

NORTH HIGHLINE UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

1243 Southwest 112th Street

Minutes of August 5, 1999

Present – Judy Duff, President; Scott LaVielle, Corresponding Secretary; Tim Daly; Michael Griffith; Kent Horton; Ruth-Ann Matthias; Marliza Melzer; Mark Warren

Absent – Steve Davis, Vice-President; Marlil Lovell, Treasurer; Ron Johnson, Delfino Munoz, Gerald Robison

OPENING CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

President Duff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- • Councilmember Horton made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 1st meeting; Councilmember LaVielle seconded the motion.
 - -The motion passed unanimously.
- Councilmember Duff made the motion to add the discussion of the methamphetamine house on 5th Avenue and 120th under new business. Councilmember Griffith seconded the motion.

-The motion passed unanimously.

- ○ Approval of the agenda passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Corresponding Secretary's Report –

- • There was no Coresponding Secretary's report.

Public Announcements-

- • Wendell Norwood of the Olde Burien Merchants Association announced that the "Hot August Nights" will be held August 21 at 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. There will be live entertainment, cars, a dance, and refreshments.
- Mike Prine, Chairman of the Union Gospel Mission South Advisory Council, informed the community that the advisory council is writing standing rules and seeking community input. At this time, the group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at Riverton Place.

Public Comment-

- • Citizen Mac Yielding addressed the issue of the methamphetamine house as a neighbor. He expressed concern regarding the chemicals emanating from the house and the possibility of it causing illnesses. Any help from King County in resolving the issue would be appreciated.
- Citizen Stephanie Rogers also addressed the issue of the methamphetamine house. As a next-door neighbor, she proposed the idea of having the house condemned due to chemical contamination and demolished. This would eliminate any possible health hazards as well as prevent future problems from renters.

-Josh Stepherson, Legislative Aide to King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz, responded that a code enforcement task force of approximately ten people exists and perhaps this house would be a candidate for them to consider.

-Deputy Christine Masters, King County Sheriff's Office, informed the community that Detective Hoyle is the one in charge of investigation. There have been several arrests and it is a misdemeanor to be caught in the house. If it is well documented, it can go into abatement, but it is not possible at this point. The health department is waiting for Code Enforcement to evaluate what needs to be done first and then the Health Department is responsible for

cleanup if the owner does not. However, at this point the owner is very cooperative.

- Citizen John Jovanovich provided information regarding a major pipeline being dug by the Highline School District. He expressed concern over why the district chose the extra cost of tunneling versus open cutting. He encouraged other community members to look into the issue.

Treasurer's report

The balance was reported to be \$6,774.96.

Committee Reports-

- Councilmember Duff reported that committee assignments were issued based on the information provided and if there were any major concerns to resubmit requests and it would be reviewed.
- Councilmember LaVielle reported for the Secretary Search Committee. A 14-step process was created and eight applications were received. They were reviewed, a grading sheet was developed and half-hour interviews were conducted on July 28. Deanna Duff was contacted on July 29th and offered the position and accepted. The runner-ups were notified by letter on July 30th.
- Deputy Masters reported on the alcoholic drinking at Lakewood Park and the Evergreen High School ballfields. They are asking for input regarding any violations and stressed the importance of documentation. All concerns may be reported by calling #296-3323.
- Mary Coltrane, King County, reported regarding the NHUAC presentation to King County Council regarding the Roads Advisory Group. An outreach group was formed to identify improvements in January. Approximately 15 people were on the group which were dealing with the \$500,000 allocated to this area.
- Councilmember Duff reported that the North Highline Area was awarded one of two grants countrywide from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

-The King County Department of Transportation is looking into Washington State Revitalization Grants for the North Highline Area.

-The Metro Committee is in need of a new chairperson. In September the issue of cutting funding Access buses for seniors and the disabled will be discussed and it's important to have someone to represent North Highline's needs.

-A meeting for all UAC chairs was hosted by King County Executive Ron Sims. An effort is under way to place a gambling moratorium on the agenda. The issue was discussed regarding annexations and how the North Highline area is concerned regarding the options. Lake Hicks was also discussed and the possibility of using surface water money since it has been used as a holding area in the past. The suggestion was made that the King County Executive's cabinet should meet with the UAC chairs to facilitate better communication when the UAC's contact King County. Fireworks regulations, code enforcement, and the Transportation Needs Report were also topics of discussion.

-Councilmember Duff reported on a sex-offender release notification meeting and felt that it was very worthwhile.

- The Governance Committee reported on its findings regarding annexation versus incorporation. Timothy Ramsey explained that due to the State's Growth Management Plan, it is required that all unincorporated areas either incorporate or annex by the year 2013. Two years ago the NHUAC requested a study of both options.

-Tim Healy reported that the study concluded that neither option is desirable at this time. There are strong sentiments against annexing to Seattle and there is little interest from surrounding cities in annexing the North Highline area due to the cost of providing services. Incorporation does not seem feasible unless there is a cut in services or increase in revenue.

-Bonnie Liebel addressed the issue of zoning in the White Center and Top Hat business areas for the Governance Committee. The areas were rezoned and created non-conforming use, particularly in the Top Hat area. The rezoning removed the ability to have a vehicle oriented zoning compared to pedestrian. This has impaired business growth in some areas. For example, in White Center new businesses often cannot afford the extra costs incurred by the new

zoning. This issue has to be submitted by September 30 in order to be reviewed for next year.

COUNCIL ACTION – THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNION GOSPEL MISSION AND BOULEVARD PARK

- • Josh Stepherson, Legislative Aide to King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz was present to answer questions, provide further information, and accept input from the council regarding the proposed Good Neighbor Agreement between Boulevard Park and the Union Gospel Mission.

Council Questions

- • Councilmember Melzer expressed concern that the agreement requires the chairpersons to provide copies of transactions to the strategy group, but the strategy group will be disbanding.

-Stepherson responded that the strategy group will continue informally until a few loose ends are resolved. The inclusion of the strategy group does not impair the document in any way. However, Councilmember Pelz's office may be considered the chair/facilitator for further contact.

Public Comment

- • Peggy Peery endorsed the Good Neighbor Agreement on the basis of the amount of input from various groups and encouraged the NHUAC to support it as well.
- Michael Prine noted that the UGM South Advisory Council is currently creating bylaws with provisions which would address many of the concerns in the Good Neighbor agreement. Prine asked that the agreement be changed so that it asks UGM to provide appropriate information to the advisory council and ensure that the advisory council be kept in existence.
- Larry Boswell, chairman of the Boulevard Park Community Council, expressed support for the document and that it would help foster better relations between the community and UGM in the future.

COUNCIL ACTION

- • Councilmember LaVielle made the motion to endorse the Good Neighbor Agreement between the Union Gospel Mission and Boulevard Park Community.

-Councilmember Griffith seconded the motion.

Council Discussion

- • Councilmember Melzer said she could not support the agreement because she did not feel the proper protocol was followed. Furthermore, it requires things from groups which may not even be in existence in the future. Councilmember Melzer also expressed concern regarding which entity would be responsible for disseminating the information.
- Councilmember Duff relayed that she spoke with Morgan Arnold from the Union Gospel Mission and he expressed UGM's support for the Good Neighbor Agreement based on UGM's understanding of the document. Councilmember Duff also expressed understanding for wanting one group to be in charge of the flow of information, but personally was not concerned with protocol and merely that the community received the information.
- Councilmember LaVielle felt that for a working document the amount of input was impressive and that the Good Neighbor Agreement would be a step in the right direction towards creating a better relationship between the community and UGM.

Amendments

- • Councilmember Duff proposed a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Councilmember LaVielle, to change the following:

-Change third paragraph, second line reading, "and chair of Strategy Group" to "and members of the Strategy Group"

-Change fourth paragraph, third line reading, "...the UGM South Advisory Council and Boulevard Park Community Council" to "...the UGM South Advisory Council, Boulevard Park Community Council, and North Highline area".

The motion was accepted.

For: Daly, Duff, Griffith, Horton, LaVielle, Warren

Opposed: Melzer, Matthias

COUNCIL PRESENTATION – TWO WINGS OF A BIRD; THE EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN

- Virginia Moimoi, Secretary, King County South Central Baha’I, addressed the NHUAC regarding gender equality. She applauded the strong female role models presented by the NHUAC and others in the community. She encouraged them to continue in their leadership roles. She also praised the males and expressed general support for the community and council.

COUNCIL PRESENTATION – OLSON PLACE/MYERS WAY PARK AND RIDE

- Ed Walker, Project Manager for Transit Oriented Development, King County Department of Transportation, presented regarding the future of the park and ride property. The 8-acre site currently has 562 stalls of which approximately 100 are used on a daily basis. Within the next 30-60 days the intent is to prepare to put it on the market. It will be zoned C-2 for light industrial or heavy commercial use and the emphasis will be to sell it to industry creating liveable wage jobs with semi-skilled workers. This will not create undue competition for White Center businesses as well as helping to raise the wage average. Approximately two years ago the property was placed on the market, but none of the bids were accepted. The community was polled at that time regarding what their desires, but it is possible that the community may need to be polled again. Throughout the review processes, no public entities expressed interest and neither did low-income housing. That stage was executed within the last two to three months and the next stage is to place it on the general market. The preference is to retain some of the property for a smaller park and ride which would better represent the usage. It depends on the terms of the sale, but there is the possibility of leasing a few acres from the owner.

ACTION ITEM – KING COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Following his July 1st presentation, Mark Buscher, Senior Planner, Program Planning Section, Solid Waste Division, returned to provide further information regarding the King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan as well as listen to concerns of the NHUAC.

-Councilmember Duff expressed concerns that a rate increase or reduction in hours for self-haulers would negatively impact those people on fixed incomes, such as seniors, who are unable to afford commercial disposal. Buscher responded that the operating hours for disposal would not be severely limited to the point of excluding any one demographic.

-Councilmember Horton also emphasized his concern regarding recycling and the importance of it being included and supported.

- Councilmember Horton made the motion to endorse the King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan.

-Councilmember LaVielle seconded the motion.

Amendments

- Councilmember Duff proposed a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Councilmember Horton, to change the following:

-The NHUAC endorses the King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan with an emphasis on clean green/recycling and accessibility.

The motion was accepted.

For: Daly, Duff, Griffith, Horton, LaVielle, Matthias, Warren

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Melzer

NEW BUSINESS

- Councilmember Duff made the motion that the NHUAC write a letter to King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz's office requesting his assistance in coordinating the various agencies to further investigate the issue of the methamphetamine lab at 12014 5th Avenue South. The council and community is very concerned regarding the future use of the property and would like to explore the timely options of abatement.

-Councilmember Daly seconded the motion.

Motion was accepted.

For: Daly, Duff, Griffith, Horton, LaVielle, Melzer, Matthias, Warren

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna N. Duff

CC: Greg Nickels

Dwight Pelz

Brian Derdowski

Jan Hubbard

Bong St. Domingo

Nancy Weaver

