

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

February 6, 2008
7:00p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – Londa Jacques
Briarcrest – Bill Bear
Echo Lake – Marcie Reidinger, Linda Cranfill
Highland Terrace – Greg Logan
Hillwood – Lee Michaelis
Innis Arden – Judy Allen, Stacy Gillett
Richmond Beach – Ed Adams, Tom Peterson
Richmond Highlands – Naomi Hardy
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale
Westminster – Kathy Marden, Mary Jo Heller

VISITORS PRESENT: Shoreline Planning Commission member David Harris; Briarcrest resident Dan Henry; Hillwood resident David Bisson

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public Outreach Coordinator; Rika Cecil, Environmental Programs 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 January 9, 2008 meeting were approved.

II. A. New Business

◆ New Garbage and Recycling Service Contract

*Rika Cecil, City of Shoreline Environmental Program Coordinator
Jerry Hardebeck and Signe Gilson, CleanScapes*

Chair Hale introduced Environmental Programs Coordinator Rika Cecil. Ms. Cecil provided an overview of the solid waste contracting process. The current solid waste contract with Waste Management expires March 1, 2008. Ms. Cecil noted that there have been changes since the current contract was signed seven years ago including a service change to collect recyclables co-mingled and the County has banned fluorescent light bulbs. The City put out a bid for a package of services including providing the same level of service to businesses as residents, using automated carts for efficiency and worker safety and adding additional services such as food waste collection, more frequent yard waste collection in the winter, and collecting additional hard to handle items.

Ms. Cecil reported that three bids were received from Waste Management, Allied Waste and CleanScapes. Costs for fuel and labor and disposal with King County have increased since the last contract so rates have increased. Of the three bidders, CleanScapes was the lowest bid with the best combination of services that the City wanted.

Ms. Cecil introduced Jerry Hardebeck, Operations Manager for CleanScapes and Signe Gilson, Waste Diversion Manager for CleanScapes. At the end of January CleanScapes started delivering new carts to customers with package of “how to information in a

biodegradable bag attached a cart which includes collection day information. Mr. Hardebeck pointed out some of the highlights of the new services:

- Yard waste will be collected twice a month, year round
- Food waste has been added to yard waste collection
- More choices are available in size of garbage can, from a 96 gallon cart to a 10 gallon pail

In response to questions asked by the neighborhoods representatives, Mr. Hardebeck and Ms. Gilson provided the following details:

- Plastic bags will not be included in recycling collection but most grocery stores offer drop-off bins for recycling
- The collection schedule will be one day late only for three holidays a year when the transfer station is closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.
- The transition of service will take place the first week of March. Residents should put their materials out in Waste Management containers on their last collection day in February and leave the empty containers out for pick up by March 4.
- Fluorescent bulbs and small appliances should be kept separate for collection
- For extra materials there is a charge. Extra garbage can be put in a plastic bag, yard waste in a garbage can or paper bag and extra recycling in a cardboard box.

In response to a question about how the materials are processed and recycled, Ms. Gilson said that information was under development and would be posted on the CleanScapes Web site.

◆ **Announcement: Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station Opening**

A post card announcing the grand opening of the new Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station operated by King County on Wednesday, February 13 was distributed to all the neighborhood representatives.

II. Public Comment

Greg Logan, a resident of Highland Terrace neighborhood on 2nd Avenue NW, presented two photos which showed “before and after” views from the deck of his house looking over the Highlands maintenance yard currently under construction behind his house.

Mr. Logan stated that he felt this non-conforming use should not have been allowed in a residential neighborhood. Mr. Logan asked the neighborhood representatives for assistance.

IV. Neighborhood Roundtable

Londa Jacques, Ballinger – Londa has gotten a neighborhood Web site up at ballingerneighborhood.org. She and Larry Moss and her husband Tom have started a neighborhood conversation café at Ballinger Way Starbucks on the second Saturday of the month. Londa connected with the Mountlake Terrace neighborhood association just north of Ballinger. The conversation café has not yet been publicized, but Londa has been working with Nora to get a post card out to the whole neighborhood with information on the café and Web site. Ballinger is most of the way through Neighborhood Traffic Action Planning.

Linda Cranfill, Echo Lake – Echo Lake has its Web site up, with some technical difficulties. All four Board members are going to the how to become a nonprofit training in

March. The group is working on a mission statement. February meetings topics are CleanScapes collection contract, and a representative of King County to talk about the new transfer station.

Kathy Marden, Westminster Triangle – A couple of people have been working on a new Web site. Plans are underway for a meeting in April, a spring cleanup and getting some regular meetings underway again. Looking for a new group chair.

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – The famous neighborhood annual rummage sale scheduled for March 8 & 9. Everything on Sunday goes for \$4/grocery bag after 2:00 pm. Coluccio construction continues to do an excellent job working with the neighborhood on the major sewer replacement. The work is noisy and inconvenient but will result in needed replacement of water and sewer pipes. Coluccio gave the neighborhood some large pieces of pipe to help direct water causing erosion in Boeing Creek.

