

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

January 3, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – **Larry Moss, Londa Jacques**

Briarcrest – **Bill Bear**

Echo Lake Neighborhood Association – **Marcie Riedinger, Diane Hettrick**

Highland Terrace – **Bob Barta**

Hillwood Neighborhood Association – **Anna Marchini**

Innis Arden – **Judy Allen**

North City Neighborhood Association – **Charlotte Haines, Sally Granger**

Richmond Beach Community Council – **David Bannister**

VISITORS PRESENT: Shoreline residents Dan Henry, Christine Southwick and Kim Proctor.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Joyce Nichols, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Director; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public Outreach Coordinator; Sergeant Katie Larsen, Officer Leona Obstler, and Officer Sue Sherwood of Shoreline Police.

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Judy Allen called the meeting to order and noted that she was chairing the meeting because Chair Patty Hale was out of town. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes of November 1, were amended to correct the spelling of Bettelinn Krizek Brown's last name. Ms. Nichols reported that Ms. Brown may have some additional corrections. Adoption of the November 1 Minutes was postponed.

II. A. Old Business

• **Report from Shoreline Police Department, Sergeant Katie Larsen**

Vice-Chair Allen asked Administrative Sergeant Katie Larsen from Shoreline Police Department to give a police update. Sergeant Larsen reported that a weapon has been recovered and a suspect charged in the recent shooting at the 7-11 in Ridgecrest. She noted that the shooting appears to be a random act of violence.

In response to comments that there has been an observable increase in tagging in Shoreline, Sergeant Larsen said the Police Department is working with the Parks Department and its street crimes unit to address the issue. She asked that residents report any crime in progress by calling 911. Sergeant Larsen reported that five high school students were recently arrested for tagging.

• **December Meeting Writing and Graphics Training Feedback**

Vice-Chair Allen solicited feedback on the training workshop by Communications Specialist Susan Will for neighborhood representatives in December and asked neighborhood representatives to identify potential training topics.

One participant said she was applying the concepts to email and aiming for more clarity and consistency. Another participant said she wanted more in-depth information, revealing more "secrets" of producing great publications.

Mr. Barta reflected interest in getting ideas for neighborhood activities that might attract new participants to neighborhood groups. Ms. Haines suggested the Council of Neighborhoods work on a program with positive impact on the whole city.

Ms. Smith handed out evaluation forms asked the neighborhood representatives to fill it out and return it to her.

B. New Business

- **Results from 2006 Citizen Survey, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Director Joyce Nichols**

Ms. Nichols provided background on the city's history of surveying its citizens starting just after incorporation. She said the survey conducted every two years is a tracking survey showing changes in perceptions of issues over time. The survey is conducted by an outside firm and the city receives only the results.

The survey was conducted in November by mailing 2,500 surveys and following up with a phone call to non-respondents in order to reach a sample of 500 participants which results in a 95% level of confidence.

Ms. Nichols described the survey results by narrating a PowerPoint presentation with detailed graphs showing ratings of satisfaction with city services, areas that should receive emphasis over the next two years, and trends comparing the 2006 results with the 2004 survey results.

Overall results show a high level of satisfaction with most city services including parks, communication, stormwater management and street maintenance. Enforcement of city codes and ordinances, and flow of traffic and congestion received lower satisfaction ratings.

The three areas of city service that respondents felt should receive the most emphasis over the next two years are: flow of traffic and congestion; maintenance of city streets; and quality of police services.

The areas of city maintenance that respondents felt should receive the most emphasis in the next two years included street lighting and maintenance of sidewalks and streets.

The trends regarding neighborhoods were very positive, with over 90% of respondents giving high ratings to Shoreline as a place to live, work and raise children and a feeling of safety in their neighborhood during the day.

69% of respondents said they were prepared to be self-sufficient for seven days during a natural disaster. This high level of readiness was not reflected in the calls for assistance the City received during the recent windstorm.

