

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

Monday, February 25, 2019
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Deputy Mayor McConnell, Councilmembers Chang, McGlashan, Roberts, Robertson, and Scully

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Jim Hammond, Intergovernmental Program Manager; Shawn Ledford, Chief of Police; and Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Rod Dembowski, King County Council Chair; Kristina Logsdon, Chief of Staff to Council Chair Dembowski; and Garrett Holbrook; Senior Legislative Aide to Council Chair Dembowski

At 5:50 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall.

King County Council Chair Dembowski expressed gratitude to Shoreline for the City's initiative in coordinating regular meetings with him. He reviewed the major issues the King County Council and his office are addressing and shared details on each one.

The City's priority of creating a bicycle/pedestrian trail connecting the Burke Gilman Trail and the Interurban Trail and adding a pedestrian bridge over I-5 was discussed. Mayor Hall explained that the Light Rail development in Shoreline has created a new focal point for the City's trail plans. It was observed that Sound Transit's current design plans do not include the installation of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge to facilitate access to the upcoming Light Rail Station on 145th. It was stated that 148th Street is the perfect location for the bridge, since the area surrounding the Light Rail station has been zoned for high density housing, and easy foot access to the stations will be important.

The current plans for the 145th Street corridor were reviewed, and the possibility for collaboration with Metro Transit was discussed. The general opinion was that full Business Access and Transit lanes would control traffic congestion better than the current plan. It was suggested that the functionality of the corridor is in jeopardy if the plans are not revised.

Shoreline's proposed Community and Aquatics Center was discussed, with mention of funding options, School District involvement, and the request for space on site for the Senior Center. Debbie Tarry, City Manager, listed the next steps in considering parks improvements and bond

measures. The importance of preserving open and green spaces was recognized as a priority as development in Shoreline continues to grow.

Mayor Hall recapped Shoreline's continued efforts to create affordable housing and gave an update on the status of the Affordable Housing Project at 198th and Aurora Avenue and the mandatory inclusionary zoning in the Light Rail Station areas. Council Chair Dembowski complimented Shoreline's commitment to the issue. The benefits of creating a North King County regional program modeled on A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) were discussed, and Councilmember Scully shared details on his participation on the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board and asked for Council Chair Dembowski's support in making sure cities outside of Seattle are well represented at the County level. Mayor Hall spoke to the importance of communities being given the latitude to design programs and interventions that best suit their constituents.

Council Chair Dembowski recognized the success of the RADAR/Navigator program and described it as strategic and powerful work. Shawn Ledford, Chief of Police, recounted the program successes and upcoming plans and said the program is a valuable resource in working with the community.

Mayor Hall thanked Council Chair Dembowski for supporting the City's efforts to explore possible uses for the portion of the Fircrest Campus property that may be surplus. Ms. Tarry reviewed the work done to date and commented that the partnership with the State is going well. Mayor Hall described the vision of using the site as a mixed-use project, including housing for varying income levels and community-oriented components. Council Chair Dembowski suggested Shoreline approach the King County Housing Authority as a resource for housing initiatives.

At 6:52 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk