

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, October 22, 2012
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 301 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue N.

PRESENT: Mayor McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Eggen, and Councilmembers Hall, McConnell, Salomon, Winstead, and Roberts

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Julie Underwood, City Manager; Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager; Scott Passey, City Clerk

GUESTS: Shoreline Public Schools
Sue Walker, Superintendent
Marla Miller, Deputy Superintendent
Michael Jacobs, Board Member
Debi Ehrlichman, Board Member
David Wilson, Board Member

At 5:55 p.m., the workshop dinner meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided. There were introductions around the table.

Julie Underwood, City Manager, explained that she and Sue Walker, Shoreline Public Schools Superintendent, created tonight's agenda in order to report on the status of various projects and common interests.

1. Status of School District's Surplus Properties

Ms. Walker summarized the status of school district projects, including Sunset School Park, Aldercrest Annex, and Cedarbrook, as follows:

Sunset School Park: the School District conducted the bid opening for abatement and demolition. The School District plans to take formal action at its November 5th meeting. The District anticipates the abatement will begin in mid-November and the process will conclude in January 2013. The School Board also needs to take formal action to surplus the property. Surplus is a restricted action in that the District can enter into an interlocal agreement for recreational space, but there is no change in property ownership. The District plans to review other properties to ensure appropriate agreements and processes are in place. Ms. Walker confirmed that concrete slab work is included in the

Sunset bid as an alternate element. Some planning for this project was delayed because of a shift in attention due to the fire at Aldercrest Annex.

Aldercrest Annex: abatement is at 50% completion and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review is complete. Demolition begins in two weeks and includes everything but the gym, which will remain a storage facility since it is not habitable.

Cedarbrook: the District has entered into a long-term lease agreement on the Cedarbrook property with Living Wisdom School. Responding to a Council question, Ms. Walker said it is unclear whether the charter school initiative will have an impact on the District's surplus property policies. She also clarified that the District did not move ahead with a surplus plan with Friends of Cedarbrook because the property is currently more valuable as a land asset rather than a monetary asset.

Deputy Mayor Eggen asked if the District has researched any of the proposals regarding redistribution of property tax from the local level to the state level. Ms. Walker said the District has looked into a couple proposals by state legislators, but it appears they would result in a loss of revenue to Shoreline. She added that the proposals appear to be a better deal for rural or non-Greater Seattle area school districts.

2. Interlocal Agreements (ILAs)

Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager, provided a status update on ILAs between the City and the District. She noted that the delay in the adoption of the Sunset ILA is related to the property surplus action that the School Board must take.. She said the City is in the process of putting together the fuel purchasing ILA and is considering adding Shoreline police/King County Sheriff's vehicles, although it is yet undecided. The Joint Use Agreement (JUA) will be considered in the late 2013-early 2014 timeframe and includes jointly used facilities such as the pool, athletic fields, etc.

3. Status of High School Projects

The Shorecrest gym has opened, and the music/arts wing is expected to open by Thanksgiving, 2012. The 3-story academic building is expected to be complete within one year. Shorewood High School will be open by the start of the 2013 academic year.

4. Light Rail/Station Area Planning

The discussion focused on the City's advocacy of securing two light rail stations in Shoreline. It is likely that one station will be located at N. 185th Street with another possible station location to be determined, although the City is advocating for N. 145th Street. The District expressed concerns about spending their time on a project that still remains uncertain. Councilmembers emphasized the need to partner with the District and other agencies in order to avoid sending mixed messages to the community. It was agreed that early conversations and outreach to all stakeholders will help identify needs, allay fears, and educate the public on the changes that will accompany light rail.

5. Fircrest Challenge

Ms. Walker discussed the unsustainable cost increases associated with educating the special needs children at Fircrest. She pointed out that there was only one student at Firecrest in 2006, but that number has grown to 25 students in 2012. There is a \$860,000 deficit in the District budget due to this state-mandated expenditure, and there are severe impacts on human resources and worker's compensation because the District is constantly hiring and replacing teachers. Ms. Walker reported that the children are placed by the state and come from outside Shoreline, from places as far as Spokane. She said it is the District's responsibility to educate the children living in Shoreline group homes because there is safety net funding; however, this is not true in the case of Fircrest. The District will be working to change state law to emphasize that this is a state responsibility. She said the District wanted the City to be aware of this problem.

The Council and District representatives discussed this issue in further detail.

6. City's/School District's Legislative Priorities

Councilmember Hall shared that the City has discussed supporting the School District in advocating for the State to fully fund basic education. City staff will follow up with School District staff to share the City's adopted legislative priorities.

At 6:58 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk