

# NORTH HIGHLINE UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

1243 Southwest 112th Street

Minutes of September 2, 1999

**Present** – Judy Duff, President; Steve Davis, Vice-President; Marlil Lovell, Treasurer; Scott LaVielle, Corresponding Secretary; Tim Daly; Michael Griffith; Kent Horton; Ruth-Ann Matthias; Marliza Melzer; Gerald Robison, Mark Warren

Absent – Ron Johnson - excused

## OPENING CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

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

- • Councilmember Lovell made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 5 meeting; Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.
  - -The motion passed unanimously.
- Councilmember Duff made a correction to the agenda that Josh Stepherson, Legislative Aide to King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz, would not be present to discuss the methamphetamine house located at 5th Avenue South and South 120th. Detective Marlon Hoyle would be taking his place.
  - -Councilmember Duff informed the council that former NHUAC councilmember Glen Weiss was willing to present information regarding adult entertainment and annexation in the North Highline area. Councilmember Griffith made the motion to add Glen Weiss to the agenda. Councilmember LaVielle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the agenda passed unanimously.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Corresponding Secretary's Report –

- • Councilmember LaVielle reported that Sheriff Reichert responded to the June 28 letter the NHUAC sent addressing a need for increased security at Lake Hicks Park. Sheriff Reichert indicated his support, but that those issues might be better addressed by the Southwest Precinct.
- Councilmember LaVielle reported that a letter was sent to Rev. Herb Pfiffner of the Union Gospel Mission informing him of the NHUAC's endorsement of the Good Neighbor Agreement as it was presented at the August 5 NHUAC meeting. The letter expressed that the document seemed to be a clear response to the concerns of the community.
- A letter was received from Councilmember Delfino Munoz stating his resignation from the NHUAC. He stated that due to other commitments, he regrettably would not be able to continue serving as a representative. He also encouraged the council to continue with their efforts including the issue of diversity.
- Robin Cole, Project Manager of the Parks CIP Section, King County, wrote a letter indicating that she has given the final requests in regards to the Lake Hicks Master Plan. She also gave an accounting of the money for the project.

### Public Announcements-

- • Councilmember LaVielle reported that constituents of District 4 have expressed concern regarding the numerous robberies, car thefts, and other illegal activities in the area. They expressed a desire to have an increased police

presence, particularly in the area stretching from 30th SW and Roxbury to Southwest 107th.

- Councilmember Duff reported that the Mexican Fiesta is scheduled for September 25 at the White Center Library from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
  - -Councilmember Duff also reported that the Wastemobile for household hazardous materials will be at Larry's Market on Highway 99 on September 3-5 and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An opportunity for general recycling will be held September 11 at Evergreen High School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A construction and recycling directory was provided by the Solid Waste division and explains what happens to construction waste and whether it can be recycled. Due to limited copies, this resource is available through the NHUAC secretary.
  - Councilmember Duff also encouraged citizens to support the Taste of Washington which will occur September 4 at the Pike Place Market and will include King County farmers.
- Donna Wilson asked that our area be included in an extra crime surveillance. She reported that allegedly there is a drug house on 28th Avenue Southwest. Drug enforcement has been called and Councilmember Robison also provided the option to call the Police Storefront. Officer Christine Masters may be reached at #296-3323. She can also be reached in the evenings at the storefront.
- Peggy Peery informed the community that a meeting is scheduled for September 14th at the Boulevard Park Meeting Place on South 125th and Military Road South. The sheriff's office will be presenting information on scams.

#### **Public Comment-**

- • Peggy Peery stated that on August 31st an awards ceremony was sponsored by the King County Sheriff's Office to present meritorious awards for those representing the Boulevard Park community regarding the Union Gospel Mission issues in the area.
  - -It was also reported that the Boulevard Park Community Days are scheduled for September 25-26.
- Stephanie Rogers reported on the former methamphetamine house on 5th Avenue South. She summarized that the various agencies do not seem to be communicating effectively on how to address the future of the site. Currently Josh Stepherson, Legislative Aide to King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz, is trying to organize a meeting between the agencies to coordinate a cohesive effort. Criminal activity is still occurring and an incident transpired between a trespasser and an officer. A gun was pointed at the officer and the man then fled on foot. In addition, Rogers also expressed concern regarding the health hazard of any chemical contamination.
- Mac Yielding reinforced the need for action regarding the former methamphetamine house on 5th Avenue South. As a neighbor, he has witnessed people entering the area during the early morning on numerous occasions. He hopes that the problem can be resolved quickly and commends the police for their efforts.
- Mark Ufkes announced his candidacy for the Seattle Port Commission. He lives in the North Highline Unincorporated area and is troubled by the impacts of the airport on the surrounding areas. He also is interested in improving how the Port operates. He encouraged everyone to vote both in the primary election on Tuesday, September 14, as well as the upcoming general election.
- Mike Colasurdo informed the council of his candidacy for the Southwest Suburban Sewer District. He would like to change the rates for the benefit of the ratepayers.
- Councilmember Tim Daly declared his candidacy for commissioner for Water District 20. Councilmember Robison also is campaigning for the Burien City Council.
- Candy Ratzburg reported for the Governance Committee that a meeting is scheduled for October 12, 7:00 p.m. at Evergreen High School to report on the findings of the committee. There will be an opportunity for all sides to comment and the majority of service organizations will be in attendance to provide information.

- Myra DiJulio suggested that the NHUAC consider sponsoring a candidate's forum for future elections as a service to the community. President Duff said she had already been looking into the idea.

### Treasurer's report

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

### Committee Reports

- Councilmember Robison reported on three development projects for the zoning committee. A grading project is set for South 96th in South Park to prepare the property for businesses. A 36-unit apartment complex is scheduled for construction at 1825 Roseburg Avenue South. The third project is for an antenna farm of 15 cable satellite dishes and a nine-space parking lot at 11231-1st Avenue South. The application was filed July 16 and the comment period ends September 16.
- Councilmember Duff reported for Councilmember Johnson who was unable to attend the meeting. Councilmember Johnson participated in a walk-through of White Center with Harold Taniguchi, Manager of the Roads Services Division, King County, related to the **REV** grants. Councilmember Johnson will provide further information upon his return.
- Councilmember Lovell obtained information regarding whether the NHUAC should have insurance. The Bear Creek Unincorporated Council is currently having their attorneys review the issue The Vashon Council pays \$1,150 for insurance and the council president believed that covered errors and emissions only. Don Stone, president of West Hill Unincorporated Council, said they pay \$450 for event insurance. The NHUAC will discuss this issue at a future meeting.
- Councilmember Davis reported for the budget committee. The King County budget process is starting now and he believes it looks like it will be a tight budget year. Councilmember Davis advised everyone to seriously consider what is paramount to have included for the NHUAC and that the council should be very vocal in advocating for their needs. King County Councilmember Pelz elaborated on the position of the King County Council. If Initiative 695 passes which will implement a \$30 flat fee for all car licenses, the King County budget would be cut by approximately 30%. In that case, it will be all the more important for the NHUAC to aggressively lobby for their budget.
- Councilmember Matthias attended the Des Moines Memorial Drive committee meeting. They are trying to establish a commission to handle fundraising and the different ongoing aspects. It is projected that construction will be underway from 2001-2004.

### **COUNCIL PRESENTATION – CLOSED METHAMPHETAMINE HOUSE AT 12014-5TH AVENUE SOUTH, DETECTIVE MARLON HOYLE, KING COUNTY**

- Detective Hoyle informed the council that the Code Enforcement and the Health Department are moving forward with the process. The landlord has been given 45 days to clean up the contamination by the Health Department. That has to be taken care of before any other code enforcement items, such as wiring, septic, debris and so on, are addressed. The code enforcement items should be entered within a week and the landlord will then have 90 days to address those concerns.
- As for the people entering the property, three weeks have been spent trying to coordinate the agencies to find a solution. Currently, anyone on the property is violating the restrictions placed by Code Enforcement and the Health Department prohibiting occupancy. Detective Hoyle is working towards charging any trespassers with criminal trespass. Currently, entering the property is not considered a criminal trespass.

### **COUNCIL PRESENTATION - STATUS OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT**

- Peggy Peery, member of the Strategy Group, reported on the August 9 meeting with King County Executive Ron Sims who was mediating the Good Neighbor Agreement process. Sims expressed enthusiasm for the document and

felt it was very positive. He made one change regarding the part requesting that UGM notify the community when earnest money is placed on a property. He felt this would give an unfair advantage by notifying other potential buyers. UGM requested that the Strategy Group and Task Force be removed from the document which Sims strongly opposed. He felt it was very important that ownership remain with those involved in writing it. UGM would not commit to signing it at that time and Sims wrote a letter encouraging them to complete the process. Following that meeting, UGM proposed three changes. The first was that the advisory council would review the document each year; the second change was to remove references to the Task Force and Strategy Group from the document; the third change was to rephrase it so that the community would "continue" to be informed.

- The Strategy Group was not pleased considering the amount of changes which had already been made and UGM's understanding of the Strategy Group's position. The Strategy Group agreed to compromise on the distribution. They agreed that UGM would disburse the information to the South Advisory group and they would then disburse it to community groups. The Strategy Group also agreed to ignore the addition of the word "continuing". However, UGM still refused to sign the document.

- Councilmember Melzer expressed her understanding that UGM did not change the agreement several times, but were merely exercising their turn to adjust the agreement.

- Citizen Peery responded that Sims felt there was too much word playing occurring and that there was no need to change the document because it was reasonable and represented fair requests.

- Councilmember Duff said that she would call UGM and reiterate that the NHUAC voted to endorse the Good Neighbor Agreement in the form it was presented to Ron Sims.

