

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

June 4, 2008  
7:00p.m.

Shoreline Center  
Spartan Room

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Briarcrest – Bill Bear, Bettelinn Brown  
Echo Lake – Marcie Riedinger  
Highland Terrace – Bob Barta, Greg Logan  
Hillwood – Lee Michaelis, Ann Erickson  
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson, Amy Bryant  
Richmond Highlands – Naomi Hardy  
Richmond Beach – Sheri Ashelman  
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Briarcrest resident Dan Henry, Hillwood resident David Bisson, visitor Greg Hardy.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager; Nora Smith, Neighborhoods and Public Outreach Coordinator, LaDonna Smith, Customer Service Team Supervisor; Randy Olin, Bob Crozier, Rob Staveskie, and David Sinkler, Customer Service Team.

**I. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Lee Michaelis called the meeting to order. The agenda was updated to move Sergeant Katie Larsen's presentation to after 8:00 pm, after the break. The revised agenda was approved. The minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting were approved.

**II. A. New Business**

o **Proactive Code Enforcement**

*LaDonna Smith, Supervisor Customer Response Team*

LaDonna Smith introduced a new modification to the current code enforcement program, proactive code enforcement. Historically the Customer Response Team (CRT) has responded to complaints. Ms. Smith said CRT completed a survey of potential violations in April 2007 which helped focus how the team will target upcoming proactive enforcement on the three most frequent violations.

Ms. Smith stated beginning June 2008, the Customer Response Team will begin pro-active enforcement on junk vehicles, excessive outdoor garbage storage and graffiti. The first phase of the program will be education for the summer months. Simultaneously a 90 day amnesty period will be implemented. During the amnesty period CRT representatives will "knock and talk" with residents to provide resource information on how to clean up code violations. Starting in September any unresolved violations will enter an enforcement phase. Ms. Smith said CRT has a record of 96% compliance without enforcement, a trend they hope to continue.

Ms. Smith reported CRT is working to develop additional contacts for resources to provide assistance to people who need it for clean ups. The proactive program will also include monitoring to measure effectiveness.

Ms. Smith introduced the other members of the Customer Response Team: Randy Olin, Bob Crozier, Rob Staveskie, and David Sinkler. CRT members answered a variety of questions from the neighborhood representatives focusing primarily on graffiti.

Representatives voiced a variety of opinions ranging from redirecting teens to alternative activities to connecting teens to the larger community to punishing those who are caught. In response to a question about cost, Ms. Smith said CRT tracked their costs for a month on graffiti cleanup for a total cost of \$10,000 for that month, not including Parks, Public Works, Police or School District costs.

## **B. Old Business**

### o Summer Planning

#### *- Council of Neighborhoods Summer Meeting Schedule*

Mr. Michaelis asked whether neighborhood representatives want to meet in July and August or take two months off from meetings as has been the practice the last couple of years. Mr. Bear and Ms. Atkinson stated they would like to meet in the summer for support and discussion; Ms. Hale said she'd prefer not to meet in order to focus on summer events. Ms. Hale made a motion to take July and August off; the motion passed 11-1.

#### *- Swingin' Summer Eve*

Mr. Michaelis said the Council of Neighborhoods Book Sale at Swingin' Summer Eve is scheduled this year for Wednesday, July 23, 5:30-8:30 at Cromwell Park. He asked Ms. Hale, who has volunteered to take the lead on this event again this year to describe the event.

Ms. Hale said the requirements for a neighborhood to participate are a) to contribute several boxes of gently used, relatively current books and deliver them by 5:00 pm for sorting and display and b) to provide two people from the neighborhood to help with set up, sorting and staffing and clean up so that at least one of those two is working during the whole event. Ms. Hale asked Ms. Smith to circulate a sign up sheet for participating neighborhoods to commit to shifts at the event.

#### *- Celebrate Shoreline*

Mr. Michaelis said the Council of Neighborhoods runs a Carnival Game booth for children at Celebrate Shoreline every year. The booth provides an opportunity to do outreach with the public about neighborhoods. The year the event is Saturday, August 16. Mr. Michaelis asked Ms. Smith to circulate a sign up sheet for volunteers to staff the booth.

#### *- Neighborhood Leaders Picnic*

Mr. Michaelis said the Council of Neighborhoods Board is proposing a neighborhood leaders' picnic on Thursday, July 31. This will be a social event for us, Council of Neighborhoods representatives, and other members of our neighborhood association boards or leadership group. Nora has arranged for us to picnic at newly acquired Kruckeberg Botanic Garden. We'll have a simple picnic at 6:30, time to socialize and a guided tour of the Botanic Garden at 7:15.

