

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

January 9, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – **Larry Moss**
Briarcrest – **Bettelinn Brown**
Echo Lake – **Marcie Riedinger, Jeanne Monger**
Highland Terrace – **Nate Cataldo**
Hillwood – **Lee Michaelis**
Innis Arden – **Judy Allen**
Richmond Beach – **Ed Adams**
Ridgecrest – **Patty Hale**

VISITORS PRESENT: Shoreline Planning Commission member Robin McClelland; Hillwood residents David Bisson and Boni Biery

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Relph, Public Works Director; Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public Outreach Coordinator; Shoreline Police Officer Leona Obstler

I. Call to Order

Chair Patty Hale called the meeting to order. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes of the November 7, 2007 meeting were approved; a second review may occur after Bettelinn Brown sends comments to Nora Smith.

II. A. New Business

- **Overview of City of Shoreline's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2008-2013**
Public Works Director Mark Relph

Chair Hale introduced Public Works Director Mark Relph. Mr. Relph stated that there are three major funds that comprise the City of Shoreline Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget: General Capital Fund (includes Parks Bond projects and City Hall), Roads Capital Fund and Surface Water Capital Fund. Mr. Relph said he would focus his remarks on the latter two funds.

Mr. Relph gave a PowerPoint presentation and began with an overview of the CIP budget:

- The 6 year 2008-2013 CIP is \$172 million.
- The Aurora Corridor project represents the bulk of the transportation and safety improvements.
- In 2008 the CIP budget totals \$56 million.
- The map of major construction projects in Shoreline is available on the City's Web site www.cityofshoreline.com.

Mr. Relph presented highlights of the major CIP projects:

Aurora Corridor Project

- Last week a major milestone of Federal Highway Association approval of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents was reached.
- The City is investigating low impact options for drainage such as sending run off through the parking strip which would clean the water before it enters a collection system.

- 2nd mile funding of approximately \$40 million is in place; the challenge is to capture additional funding in federal transit money for 3rd mile; a Federal Transit Agency grant is currently being pursued.
- Construction of 2nd mile is expected to start in the 2nd quarter of 2009.

Richmond Beach Overcrossing

- Grant funding in place to replace old bridge; a major challenge is to work out details with the railroad.
- Scheduled for construction in 2009.

Traffic Signal Rehabilitation

- Traffic signals are an important element of the infrastructure.
- 2008 projects include rebuilding 3 signals and adding battery backup for 2 signals.

Priority Sidewalks

- 2008 projects include Fremont Ave N (171st – 165th) and possibly Ashworth Ave N (185th – 192nd).
- Possible additions: Interurban Trail connections on N. 192nd and N. 195th to Ashworth Ave N and 195th (near new YMCA development).
- \$600,000 annual budget with a priority on school routes.
- Future discussions with Council and community will include how to expand our sidewalk program beyond a focus on school routes and how to create pedestrian links to other infrastructure such as libraries and the courthouse.

Drainage

- On December 3, 2007 there was flooding in scattered locations throughout the city; the City received approximately 185 calls from residents regarding localized flooding.
- Ronald Bog (where December flooding occurred) is part of the larger Thornton Creek drainage basin; addressing the drainage issues will require a balance of collection and detention projects at the upper end of the basin.
- The Surface Water Master Plan identifies a variety of areas that will require more study and more information as well as projects that are underway.
- Key scheduled projects include: replacing conveyance pipe south of Ronald Bog, increasing storage at Pan Terra Pond (3rd Ave NW), increasing detention in Boeing Creek (and park improvements) and Darnell Park drainage improvements.

City Hall

- Design/build approach means the City hired a developer/contractor/architect team for a guaranteed maximum price.
- Guaranteed maximum price is now set at \$28 million with an overall project cost (includes land acquisition) of \$30.5 million.
- Demolition and site prep work will start in March with construction scheduled for May 2008. Construction will take approximately 18 months.

In response to questions from neighborhood representatives, Mr. Relph provided a variety of information:

- The City will lease the building for a time period while the bugs are worked out. Mr. Relph wasn't sure of the time period anticipated before the city buys the building, but believes it to be less than five years.

- Sidewalk improvements were prioritized by proximity to school walking routes as part of the Transportation Master Plan. In a few years the priority one projects will be completed.
- The next level of discussion of sidewalks can look at new linkages of public space and amenities such as the trail along with priority two and three sidewalk locations.

Ms. Riedinger asked if any city staff might have resource information on capturing rainwater and Mr. Relph referred her to Jerry Shuster, Surface Water Manager.

Ms. Allen asked Mr. Relph if she could give him a tour of Innis Arden reserves to view drainage issues.

Ms. Monger appreciated the use of reflective metal on some traffic signals during the power outage which made those intersections safer because drivers knew to treat it as a four-way stop.

