

**CITY OF SHORELINE
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

April 4, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline Center
Spartan Room

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Ballinger – **Londa Jacques, Larry Moss**
Briarcrest – **Bill Bear, Bettelinn Brown**
Echo Lake – **Marcie Riedinger, Diane Hettrick**
Highland Terrace – **Bob Barta**
Hillwood – **Lee Cerveny**
Innis Arden – **Judy Allen, Stacy Gillett**
North City – **Charlotte Haines, Sally Granger**
Richmond Beach – **David Bannister, Ed Adams**
Richmond Highlands – **Naomi Hardy**
Ridgecrest – **Patty Hale**
Westminster Triangle – **Kathy Marden**

VISITORS PRESENT: Shoreline City Councilmembers Rich Gustafson and Keith McGlashan; Briarcrest resident Charlie Brown.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Maureen Colaizzi, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator; Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public Outreach Coordinator; Office Sue Sherwood, Shoreline Police.

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Judy Allen called the meeting to order and said Chair Patty Hale was coming late. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes of the March 7, 2007 meeting were approved.

II. A. New Business

- **Report on new Community Services Division, Rob Beem, Community Services Manager, City of Shoreline**

Vice-Chair Allen introduced Rob Beem, new Community Services Division Manager. Mr. Beem explained that the City Manager has reorganized some city staff to give a focus on the human side of our services. Mr. Beem will manage new Community Services Division which will include Neighborhoods, Human Services, Emergency Preparedness, and the Customer Response Team. The new division will take advantage of each function's interest in increasing the quality of life and capabilities of individuals and neighborhoods to better coordinate city services and outreach.

- **Update on 2006 Parks Bond Projects**

Vice-Chair Allen introduced Parks Bond Planner Maureen Colaizzi. Ms. Colaizzi reviewed the list of the 2006 Parks Bond Projects:

Acquisition

South Woods (NE 150th Street & 25th Av NE) – dedication planned for May/June;
Seattle Public Utilities Property (NE 165th & 16th Av NE) – finalizing purchase in 60-90 days;
and

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden (20312 15th Av NW) – planning for the non-profit Kruckeberg Garden Foundation to provide operation and maintenance long term.

Park Improvements and Upgrades

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (2021 NW 19th St) – Master Plan approved, finalizing design;
Cromwell Park (18009 Corliss Av) – Master Plan to be developed; an opportunity to make a unique multi-use park;

Twin Ponds (15401 1st Av NE) – field turf improvements; scheduled completion by September 2007;

Hamlin Park (16006 15th Av NE) – public meetings to begin in September 2007;

Baseball/Softball Field Improvements (City-wide) – committee of users to give input on needs;

Off-Leash Dog Park (site to be determined) – applications to serve on this committee will become available in May; and

Shoreline Center Tennis Court Lighting (18460 1st Av NE) – aiming for completion in the fall of 2007.

Trail Corridors

Interurban Trail Pedestrian Crossing at 145th Street – will be added this year. The City of Shoreline contributed \$20,000 to the project to be undertaken by City of Seattle for a pedestrian crossing being installed by the City of Seattle.

The City will maintain information pages about the Parks Bond Projects on the City's Web site www.cityofshoreline.com, which will be accessible from the city's home page and Parks page.

Public Involvement Process

Ms. Colaizzi focused her talk on the public process elements of the parks bond projects. The process used for Richmond Beach Saltwater Park will serve as a model for the larger capital projects, with a similar but shorter process for the smaller projects. Ms. Colaizzi reviewed the key steps of the public process.

1. Information Gathering: gather and understand the concerns and interests of the public through public meetings, presentations, questionnaires.
2. Review Design Concept: present conceptual ideas which were developed based on information gathering step and get feedback from public.
3. Preferred Design: present combined preferred elements of conceptual ideas to public.
4. Approval of Schematic Design by Parks Board and City Council.
5. Design Development and Implementation: concepts and nuts and bolts of project finalized, to be presented to public at expanded Parks Board meeting.

Other Projects

Ms. Colaizzi reviewed other major parks projects underway:

Sign standards are under development to give park signs a face-lift, and include way-finding (how do you get to our sites) along with interpretive educational signs;

Urban Forest Assessment is underway in four major parks including Shoreview, Boeing Creek, Hamlin, and Southwoods;

Boeing Creek Park will get improvements as part of the mitigation for the King County wastewater storage project and the public process will start mid-2007;

Richmond Beach Pump Station Park will become a new 2-3 acre park. This site was part of the King County Brightwater Treatment plant mitigation.

Ms. Colaizzi said she would be presenting quarterly updates to the Parks Board and City Council and would be happy to return to the Council of Neighborhoods anytime.

The Council of Neighborhoods representatives asked a variety of questions. Ms. Haines asked what about other parks not on the bond project list, such as North City Park? Ms. Colaizzi answered that she'd like to know about interest in other parks, and the city is interested in North City Park as an urban forest and it's possible that Parks could look at identifying smaller projects in other parks such as North City. Mr. Charlie Brown reported that the Trail Study Corridor Group visited North City and were very interested in the park. Ms. Riedinger asked whether any Shoreline parks would have a project similar to Meadowbrook Park in Seattle. Ms. Colaizzi said that Cromwell Park will include stormwater elements so that it will look and feel like a park but will serve a stormwater management function. Ms. Gillett asked if there is a bridge planned over the railroad tracks for the Pump Station Park? Ms. Colaizzi said no.

- **Establishing a Nominating Committee for Election of Officers**

Chair Hale had arrived at the meeting and took the gavel. Chair Hale asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee to identify possible candidates for the May election of officers for the Council of Neighborhoods. Londa Jacques, Charlotte Haines and Sally Granger volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee and will present a slate of candidates at the May meeting.

II. B. Old Business

- **Next Step on Ready Neighborhood and Block Watch**

Chair Hale asked Ms. Smith to give a report on the City's plans to provide support to citizens to increase Block Watch and emergency preparedness.

Ms. Smith reported that city staff including police, emergency management and neighborhoods staff are meeting in April to discuss how to better coordinate support and resources available to assist neighborhoods with crime prevention, emergency preparedness and community-building.

Echo Lake has stepped forward to increase the number of Block Watches in their neighborhood; they have agreed to be a pilot project for this coordinated approach. The City will use the results of this pilot process to shape the program to be offered to other neighborhoods.

Ms. Hardy asked if National Night Out Against Crime permit process could be a mechanism for distributing information about Block Watch. Ms. Smith agreed.

Ms. Allen showed a No Soliciting sign she ordered off the internet. Ms. Allen asked if any other neighborhoods wanted to do a bulk order for signs. Ms. Allen asked if the sign helps Police take action against a solicitor. Officer Sue Sherwood said the sign could be a preventative measure but she would like to follow-up with the Prosecutor's office before recommending purchasing a lot of signs. Officer Sherwood said she would follow-up with specifics about the sign.

IV. Public Comment

Charlie Brown commented on the daily parade of high school students from Shorecrest to Sunshine Café which he finds interesting but some neighbors find some of the behavior disturbing. Mr. Brown commented that here is a complex set of issues including unsafe behavior with cars and loud and boisterous showing off in addition to litter from café patrons.

V. Neighborhoods Roundtable

David Bannister, Richmond Beach – introduced Ed Adams, who along with Tom Peterson are new neighborhood Board members and will be the new representatives to Council of Neighborhoods. Mr. Bannister reported he is retiring from the Board and the Council of Neighborhoods mid-May due to term limits in the Richmond Beach neighborhood by-laws. Mr.

Bannister reported on neighborhood activities: March 9 showing of the movie Expiration Date, produced by local resident Rick Peterson, had a standing room only crowd of 160 people, netted \$600 and was fun for all ages. The movie fundraiser was for the new pole and banner project for Richmond Beach Road. The neighborhood is developing sponsorship ideas. May 5 will be the Annual Strawberry Festival and will include a banner contest.

Bill Bear, Briarcrest – reported that 50 people came to a meeting on land use in March and comments included wanting to maintain the residential character of the neighborhood. Planning is underway for an Anniversary Party on April 28 including dinner and dance lessons. An issue regarding the addition of a sidewalk on the east side of 25th Ave NE is getting attention from neighbors. The addition of lighting on the fields at Hamlin has raised concerns about potential light pollution.

Bettelinn Brown, Briarcrest - encouraged visits to the neighborhood Web site www.briarcrestneighbors.org. Ms. Brown also invited people to join in a work party at Southwoods on Earth Day from 9 am to noon and to visit www.savesouthwoods.org. Ms. Brown said she is willing to assist anyone in tackling the pervasive problem of English ivy suffocating trees. Ms. Brown also reported attending a workshop on King County budget.

