

**CITY OF SHORELINE  
COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS MINUTES**

November 4, 2015  
6:30 pm

Shoreline City Hall

**COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Ballinger –Patty Dooley  
Briarcrest – Padget Dean  
Echo Lake – Jeanne Monger  
Highland Terrace – Cyndi Robinson  
Hillwood – Christabel Britto, Ann Erickson  
Innis Arden – June Howard  
Meridian Park – Gretchen Atkinson, Roz Bates  
Parkwood – John Featherstone  
Richmond Beach – David Davis  
Richmond Highlands - Pete Gerhard, Kathy Plant  
Ridgecrest – Patty Hale, Rebecca Sargent

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Beem, Community Services Manager; Constance Perenyi, Neighborhoods Coordinator

**GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENT:** Connie Eden (Trader Joes), Jon Ann Cruver and Judy Parsons (Shoreline-LFP Senior Center), Patty Cheng (Shoreline Cooperative Preschool)

**I. Call to Order**

Chair June Howard called the meeting to order and Pete Gerhard read the poem “Glory of Friendship” by Ralph Waldo Emerson. June then welcomed Connie Eden from Trader Joes, and told her how excited everyone is about the store opening in Shoreline. We can look forward to that by March.

**II. Review November 4 Agenda and October 7 Minutes**

The [November 4th agenda](#) was approved. The [October 7<sup>th</sup> minutes](#) were approved.

**III. Public Comment**

- Jon Ann Cruver and Judy Parsons spoke about the Shoreline-lake Forest Park Senior Center’s Bingo Karaoke nights on the second Friday of every month. This is a major fundraiser for the Center, and would be a fun activity for neighborhood associations to enjoy together. Buy seats, from one, to a table of ten, [online](#).
- Patty Cheng, Co-Director of Shoreline Cooperative Preschool, announced that three preschools currently housed together will soon lose their lease with the School District. They want to stay in Shoreline, and Patty asked CON members to aid in their search for new space. Ideas? Contact Patty at [mpfcheng@comcast.net](mailto:mpfcheng@comcast.net).
- Jim Hills from Shoreline Community College was unable to attend the meeting, but asked Constance to relay information about a community meeting on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Neighbors are invited to the main dining room on campus to talk about the future of SCC. Details [here](#).

#### **IV. Visiting Councilmember Update**

Councilmember and Deputy Mayor Chris Eggen provided updates on business before the City Council including:

- As the year ends, the Council is focused on the budget process. The public is encouraged to attend a hearing on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The final budget will be adopted at the Council meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Concerns over Potala Place (Dennys Triangle by Aurora Square) continue. The owners assets are still frozen and have been put into receivership. The City's legal department is exploring all options, with the immediate goal being to have the buildings demolished, but not at the City's expense.
- The Shoreline Police Department has been awarded a three-year RADAR grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. This funding will enable the police to identify and build relationships with people who struggle with mental health and substance abuse issues. This cooperative approach is known to prevent problems from spinning out of control.

#### **V. Budget Overview**

Administrative Services Director Sara Lane presented an overview of the 2016 budget. She explained that the budget is part of the City's management process, based on goals set by the City Council, to provide services while being fiscally sustainable in the short and longer term. The proposed budget is available in hard copy from local KCLS branches, and [online](#). An electronic copy of Ms. Lane's presentation has been sent as an attachment to CON members.

#### **VI. History in Your Neighborhoods**

Vicki Stiles, Executive Director of the Shoreline Historical Museum, presented an engaging series of slides showing how our neighborhoods came to be, from trails used by the Duwamish Tribe to the red bricks of early streets and highways. Vicki welcomes everyone to come to the [Museum](#) to research their own neighborhood in detail. She also encourages residents to become members, as increased membership numbers help get grants for the museum.

#### **BREAK**

#### **VII. Board Report**

June reminded us that we will have our regular CON meeting on December 2. Then, on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, there is the annual dinner with the City Council. She asked Pete to give an update on the first Leaders Learning Together (LLT) session at the October meeting.

Pete reiterated the goals of LLT, and thanked everyone for participating last month. He said he was really encouraged by the level of enthusiasm, and looked forward to next month when LLT would look at the safety concerns expressed by so many participants. He asked for feedback, and Patty Hale commented that ideally, LLT offers a new way for leaders to collaborate and develop new tools to accomplish what they want to in their neighborhoods.

#### **VIII. Neighborhoods Coordinator Report**

Constance shared that the upcoming holiday dinner with Council will include a poem. She will be in touch with everyone soon to request information about this year's events and accomplishments to be

“poeticized” by a City employee with a gift for rhyme. She also asked for CON representatives to let her know who else from their neighborhoods might attend the next meeting to participate in LLT. Please get that information to her no later than Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **IX. Neighborhood Reports**

- **Richmond Beach:** upcoming Turkey Run on Thanksgiving Day, and the Christmas Ship on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Hillwood:** recent trail clean-up was successful, upcoming coloring contest for children.
- **Echo Lake:** More work on the Densmore pathway, and looking forward to the January roundtable.
- **Meridian Park:** upcoming retreat to look at future events, and how to welcome new neighbors .
- **Highland Terrace:** Dogs and Donuts was a fun success, looking at ways to finish the Fremont path; association coming into its own again and about to vote on revised bylaws.
- **Innis Arden:** record turnout at recent Oktoberfest, planning for upcoming holiday party.
- **Briarcrest:** excited about newly elected leadership team and revised bylaws, Game Night at Shorecrest Commons on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and a tree planting in memory of Charlie Brown on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Parkwood:** recent work in Twin Ponds Park to plant native species, annual meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> with board elections and a presentation about 145<sup>th</sup> with Nytasha Sowers from the City; planning annual newsletter and winter social.
- **North City** (via Patty Hale): holiday tree lighting on December 5<sup>th</sup> in front of Water District.
- **Ridgecrest:** recent ad starring Seahawk Jimmy Graham was filmed at Fircrest (watch [here](#)); Nomads Northwest hosted another well-attended community event before Halloween; and the new Public House opened on November 1<sup>st</sup>, serving beer made by Hemlock Brewery, the only brewery in Shoreline.

#### **X. Adjourn**

June adjourned the meeting, and reminded everyone to keep coming early whenever possible to enjoy food and conversation before the regular meeting begins.