Ms. Biery wondered how the total amount of impervious surface could be tracked as development occurs to better manage drainage issues.

III. Public Comment

Ms. Biery announced she had Community Wildlife Habitat brochures for distribution.

Officer Leona Obstler, Westside Community Storefront, highlighted three programs:

- In 2007 Shoreline had half the number of vehicles stolen as compared to 2005; she attributed the reduction to a combination of programs from crime prevention and anti-auto theft messages to prosecution.
- Shoreline Police is kicking off a new Memory Impaired Assistance program which provides free plastic safety bracelet with a case number and allows anyone to call 911 to report a person who is lost or missing. The case number would facilitate safe return.
- Project Lifesaver is an existing program through King County Search and Rescue which provides a large bracelet with a radio frequency.

- **December Meeting and Training Discussion**

The Council of Neighborhoods representatives filled out evaluations of the December meeting with Ed Medeiros from Phinney Neighborhood Association. Ms. Smith will compile the surveys and bring the results back to the group.

B. Old Business

IV. Neighborhoods Roundtable

Lee Michaelis, Hillwood – A meeting is planned for January 22 to discuss election of officers, establishing a web site and neighborhood logo.

Ed Adams, Richmond Beach – The tree lighting had a good turn out and snow. The lights were converted to more energy efficient LED lights on a live tree. Christmas Ships was well attended, co-hosted by City of Shoreline Parks Department. The general meeting January 15 will include a presentation by the YMCA on the new facility and discussion of the Point Wells development project. A variety of speakers have been invited including City staff and Council,

Paramount Petroleum, Councilmember Ferguson's staff, and Snohomish County Planning Department. The Battle of the Bands will take place on February 23 not February 9.

Nate Cataldo, Highland Terrace – John Marek will start the neighborhood traffic action planning with the neighborhood by sending out a survey in the first quarter of 2008. Environmental stewardship projects including the living classroom undertaken by Highland Terrace PTA are still underway. The elementary school is having a pancake breakfast February 2 as a fundraiser.

Bettelinn Brown, Briarcrest – There is a proposal under development for a no idle zone. Some folks have resolved a problem with a van idling in Hamlin Park by identifying the company who owned it and approaching them about not idling. A Ridgecrest resident has suggested that community gardens be established to the west of Southwoods on state owned property. There is interest and opposition to rezoning on 32nd Ave NE. Ms. Brown would like more information on the special study area slated for review in 2008.

Patty Hale, Ridgecrest – North City and Ridgecrest hosted a tree lighting with the North City Business Association on the snowy first Saturday of December with many people coming in on foot. North City is currently without leadership.

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – A work party is starting work to cut one foot bands in the ivy on trees in the reserves to prevent further deterioration. Innis Arden is considering hiring goats to eat invasive ivy and blackberries. Ms. Allen expressed concern about a green infrastructure idea that might allow public access to Innis Arden and the Highlands. There will be a Board election next week. The most recent newcomers meeting had about 20 people attend.

Marcie Riedinger, Echo Lake – No meeting in December. The new public art piece in North City on 15th Ave NE and NE 177th is great. The new art piece in Echo Lake Park is scheduled for installation in June 2008.

Jeanne Monger, Echo Lake – Thanks to Marcie Riedinger - who has now "retired" - for her years of service on the Echo Lake Board. The January meeting will review past topics and use Ed Medeiros' ideas for generating ideas February meeting on waste management and March on environmental topics.

Larry Moss, Ballinger – Londa Jacques has gotten a neighborhood web site up.

V. Neighborhoods Program Report

Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith made several announcements:

- Shoreline residents may apply to FEMA for assistance with damage resulting from the December flooding; the deadline is February 7. All details are on the City's Web site and the information will be sent to residents who called the City to report flooding.
- The City is accepting applications for the Long-Range Financial Planning Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Advisory Committee. The Planning Commission and Library Board will have openings in the spring.
- A draft listing of neighborhood meetings and topics and addresses for neighborhood web sites, including new sites by Ballinger and Hillwood was handed out.
- A contact list of Council of Neighborhoods representatives was distributed.

VI. New Business --- Neighborhood Representatives

Ms. Biery asked if the soon-to-be redesigned City Web site could include links to neighborhood Web sites or could include the address without a hyperlink. Ms. Smith responded that the City

has a policy not to link to neighborhood Web sites but she will investigate including neighborhood web site addresses without a hyperlink. The neighborhoods program page will be updated, and a page developed for each neighborhood with descriptive information.

Ms. Tracey of King County Councilmember Ferguson's office offered that Mr. Ferguson's site could link to neighborhood sites.

Mr. Cataldo stated he'd like neighborhoods to continue to think about how neighborhoods could support each other around issues that neighborhoods face.

VII. Adjournment