Patty Hale, Ridgecrest – encouraged neighborhoods to think about floats that meet the Celebrate Shoreline parade theme of Celebrate Diversity. Ms. Hale said the Ridgecrest and North City are planning an April meeting with Officer Sue Sherwood and Customer Response Team representative Randy Olin to address topics of crime prevention, how to tackle graffiti, abandoned vehicles, and safety programs such as gun locks and steering clubs.

Kathy Marden, Westminster Triangle – had a March meeting with John Marek introducing the Neighborhood Traffic Action Planning process. There was a good turn out, pizza was served and an advisory committee was set up to work on traffic issues. A couple of issues were raised regarding safety coming off the Interurban trail for both bikes (stairs) and skateboards (into traffic). Some neighbors are concerned about the possibility that a twelve story building might be built on Aurora; Deputy Mayor Fimia was at the meeting and said no plans have been submitted. There is neighborhood concern about homeless sleeping on the trail, and Sunset Elementary school closure which some thought may result in kids being bussed across Aurora.

Naomi Hardy, Richmond Highlands – expressed concern regarding the cost of land conservation associated with the Cascade Agenda.

Diane Hettrick, Echo Lake – reported that there was a section of Echo Lake with power out for five days. There is a metro bus stop on 205th with limited visibility; Metro has reported they will close it. The neighborhood would like a safe bus stop and sidewalks on 205th for safe access.

Marcie Riedinger, Echo Lake - reported that in March Dick Deal presented an update on Parks and Kirk McKinley reported on the Aurora Corridor and Interurban Trail project. In April John Marek and the neighborhood traffic advisory committee will present their recommendations to the community for feedback.

Charlotte Haines, North City – reported the joint April North City/Ridgecrest program was a Master Gardener presentation and plant exchange. Past Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds have been spent to add another bench in North City. Bike racks will be added soon; there is an increase in pedestrian traffic and new boutiques are opening. The 88 unit apartment is over 50% occupied. There is worry that closing North City Elementary might result in increased graffiti and vandalism.

Judy Allen, Innis Arden – reported that Innis Arden has been planting in the reserves. **Stacy Gillett** reported the annual rummage sale brought in about \$12,000 for community projects. In April the neighborhood will hold an Easter egg hunt and Gail Marsh will give an emergency preparedness education session in April. 10th Ave NW will be shut down as part of the trunk sewer replacement.

Bob Barta, Highland Terrace – in May Rika Cecil, Environmental Programs Coordinator and Jesus Sanchez, Public Works Operations Manager will come to Highland Terrace to present the Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team program, aimed at involving neighbors in taking care of their neighborhood. Highland Terrace plans to do a pilot stewardship program. The Fremont Trail project continues to be worked on by neighbors and is in full bloom. At the edge of the drainage swale, boulder art has appeared where people have come by and made their own art. The neighborhood has a plant exchange planned, and continued clean up of the Urban Forest at Highland Terrace Elementary.

Londa Jacques, Ballinger – John Marek, Associate Traffic Engineer, held the first open house to initiate the neighborhood traffic action planning process. Nine new people showed up and identified issues. Planning is underway to plan a Ballinger Walk on June 16; a neighborhood business has come forward to help plan and sponsor the walk. **Larry Moss** also expressed interest in another bus stop on Ballinger Way near his house.

V. Neighborhoods Program Report

Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith reported back on the suggestion from last meeting that the City be more supportive of neighborhood association Web sites. Ms. Smith reported that the City is in the process of updating the city's web site, and the request for links to neighborhood Web sites and/or the city sharing its tools has been put on the list of topics to be reviewed by the team working on the city's update.

Ms. Smith also reported that in response to Charlie Brown's request last month for a garbage can along 27th Ave NE to help with the litter created by high school students, Ms. Smith is working to bring together affected parties to talk about the big picture and possible solutions.

Ms. Smith reported that several Shoreline residents attended the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) training. She mentioned that a key message of the training was to work from the "inside out" and listen to what people care enough to act on.

All Council of Neighborhoods representatives are invited to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, April 13.

VI. New Business --- Neighborhood Representative

Chair Hale wants to thank Joyce Nichols, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Director for her long service to the Council of Neighborhoods and invite her to join the celebration in May when the group will recognize the efforts of outgoing representatives David Bannister of Richmond Beach and David Fosmire of Innis Arden.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.