Patty Hale, Ridgecrest – The Call to Artists to develop original art for Neighborhood Banners as part of the Ridgecrest Mini-Grant project was distributed. The goal is to have banners installed by late spring. The zoning proposal for Ridgecrest commercial area goes before Council in February; the proposal would allow a large development in the current bingo site. The Water Department will be installing a pressured main to serve some of the higher sites in Ridgecrest, doubling the pressure in some locations. A plant exchange and garden program will be planned for March or April.

Bill Bear, Briarcrest – Bill had a recent issue of the neighborhood newsletter available for distribution. The Briarcrest neighborhood has a Web site at www.briarcrestneighbors.org and there is now a Web site for all of Shoreline at www.shorelinewikispot.org. The wiki technology allows anyone to post or edit any articles. There are several major changes underway: Fircrest is looking at some major development changes, the 32nd Avenue rezone was approved that allow seven fourplexes on each lot, and a new sub area plan is underway. Planning is underway for a neighborhood anniversary party in March.

Naomi Hardy, Richmond Highlands – Dayton Avenue construction is nearing completion and oriental pears will be planted.

Greg Logan, Highland Terrace – Mr. Logan reported he hopes to see mitigation of the impacts of the Highland utility yard on his home and his neighbors.

Tom Peterson, Richmond Beach – the Secretary of State for the State of Washington is recognizing Richmond Beach Community Association on its 100th birthday in December 1908 and being one of the 60 oldest incorporated entities in the State. The January community meeting was on the potential Point Wells development, with representatives of the City, King County, Snohomish County, elected officials, and a full house of residents. February 23 will be a Youth Jam (battle of the bands) in lieu of a regular meeting. Also in March the neighborhood will start a regular blood drive.

Lee Michaelis, Hillwood – the group met on Monday and elected officers. Lee Michaelis was elected Chair and Ann Erickson was elected Vice Chair. The neighborhood now has a Web site up. Traffic Services will be starting a Neighborhood Traffic Action Planning process in Hillwood in the end of February. Working on a neighborhood logo to use on neighborhood identity signs.

V. Neighborhoods Program Report

Nora Smith, Neighborhood and Public Outreach Coordinator reported on

- March 19th training for neighborhood groups on "How to Incorporate as a Nonprofit" in Washington State presented by Washington Association of Attorneys Assisting Community Organizations.
- There are openings on both the Library Board and Planning Commission with a deadline of February 22.
- The new Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station grand opening is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13 and all are invited.
- An excerpt from The Great Neighborhood Book, A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Placemaking was distributed encouraging people to introduce themselves and wear name tags as normal part of neighborhood activities as a way for people to feel comfortable and feel like they know each other.
- City of Shoreline Earth Day activities are schedule for Saturday, April 19th with the Natural Yard Care Event at Central Market and Ivy Out work parties at several parks. Neighborhood representatives could attend events and do recruitment for neighborhood groups and activities.
- Clean Sweep will be Saturday, May 3 if you want to organize neighborhood activities around it.
- The Neighborhoods budget has program supply money to help purchase supplies for neighborhood events. Nora can also help with formatting, flyers, signs, lamination and generating ideas.
- City Hall – demolition of "L" part of the annex building and auto service station will start in March with construction fences installed.
- The Block Watch Captains Meeting on Wednesday, February 13 will have training by Luann Johnson of Washington State on the Map Your Neighborhood program which helps residents prepare for emergencies with each other, block by block.

Ms. Smith asked for confirmation of interest by Council of Neighborhoods in sponsoring the Used Book Sale at Swingin' Summer Eve in July and the Carnival Game Booth at Celebrate Shoreline in August. A show of hands indicated support to participate in both events. Ms. Jacques suggested all Council of Neighborhoods representatives wear name tags and we provide a map with dots for people to place on their home location as a talking point, and provide more neighborhood information.

VI. New Business – Neighborhood Representatives

Ms. Hale suggested that the City neighborhood program start a lending library. Mr. Peterson suggested KCLS could buy neighborhood books for easy check out.

Ms. Allen said the Board discussed trying a "sister city" approach to help inactive or fledgling efforts in neighborhoods to get every neighborhood active.

Mr. Bear said he wanted to respond to Mr. Logan's earlier request for assistance. Mr. Bear proposed a motion to "tell the City we object to what is going on in Highland Terrace neighborhood" which was seconded by Linda Cranfill. There was a discussion about the role of the Council of Neighborhoods, the Department of Planning and Development Services, the Planning Commission and City Council.

Mr. Bear restated the motion as “the sense of the Council of Neighborhoods that we object to what’s happened in Greg Logan’s backyard, to his neighborhood.” Mr. Beem suggested that the Council of Neighborhoods Board discuss whether the Council of Neighborhoods should get involved in this type of individual issue that has been under consideration in a separate process. Chair Hale asked for a vote; the motion failed with eight opposed and two in favor of the motion. Ms. Riedinger suggested the Council of Neighborhoods Board consider the issue and come back next month with a suggestion of what they think is an appropriate way for the Council of Neighborhoods to address and respond to this type of issue.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.