rules provide that Council meetings that include a community group presentation will omit Council Reports.

Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmember Roberts have sponsored a community presentation by SWEL (Shoreline-Woodway-Edmonds-Lake Forest Park) Timebank. Representatives from SWEL Timebank will share a 15-minute PowerPoint presentation with the City Council. Jan Stewart, a founding member of SWEL, and Joanne Donohue, a Vice President at Senior Services and a member of the Timebank, will do the presentation.

SWEL Timebank is a program that emerged from the Senior Services *Aging Your Way* gathering held at Shoreline City Hall in 2010, where local "Boomers" envisioned how they want their communities to support them as they age. SWEL launched in Shoreline November, 2011 to serve the residents of Shoreline, Woodway, Edmonds, and Lake Forest Park.

Timebanks offer an effective means of strengthening and sustaining communities by facilitating people helping each other - expanding circles of family, friends and neighbors. The contributions of skills and talents of all individuals are equally valued. Timebanks leverage reciprocal networks - building community capital - by matching community residents' needs with local resources. A Timebank's expanded network eases pressures on family budgets, helps seniors remain engaged in the community

offering skills obtained over a lifetime, and allow those who may be left behind within the monetary economy feel valued through participation in a type of “gifting” economy. SWEL coordinates exchanges of time through a web-based system connecting members, allowing them to list, exchange, and track services, while having the comfort of knowing all members have passed a basic screening process. Time hours have no monetary equivalent, are non-taxable, and exchanges are for services only. SWEL will discuss common types of exchanges, although the possibilities seem nearly unlimited.

SWEL is following a well-proven model, which has been successfully implemented by the Eastside Timebank (Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond). For long-term sustainability, some investment from local cities of additional resources is required as membership dues only partially cover costs. For quality assurance, a part-time administrative coordinator is needed for approximately six hours per week, primarily to track applications, do background checks, and be available to communicate with members. Many other functions will continue to be handled through volunteer efforts. Two to three-thousand dollars annually from the cities served by SWEL will go a long way toward continuing to bring the benefits of Timebanking to this community. SWEL hopes to have the City of Shoreline’s support.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Representatives from SWEL are requesting the cities served by the Timebank contribute \$2,000 to \$3,000 annually to help fund a part-time administrative coordinators. This would need to be considered during the City’s 2013 budget process.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required, as item is for informational purposes.

Approved By: City Manager ____ City Attorney ____