

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

February 7, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – **Londa Jacques**
Briarcrest – **Bill Bear**
Echo Lake – **Marcie Riedinger, Diane Hettrick**
Highland Terrace – **Bob Barta, Allan Bennett**
Innis Arden – **Judy Allen, Stacy Gillett**
North City – **Charlotte Haines, Sally Granger**
Richmond Beach – **David Bannister**
Richmond Highlands – **Naomi Hardy**
Ridgecrest – **Patty Hale, Dick Nicholson**
Westminster Triangle – **Mary Jo Heller**

VISITORS PRESENT: Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom; Shoreline City Council Members Rich Gustafson, Keith McGlashan, and Cindy Ryu; Shoreline resident Nancy Marx.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Joyce Nichols, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Director; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public Outreach Coordinator; Kirk McKinley, Project Manager, Aurora Corridor.

I. Call to Order

Chair Patty Hale called the meeting to order. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes of the November 1, 2006 meeting and January 3, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. New Business

A. Presentation

- **Update on the Aurora Corridor Project, N. 145th to N. 165th and N. 165th to N. 205th – Kirk McKinley, Project Manager**

Chair Hale introduced Kirk McKinley, Project Manager for the Aurora Corridor and Interurban Trail. Mr. McKinley reviewed key elements of the design concept for the first mile, N. 145th to N. 165th project: Business Access Transit lanes on both sides; power lines underground in amenity zone with landscaping on top; and sidewalks on both sides. Mr. McKinley stated the contract includes two new bridges and completing the missing segment of the Interurban Trail between 155th and 160th.

Mr. McKinley also provided an update on the completion of construction of the first mile: the undergrounding of power lines is almost complete; the cement cross walks are being poured; large street trees have been installed; and the glass panels on the bridges will be installed soon.

In response to questions from neighborhood representatives, Mr. McKinley said that traffic counts show about a 7,000 car per day drop in traffic which has had some negative effect on businesses that depend on impulse spending, particularly the restaurants. No one has reported

going out of business as a result of the Aurora Corridor project. In late summer 2006 the City conducted an inventory of businesses on Aurora as a benchmark, which will be updated semi-annually to measure impacts.

Mr. McKinley reported that the public input into the scoping phase of the next two miles has just been completed. 199 entities commented on what the environmental process should consider. The scoping report which lists the comments made will be out around the end of February. The schedule includes finishing the environmental review in 2007 and undertaking the design and right-of-way processes concurrently in 2008.

There are four alternatives being considered. One is the no action alternative. Alternative A was the recommendation of the Aurora Business Team. This alternative eliminates the four feet landscaping amenity zone on each side of the street and four feet off the median resulting in a typical cross section of 98', versus the 110' cross section in the first mile. However, in order to provide enough space for utility vaults, bus stops, and utility fixtures, an additional three feet will be needed behind the sidewalks on each side.

Alternative B and C have the same cross section and features with a four foot utility amenity zone and a four foot median. Alternative B shifts to the east in a tight area between 170th and 175th, and at 197th to 200th, while Alternative C shifts to the west in the tight areas. Mr. McKinley stated that the environmental process assumes the "worst case" book ends so that any combination of features in the alternatives will have been considered.

Regarding funding Mr. McKinley reported that the City of Shoreline paid approximately 10-12 cents of every dollar spent on the first mile. For the second two miles \$40 million dollars has been secured, and the Regional Transportation Improvement District has put \$40 million for Aurora on a list of projects to go before voters in November.

B. Discussion

▪ Forming a committee to discuss potential neighborhoods projects in 2007

Chair Hale introduced the idea of the Council of Neighborhoods taking on a project as a group in the next year. She stated the goal would be to encourage more participation in neighborhoods and to build community. Chair Hale asked Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith to explain some upcoming opportunities for Council of Neighborhoods to piggyback on City programs.

Ms. Smith the referred to the 10 Goals adopted by the City Council for 2007/2008. Goal 9 and Goal 10 affect neighborhoods directly:

- Goal 9: Increase emergency preparedness training and education
- Goal 10: Increase opportunities for residents, including our youth, to get more involved in neighborhood safety and improvement programs.

Ms. Smith suggested the Council of Neighborhoods help "sponsor" some activities within these programs – such as increasing Block Watches and expanding Adopt-a-Road – in order to connect with residents through these activities. Council of Neighborhoods could benefit from the staff resources the city will be devoting to accomplishing these goals, and the City could benefit from the help of the neighborhood representatives.

