

North Highline Unincorporated Area Council

Minutes 6-3-2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Council Members Present: Pat Price, Teresa Vert, Heidi Johnson, Jessica Stoneback, Ron Johnson, Christine Waldman, Russ Pritchard, Rebecca Lopes, Patrick Mosley

Council Members Absent: Douglas Harrell

Approval of Agenda: per Heidi, add to Agenda, under New Business, the Brightwater issue – Dow Constantine left contract open-ended so the contractor can charge as much as they want, thinks we need to look into this.

Pat approves, Russ second (as amended). All approved

Approval of Minutes: none to approve at this time.

Public Announcements: Per Pat, this Saturday, June 5th is the WC Library Guild Yard Sale 10 am – 3 pm to raise money for special programs; Per Ron, Wed. June 9th is the 2nd Port 150 Noise- issue Workshop at Cedarhurst Elem. School, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Per Rebecca, this Sat. the 5th is also the KC Recycling Event at Evergreen HS. Ron explained that only certain items are accepted – see website for details. Per Gill Loring, WC So Delridge Safety Coalition meets on Thurs. June 24th at DSHS Bldg, 6 pm, Aileen of the WCCDA will be there to answer questions. Per Bong, topic of Public Disclosure has come up at other UAC's, so KC may put together a Training for all UAC's to attend & he suggested it be held in our area. Each UAC would decide if only certain officers need the Training, or if all Council members want to attend.

Election Report (Ron) Held on May 20th, League of Women Voters King County South validated our ballots: 31 votes were cast: Dist. 1 Pat Price = 2, Dist. 2 Stephen Porter = 1, Dist. 3 Jessica Stoneback = 6, Dist. 4 Christine Waldman = 20, At Large Members Rebecca Lopes = 28, Barbara Dobkin = 31, Richard Miller = 28

Russ moved we accept the Election results, Pat second, All approved.

Holly Krejci, of King County Council Member Jan Drago's office: presented KC Award Certificates of Service to Russ Pritchard for 9 years of Service, and he was on the original council; and to Teresa Vert for her 3 years of Service.

Ron had Teresa & Russ step down, and the newly elected council members were seated: Stephen Porter, Barbara Dobkin & Richard Miller. Also, returning members – Pat Price, Jessica Stoneback, Christine Waldman & Rebecca Lopes

Elect Officers: Christine Waldman was elected President, Heidi Johnson elected Vice-President, Ron Johnson elected Treasurer, Pat Price elected Secretary

KC Sheriff Report by Jeff Hancock: Not able to bring us printed sheets, but here are monthly stats - 3 felony assaults (1 of them a Deputy assaulted), 1 Stabbing, 10 misdemeanor assaults, 2

shooting calls (no suspects located, but shell casings found), 1 stabbing, 1 Homicide (on Roxbury), 2 robberies (Zip Mart & a Cascade Middle School Student), 25 burglaries (2 Commercial).

Patrick brought up question of house in 102nd block of 26th SW, a Section 8 house, with lots of problems, gang members hanging out there. Jeff explained the Police are very aware of this house, has been 4 arrests there in past month & half, and those arrested are under influence of “Drug” called “WET” marijuana dipped in formaldehyde, and they end up being taken to Highline Hosp. ER. The Gang members have “Crips” affiliation. This is near Shorewood Grocery. Mike Sweeney asked about the Homicide in alley off Roxbury 2 wks ago – Jeff said investigation is ongoing. Jeff explained about current shortage of deputies for our area – only 2 most of the time, sometimes 3, but doesn’t allow for them to have any pro-active time, just keep up with what happens. If there is a Priority happening, they will get backup from KC Detectives, and Burien and Seatac police, as needed. Gill Loring asks about increase in Gang Graffiti, and Jeff’s take on what is going on. Per Jeff, the Graffiti indicates problems between the South Park gangs and the Crips up from California. Rebecca asks about “Burn Grant” money, Jeff says money not in place yet, but planning is for it to be used to gear up for the summer problems. Jeff thinks there will be extra cops on duty this coming weekend in WC. Barbara asked about Club Evo – now open on Friday nights, in addition to Saturday, and expanded clientele to more than just Hispanic, not sure if Off Duty Police are being hired for the additional nights. Gill asks about who deals with Abandoned cars now, Jeff not sure but thinks info is routed to the 1st shift guys. Bob Price asks about the building where The Wall used to be, as it is now For Rent again. Jeff explained the community can do more to be vigilant about watching for new activity there, than the police are able to do. Christine asks about increase in Burglaries – per Jeff, most during the day, just knocking on doors, checking to see if anyone is home, then when no one answers they break in. Best thing to do is watch your neighbors homes for any unusual happenings or strangers hanging around & alert neighbors to do the same. Be sure to call 911 if anything just does not look right.