## **COUNCIL PRESENTATION – PROPOSED SOUTH PARK ANNEXATION, GLEN WEISS**

- • The City of Seattle hosted a meeting at the South Park Community Center regarding a potential annexation of an area which is basically a quadrant of South park. This is a joint agreement between signed by King County Executive Ron Sims and the mayors of Seattle and Tukwila. The deal affects the funding of the potential bridge between South Park and the Boeing factories. The replacement bridge would cost approximately \$30 to \$40 million. Currently, Tukwila would be responsible for paying half the cost; Seattle would contribute approximately \$8 million; and King County would pay approximately \$11 million. If Seattle were allowed to annex the South Park area, Tukwila would relinquish all claims to that area and also forfeit their half of the liability to fund the bridge. Instead, they would only pay approximately \$4 million.

- The second issue surrounding this topic is that this proposal would also annex the McDonald's site in Boulevard Park. This could possibly impact the agreement concerning where adult entertainment is allowed for the area.

- Weiss advocated that the NHUAC recommend that no action be taken by King County to accept nor deny the proposal until the issue is studied and they determine how this would impact the North Highline area.

## **COUNCIL ACTION – TRANSPORTATION NEEDS REPORT**

- ○ • David Gualtieri, Supervising Transportation Planner, Transportation System Planning Section, King County, was present to provide background regarding the Transportation Needs Report (TNR) and answer council questions. The TNR represents transportation needs envisioned between now and the year 2020. It is used to coordinate projects between cities, review land developments, summarize costs for the next 20 years and estimate revenue, as well as identify projects needed for growth. In order to become a TNR project, it usually must cost at least \$100,000. Candidates may come from community plans, technical analyses, SEPA studies, citizen complains and so on. Currently, there are about 410 TNR projects which represent about half of all King County projects. To access information regarding the TNR, a new website is available to the community at <http://www.metrokc.gov/KCDOT/tp/tnr>.

### **Council Discussion**

- • In considering the following deletions, regardless of how the project is funded, if it is deleted, the project is

entirely removed from the TNR plan. The following deletions were discussed:

- 1. Councilmember Robison suggested deleting #H-39, traffic signal at 4th SW and SW 102nd, to be deleted.
- 2. Councilmember Lovell suggested deleting #H-220, a traffic signal at South 118th and Des Moines Memorial Drive (Gualtieri indicated that this project is currently in design, but that construction is not funded to allow for public improvement. Therefore, more information will be provided regarding the nature of this project).
- 3. Councilmember Johnson (through proxy) suggested deleting #H-14, a traffic stop at 15th Avenue SW at SW 102nd.

- Councilmember Robison made the motion to delete the above items from the Transportation Needs Report. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.

### Friendly Amendments

- • Councilmember Duff proposed a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Councilmember Robison, to support the deletion of #H-220 pending more information regarding its relationship to the Des Moines Memorial Drive Project.

**The motion was accepted.**

**For: Daly, Davis, Duff, Griffith, Horton, LaVielle, Lovell, Melzer, Robison, Warren**

**Opposed: Matthias**

**Abstentions: None**

- • Councilmember Duff stated that the NHUAC's discussion of proposed additions and any further discussions would be conducted at the next meeting and to prepare any possible considerations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- • Regarding the presentation regarding the South Park annexation, Councilmember Horton made the motion that as a council, the NHUAC recommends to the King County Council that they do not make a decision on this issue until the tax implications have been reviewed and studied. Also, at the same time information should be obtained regarding the design implications for the businesses and South Park community. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion.

### Friendly Amendments

- • Councilmember Duff proposed a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Councilmember Horton to make the following insertion: "That as a council, the NHUAC recommends to the King County Council that they do not make a decision on this issue until the tax implications have been reviewed and studied *and that the NHUAC has been informed of the results so that they have an opportunity to respond.* Also, at the same time information should be obtained regarding the design implications for the businesses and South Park community.

**The motion was accepted.**

**For: Daly, Davis, Duff, Griffith, Horton, LaVielle, Lovell, Matthias, Melzer, Robison, Warren**

**Opposed: None**

**Abstentions: None**

- • Councilmember Robison made the motion to reiterate the NHUAC's opposition to piecemeal annexation in

response to the proposal to annex McDonald's site at Boulevard Park into Seattle. Councilmember Melzer seconded the motion.

**The motion was accepted.**

**For: Daly, Davis, Duff, Griffith, Horton, LaVielle, Lovell, Matthias, Melzer, Robison, Warren**

**Opposed: None**

**Abstentions: None**

- Councilmember Horton advocated that a committee be established to appoint a replacement following Councilmember Munoz's resignation. Councilmember Davis indicated that as chair of the elections committee he would publicize the vacancy.
- Councilmember Melzer suggested a future discussion of how UAC meetings are conducted to which Councilmember Duff responded it would be included when possible on a future agenda.
- Councilmember Robison made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Griffith seconded the motion.

**The motion was accepted.**

**For: Daly, Davis, Duff, Griffith, Horton, LaVielle, Lovell, Matthias, Melzer, Robison, Warren**

**Opposed: None**

**Abstentions: None**

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna N. Duff

CC: Greg Nickels

Dwight Pelz

Brian Derdowski

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Nancy Weaver