Overall satisfaction with the value of services received from city taxes increased from the 2004 survey when 35% of respondents rated the value of city services as either excellent or good to 50% in the 2006 survey. Ms. Hettrick said she felt the city's communication about projects and programs provides the information for citizens to know what they are getting for their money. Ms. Haines concurred. The survey results are available on the City's Web site.

Potential Council of Neighborhoods Project in 2007

Vice Chair Allen said that a neighborhood representative will occasionally float an idea or project that he or she would like the Council of Neighborhoods to pursue as a whole group. She introduced the idea of forming a committee to review potential projects the Council of Neighborhoods might work on.

Vice Chair Allen said if you have an idea that could be implemented across neighborhoods such as Good Neighbor Awards or an event to assemble emergency preparedness buckets, please call or email Ms. Smith before the next meeting with ideas or suggestions for project(s). She asked neighborhood representatives to come to the next meeting ready to discuss the idea.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Neighborhoods Roundtable

Londa Jacques, Ballinger - reported that neighborhood identity signs have been installed which completes Ballinger's first Neighborhood Mini-Grant.

David Bannister, Richmond Beach - reported that the Richmond Beach held its fourth annual Christmas Tree lighting on December 2, and hosted other activities including ornament making at the new Fire Safety Center and caroling. On December 6 the Christmas Ships visited Richmond Beach Saltwater Park and the neighborhood helped with the City-hosted event. Upcoming: annual Ice Cream Social is January 9 with music by local young musicians.

Bob Barta, Highland Terrace – reported King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson will come to the January 9 meeting to discuss regional conditions affecting quality of life. There will also be a report about the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Advisory Committee from a HTNA member who is on the committee. Mr. Barta said he is interested in a project such as providing supplies for emergency buckets at low cost at neighborhood events such as Swingin' Summer Eve. He also complimented Herb and Gloria Bryce for their leadership on the Fremont Trail project.

Marci Riedinger, Echo Lake - reported that Steven Cohn from Planning and Development Services and Tom Boydell, Economic Development Manager, spoke at their November meeting. Dave Endicott from Forward Shoreline also gave a presentation on the role of this non-profit group that's working to promote the Shoreline community to enhance economic development. For the January meeting Echo Lake has invited a slate of speakers from local non-profit social service providers. The big news for Echo Lake is the City Council approved a Neighborhood Mini-Grant for money that will be pooled with 1% for art money, to create a piece of public art in Echo Lake Park, adjacent to the Interurban Trail. The Parks Board will oversee the project.

Bill Bear, Briarcrest – reported the neighborhood meeting to gather "big ideas" has been postponed from November 27 to January 8 due to snowy weather. The neighborhood association has established a Web site to provide more current information than the newsletter.

Charlotte Haines, North City – reported the 8th Annual Tree Lighting on December 2 was well attended, with toys and candy canes for kids and music by Around the Sound Community Band. In January North City representatives will meet with the Ridgecrest board to plan events for 2007. Ms. Haines said that with the increase in graffiti she would like to see some education and awareness to stop it.

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – reported the neighborhood held a Christmas party that Mr. and Mrs. Claus attended. Ms. Allen said Innis Arden has 600 plants to put into the 52 acres of green belt. She also reported the Volunteers for Outdoor Washington group has been doing clean up on the Boeing Creek Trail.

V. Neighborhoods Program Report

Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith made several announcements including:

- asking neighborhood representatives to turn in the evaluation form from the December 6 training;
- Christmas Tree Recycling event is coming up on January 6 and 7;
- Green Development Forum will be held at Shoreline Center on January 18;
- the City is hosting a free Emergency Preparedness class on February 8 at the Shoreline Library.
- all residents will be receiving a publication on emergency preparedness in the mail soon.

Ms. Smith asked neighborhood representatives to think about 2007 Neighborhood Mini-Grant ideas and call her with any questions.

VI. New Business --- Neighborhood Representative

There was no new business.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.