Mr. Michaelis said there is no parking on site so we'll meet up at Richmond Beach Community Church at 6:15 pm at shuttle up the street (or you can walk). A RSVP to Nora is required for meal and tour planning. The Council of Neighborhood representatives offered to bring desserts and fruit.

#### *- National Night Out Against Crime Tuesday August 5*

Ms. Smith said the Right-of-Way Special Event permit information will be mailed to all residents who obtained a permit last year and all Council of Neighborhood representatives in early July for use in requesting street closures. The forms are also available on the City's Web site.

Ms. Smith said the City would publicize any larger neighborhood-wide events in the summer issue of currents as it did last year. Mr. Bear said he has set a goal of getting a block party every couple of blocks in Briarcrest.

### **III. Public Comment**

Charlotte Haines, representing the North City Business Association, announced the second annual North City Jazz Walk on Tuesday, August 12, 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Ms. Haines invited Council of Neighborhood representatives to volunteer at the event by contacting her. There will be six venues of jazz bands; pre-sale tickets are \$10 and day of event tickets are \$15.

### **IV. Appreciation of Outgoing Board Members**

Mr. Michaelis turned the floor over to Rob Beem to recognize the three Board members who have served two years providing leadership for the Council of Neighborhoods.

Mr. Beem said he wanted to recognize three outstanding women who made the time and commitment to provide guidance, leadership, ideas and good humor while serving on the Council of Neighborhoods Board for the last two years.

First Mr. Beem recognized Marcie Riedinger, noting Ms. Riedinger started attending Council of Neighborhoods as a regular representative of the Echo Lake neighborhood in 2006 and was elected to the Executive Board as Secretary in May 2006. Mr. Beem said Ms. Riedinger brought a wonderful graciousness to the Board along with her passion for neighborhoods and public art. Mr. Beem expressed appreciation for Marcie's measured approach which allowed her to weigh all ideas and provide balanced feedback. Mr. Beem presented Ms. Riedinger with an engraved crystal cube.

Mr. Beem then recognized Patty Hale as having been a member of the Council of Neighborhoods since its inception in 1996. She served on the Board since 2002, first as Secretary, then as Vice Chair and as Chair for two years. Mr. Beem noted that Ms. Hale brings a wealth of information to the Board with her historical knowledge and involvement in so many aspects of the community. Mr. Beem said he appreciated Ms. Hale continuing on the Board as the immediate past Chair.

Mr. Beem noted that Judy Allen not present. Mr. Beem said Ms. Allen began representing Innis Arden at the Council of neighborhoods in 2004 and then stepped up to serve as Vice Chair of the Executive Board also in May 2006. Mr. Beem remarked that Ms. Allen had been a strong advocate for engaging all neighborhoods and brought the group great concepts such as "no empty seats." Mr. Beem appreciated Ms. Allen's ideas for engaging others, her "can do" attitude, and her strong support of neighborhood involvement.

### **Break**

#### **II. A. New Business**

- **Anti-Graffiti Efforts**  
*Sergeant Katie Larson, Shoreline Police*

Mr. Michaelis noted that for the couple of years we've seen an increase in graffiti in Shoreline and he introduced Sergeant Katie Larson from Shoreline Police to talk about new anti-graffiti efforts.

Sgt. Larson said the majority of graffiti in Shoreline is tagging done by local teens. The City Manager's Office, School District, Parks Department, Customer Service Team and Police have been meeting to review and problem solve the graffiti issue. As a measure of the problem, the School District alone spent over \$50,000 on eradication last year, a sum that would fund a teacher.

Sgt. Larson said she is working on component of a new graffiti eradication program to launch in September when school starts. The proposed pieces of the program are:

- Partnership with Crime Stoppers with a \$1,000 reward for an arrest. Tips can be communicated by phone or text. The first wave of posters has been put up.
- Educational program with a PSA aimed at K-6 grades with a message about the adverse impact of graffiti. Community police officers would make a 15 minute presentation and educate teachers about what to look for.
- Anti-graffiti brochure on how to recognize, report and remove graffiti.
- Considering a paint bank (operated by Police Explorers and/or volunteers)
- Working with the Prosecutor to get community service back in Shoreline.

Sgt. Larson stated that it's difficult to catch graffiti in progress so she asked neighborhood representatives to carry the message back to their neighborhoods to call 911 if you see graffiti or vandalism in process.

#### **IV. Neighborhood Roundtable**

At the suggestion of Ms. Smith, the neighborhood representatives agreed to skip the roundtable because it was late.

#### **V. Neighborhoods Program Report**

Ms. Smith asked the representatives to review the hand outs they had been given.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.