



# Neighborhoods Program Update



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## BACKGROUND

Resolution 54, adopted February 1996 established "a policy for the City's support of neighborhood organizations"

Three goals:

- Positive working relationship between the City and neighborhoods
- Foster cooperation and consensus
- Facilitate communication between neighborhoods



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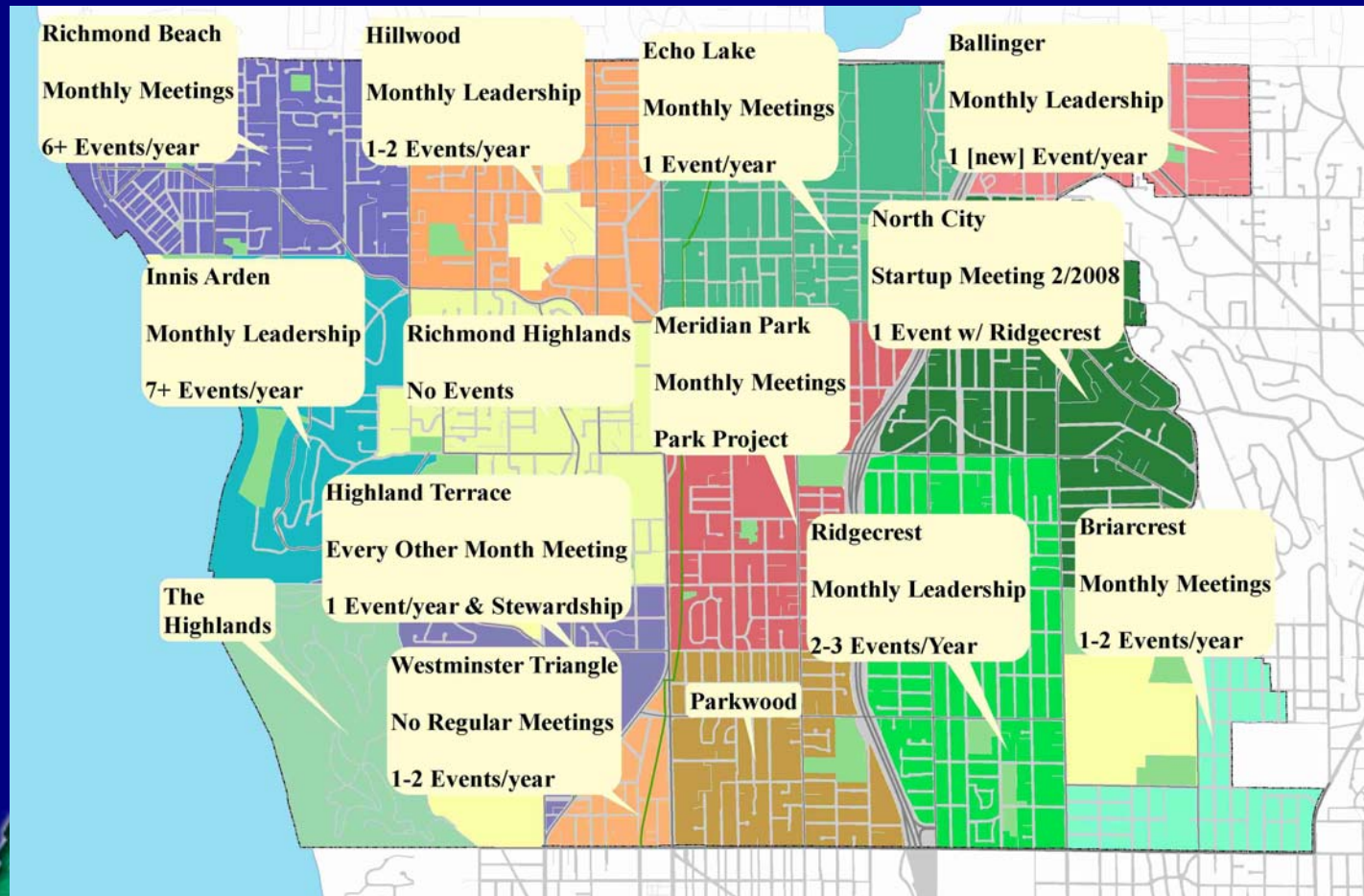
Resolution 54 established:

- Neighborhood Matching Mini-Grants
- A Council of Neighborhoods
- A definition of neighborhood organizations



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## CURRENT ACTIVITY



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## Neighborhood Association re-activations

Briarcrest - Fall 2006

Hillwood - 2007

Meridian Park - 2008

*North City - Fall 2008*

*Richmond Highlands – Fall 2008*



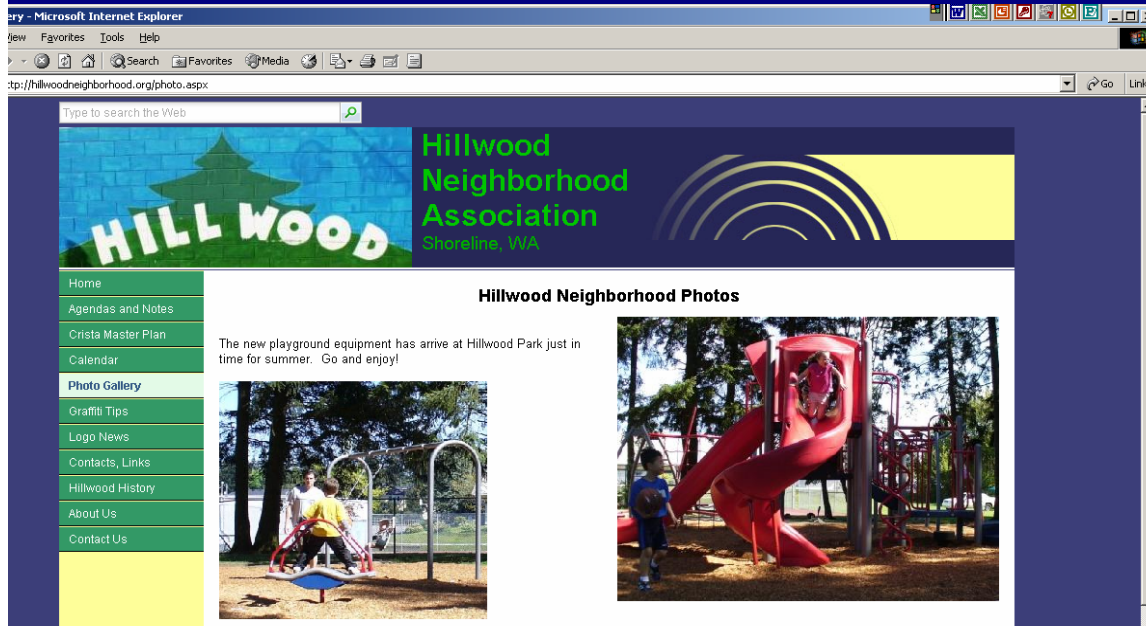
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## Training Topics

- Writing, graphics and communication
- Asset Based Community Development
- How to incorporate as a non-profit
- Web site development

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• 4 new web sites  
• 8 total web sites

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## Communication Plan

- Improve Neighborhoods Web page
  - individual page for each neighborhood
  - launch after redesign of City's Web site
- Articles in *Currents*
- *New Neighborhoods* program brochure





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## Improve your *neighborhood*

Strong neighborhoods build a strong community. Working together, neighbors have a powerful opportunity to improve their quality of life and make their neighborhood a great place to live.

SHORELINE'S  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
PROGRAM  
is here to help.



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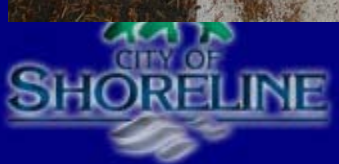
## Neighborhood Mini-Grants

- Matching grants – neighbors working together on projects or activities
- \$20,000 annual budget
- 5 grant requests anticipated in 2008
- Recent requests - neighborhood banners, playground equipment, community carnival, neighborhood signs, park improvement projects



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## What's Next

- Leadership role in creating a Neighborhood Coordinators Network
- Learning and sharing best practices
- Providing training and assistance with issues of inclusion, diversity and succession



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NE 168<sup>th</sup> Street Buddies

National Night Out 2008