Ron reminded everyone of the August 3rd Night Out Against Crime, and that everyone should belong to, or start a Block Watch with your neighbors. Jeff adds that Burglars that are caught are due to neighbors calling because they see something unusual or out of place, not because the Deputies just happen to drive by at the right time. Barbara asked about Calling 911, and Jeff explained that if you are calling from a Cell Phone the position of the Cell Towers can affect where call is routed (Seattle vs KC). When you’re in Unincorporated KC calling from a Cell Phone, you should tell the operator to be sure you are getting your call handled properly. Otherwise, Seattle may just take the info and email to KC, and leave you waiting for a response. Also, Jeff stated that Capt Nessel is now in charge of the KC Communications Ctr. & perhaps we can invite him out to discuss our questions & address the issue of 911 call handling.

Mike Martin, not in attendance tonite.

Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor of Burien: Said the City of Burien has added people from the new annexed area to most of their committees. A new \$10 car tab fee allows them to get Bonds for Road Upgrades & will start in the North Burien area with re-surfacing, and work towards the south. Rose also said we could possibly get use of their Burien City Meeting Room if we need a larger space for a function like the Public Disclosure Training that Bong mentioned earlier in the meeting. Also, she encouraged participation in the Citizens Academy run by the Sheriff’s Dept.

Something new in Burien will be a Sunday Hispanic Marketplace, with food, music, etc. Will be in the Town Square area, except not there on Strawberry Fest weekend (June 19 & 20).

Sam Whitman, KC Parks: regarding installation of the Flag Pole at Steve Cox Memorial Park, he spoke to Joe Mentor, who was instrumental in the Field refurbishing, Joe will contact the company that originally offered to install it, and thinks it was delayed by bad weather, wet ground, etc and just never rescheduled. There are no plans at this time to light the flag, but Sam will ask Joe to look into that also. Gill asks about all KC Parks and Funding this year and next: per Sam, trying to maintain what we currently have. At Spring Clean the Picnic tables were painted, but they were tagged with Graffiti soon afterward. There are plans for a Video Surveillance to be set up to deter, and/or catch the culprits. Someone asked about the Coating to help remove Graffiti – Sam explained it is very expensive, and has to be re-applied every time it is scrubbed off to remove Graffiti.

Jerry Robison, NHUAC Attorney: Jerry was on the original council & helped draw up the Bylaws. NH was the 1st Council to come up with Bylaws from scratch. We are supposed to be the Recognized Voice of the Community. The 3 Welcome to WC signs that are on the Seattle side of boundary were put there due to ease of the process at the time. They had to get KC to change “code” to allow for signs on the KC side. Council members should be careful of what we say publically and clarify if it is our “personal” opinion. An example is: Council position on Annexation issue is only to state what is our “official” statement or position.

Paulette Norman, KC Roads – South Park Bridge: she provided a handout with lots of information, and explained that new traffic signals should be in place at Cloverdale and 1st Ave before the actual closure. Detours & re-routing of buses is covered on pages 23 & 24 of the booklet. Everyone currently served by bus routes will still get service. On June 9th, Seattle will host a meeting with information to help the South Park area businesses. Someone brought up Marine Traffic and KC is looking into whether added restrictions are possible to limit openings of the 1st Ave Bridge during Rush Hour Traffic with the additional South Park vehicles crossing there after June 30th. There will be message Boards on Hwy 99, 509 & 599 to get info out pertaining to accidents, etc. Possibly some buses could be routed to the Tukwila bridge. Jerry asked about land that KC acquired on the south side of the bridge. Paulette said it will used during the demolition of the old bridge, and eventually new construction.

Committee Reports: Governance-none

Arts and Parks- per Christine, flowers are available to plant at Steve Cox Memorial Park, below each of the signs marking entrances of the park. Volunteers will do it this Sat. June 5th.

Housing and Human resources-per Ron, notice received about land at 108th & 8th Ave will be sub-divided into 4 lots, under code R-6 this is allowed, with less than an acre of land. Barbara asked is anyone knows about future building on 17th, with Code R23, is this an add-on to Coronado Springs ?

Unfinished Business: Ron explained that we need to Renew our Artist contract for Steve Cox Memorial Art project with Jay Haavik. Moved, second, and discussed as to when will it be finished, Christine reported it will be done this fall. Then Approved 6 month extension to December 18, 2010.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: None

New Business: Brightwater Tunnel Project – Heidi had to leave early due to illness, so we are not sure what she had in mind for this topic. Jessica volunteered to work on this with Heidi.

Ron Moved that we donate \$200 to the League of Women's Voters of South King County, Second & much discussion, as we had not paid anything for last year's election, then approved.

WC Jubilee Days: July 17th & 18th. Do we want a booth ? Is everyone willing to write an article for a Newsletter, so we will have it to hand out ? And, everyone needs to be willing to sign up & work a shift to man the booth two days. Ron said our Canopy is 10 ft x 10 ft. Rebecca stated that we got 2 spaces last year because they are so small. Moved, Second & Approved that we get 2 spaces, as they are quite small. Rebecca will sign us up for this. Further discussion of newsletter: Heidi has the couple articles Rebecca wrote already, Pat will write about the Library situation with King County. Other ideas were shared about possible subjects for articles, and residents were told they are welcome to submit articles also. Deadline will be June 30th.

Meeting Adjourned.