Chair Hale reviewed a list of ideas of projects and suggested a committee could be formed to develop a "menu" of ideas to bring back to the Council of Neighborhoods as a whole. She then

asked each representative to comment on whether they thought the Council of Neighborhoods should take on a project and whether they would like to serve on the committee.

After all representatives commented, Chair Hale summarized the discussion as follows: there seems to be a majority interest in developing a focus as a group and there are several volunteers to form a committee to develop a menu of project and idea options for neighborhoods to choose from. Chair Hale also noted there was a request for resources for new or struggling groups to help them plan and organize in their neighborhoods.

III. Public Comment

Sherry Tracey, Office Operations Director for King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson introduced herself. Ms. Tracey is a Shoreline resident, and a new member of Councilmember Ferguson's staff. She plans to visit neighborhood association meetings and Council of Neighborhoods meetings regularly.

Nancy Marx, Hillwood resident, commented that she is concerned about school children potentially having to walk across Aurora to get to school if Sunset Elementary is closed. Ms. Marx provided a hand out to the neighborhood representatives.

IV. Neighborhoods Roundtable

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – Judy Allen introduced Stacy Gillett, the new representative from Innis Arden. Ms. Allen reported that Innis Arden elected three new Board members. The neighborhood planted 650 trees and plants in their 52 acres of reserve land in 2006. Ms. Allen invited everyone to come to the Innis Arden annual garage sale on Saturday, March 10.

Marcie Riedinger, Echo Lake – reported the February meeting will include a slate of speakers from local non-profit social service providers; this panel was held over from the January meeting which was cancelled due to weather.

Charlotte Haines, North City – reported the North City Business Association and North City Neighborhood Association held a joint meeting in January. Rich Meredith, City of Shoreline Traffic Engineer presented the Arterial Speed study.

Bill Bear, Briarcrest – reported 39 people gathered for a "big idea" meeting to identify issues and topics. The neighborhood association has a new Web site to communicate. Traffic in the neighborhood is the topic of the next meeting.

Dick Nicholson, Ridgecrest – reported Tom Boydell, City of Shoreline Economic Development Manager spoke to the Board in December about the visioning process regarding redevelopment at NE 165th and 5th Ave NE. In January a public meeting was held with over 100 people in attendance. UW Landscape Architecture students presented some preliminary ideas and listened to the community members. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7 when the students will present design ideas to the community. April 3 Ridgecrest will hold a green gardening program and plant exchange.

Naomi Hardy, Richmond Highlands – reported her concerns regarding costs of power outages and damage to roads due to the winter weather. Ms. Hardy also reported the Shoreline Historical Museum has received money to restore the old school bell on the Ronald School.

Bob Barta, Highland Terrace – reported King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson came to the January 9 meeting to discuss transportation, emergency preparedness and the effects of

population growth. On March 13 Gail Marsh will come present a neighborhood assessment tool called "Ready Neighborhood."

Londa Jacques, Ballinger – reported John Marek, City of Shoreline Associate Traffic Engineer will come in March to initiate Neighborhood Traffic Action Planning in Ballinger.

David Bannister, Richmond Beach - reported the January 9 ice cream social raised \$100 plus supply donations for Teen Hope. At the March 13 meeting Melanie Granfors will discuss Emergency Preparedness. On March 9 the neighborhood will hold a fundraiser with a sneak preview of the movie Expiration Date, created by Richmond Beach resident Rick Stevenson. The neighborhood is planning a project installing poles for banners on Richmond Beach Road from 15th to 20th Ave NW, with a contest for the banner art. They hope to add flower baskets in the future.

Mary Jo Heller, Westminster – reported the neighborhood has been quiet since caroling in December. Ms. Heller complimented the city for responsiveness to the adverse weather conditions.

V. Neighborhoods Program Report

Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith made several announcements, referring to hand outs provided:

- Parks Maintenance, the Customer Response Team and Police continue to work on graffiti prevention and removal. The City removes graffiti on city property within 48 hours. A flyer with graffiti prevention information was provided in the folders, outlining the "3 R Method" of stemming graffiti: Report it, Record it, and Remove it.
- A one page summary of feedback on the December Writing and Graphics Training was provided. In addition, a sample press release and contact information for the Enterprise is provided in response to requests at the training.
- Upcoming February events include: February 8 Emergency Preparedness training at the Shoreline Library; the first of a new speaker series on planning-related topics is scheduled for February 15.

VI. New Business --- Neighborhood Representative

There was no new business.

VII. Adjournment

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