

NORTH HIGHLINE UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

1243 Southwest 112th Street

Minutes of December 2

Present – Judy Duff, President; Scott LaVielle, Corresponding Secretary; Marlil Lovell, Treasurer; Tim Daly; Michael Griffith; Ron Johnson; Ruth-Ann Matthias; Gerald Robison; Stephanie Rodgers; Mark Warren

Absent – Steve Davis, Vice-President; Kent Horton; Marliza Melzer – all excused

• OPENING CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- President Duff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Approval of the November 18 minutes was postponed until the December 16 meeting so all councilmembers would have the opportunity to review them.
- Councilmember LaVielle made the motion to accept the agenda. Councilmember Lovell seconded the motion.

Approval of the agenda passed unanimously.

• COMMUNICATIONS

Corresponding Secretary's Report –

- Councilmember LaVielle reported that there was no new relevant correspondence.

Public Announcements

- Councilmember Lovell reported that a Boulevard Park Community meeting would be held Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. Candi Ratzburg and Bonnie Liebel would be presenting regarding the suggested sub-area zoning plan. (Note from President: the meeting was held December 14).
- Councilmember LaVielle reported that the Christmas Outreach Program would be concluding soon and if the community still wanted to donate items, to do it within the upcoming two weeks.
- Councilmember Duff reported that Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. a meeting would be held at the Georgetown Gospel Church at 6606 Carleton Avenue S.W. The meeting will address registered sex offenders in the community.

-On Saturday, December 4, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., families can have Santa photos taken with their pets for \$5. Photos can be taken at the Kent King County Animal Shelter at 21615-64th Avenue South.

-Citizens may recycle their Christmas trees through the King County Tree-Cycling Program December 26-27, January 8-10, and January 23 at the former Boulevard Park Elementary School. Trees must be clean of all flocking or tinsel and cannot be longer than 8 feet in length or a base more than 4 inches in diameter.

-Councilmember Duff reported that December 10 was the due date for all public comment regarding the Solid Waste Plan.

- A citizen reported that Olde Burien would be hosting a Christmas Community Celebration December 4, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

(Councilmember Robison arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

(Councilmember Daly arrived at 7:18 p.m.)

- Councilmember Robison reported that the White Center Jubilee Days planning committee would be holding a meeting December 3, 12:00 p.m., at the White Center Pizza.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Councilmember Matthias reported that each councilmember received a sheet regarding the hydrological studies regarding the Third Runway. Public comment will be accepted.
- Mac Yielding reported that he was informed by the office of King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz that there might be money available to avoid cuts to the King County Sheriff's Office until July 2000.
- Otto Schoetzow inquired whether there were plans for the City of Seattle to annex parts of the South Park area. Councilmember Robison reported that he had also heard information regarding that situation. A public meeting was held with the City of Seattle and South Park residents approximately two months ago. He felt that South Park residents were under the impression that the annexation had already been decided. However, he said that no definitive decisions had been made and residents should continue to pursue the issue. Councilmembers indicated they would investigate the situation further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilmember Matthias reported for the Des Moines Memorial Drive Committee. A list of accomplishments and resolutions was published by the historical society and is under review. Councilmember Matthias requested that the committee consider extending membership to the NHUAC and be included in their process.

-Councilmember Duff proposed to add the issue under "New Business" for further discussion.

- Councilmember Warren reported for the NHUAC King County Comprehensive Plan Update that three meetings have occurred and substantial progress has been made. The next meeting is planned for Monday, December 6, and the location was to be determined. The next meeting will focus on transportation issues and a guest speaker will present. Another meeting is scheduled for December 13 and a final report will be presented to the NHUAC at the January 6 meeting.

- Councilmember Duff reported for the budget committee with the following information regarding budget impacts in the North Highline Unincorporated Area:

-For the Sheriff's Office, six months of funding slated for cuts has been restored. The Washington State Legislature will be lobbied for money past the current six-month funding.

-Initially, cuts were made to the Marine and Air Units as well as the Community Service Officers (CSO). Currently, funding has been assured for police storefronts and CSOs for six months.

-The Parklake Boys and Girls Club is fully funded at the same level as last year.

-No new money has been allocated to study the Third Runway, but funds remain from last year.

-\$10,000 has been allocated for the operation of the NHUAC.

-There is no money allocated for a sub-area plan.

-\$100 million dollars will be cut from the transit budget. Washington State will be lobbied for permission to ask voters for funding.

-For flooding, Surface Water Management has allocated \$300,000 for design and water quality improvements. Work is still occurring regarding the Central Puget Sound Basin Plan.

-\$94,000 was allocated to restore the play equipment at Arbor Lake.

-A few new roads' projects were funded. At 10th S.W. between S.W. 108th and 116th, a sidewalk will be constructed. At 12th S.W. between S.W. 107th and 116th, ditches will be enclosed and sidewalks on the west side.

➤ From King County Councilmember Dwight Pelz's office, Councilmember Duff reported the following budget information relevant to the Boulevard Park/Highline area.

-The South Fork of Hamm Creek Open Space Acquisition was allocated \$125,000 and \$150,000 for the total ravine.

-The North Boulevard Park Feasibility Study was allocated \$20,000 for three different sites.

-Operation of the S.E. Seattle Adult Day Care Facility was allocated \$20,000.

-Sidewalks along South 120th between Des Moines Memorial Drive and Military Road were allocated \$871,000.

-A four-year project consisting of constructing sidewalks along Des Moines Memorial Drive from South 96th Street and South 120th, as well as the acquisition of some property, was allocated \$2,560,000.

-The Highline Senior Center was allocated \$46,000.

-The Environmental Coalition of South Seattle was allocated \$2,500.

-The Boulevard Park Community Council was allocated \$1,500.

➤ Regarding funding and cuts to the transit budget, the Metro King County Council Regional Transit Committee is sponsoring a transit workshop Tuesday, December 7, 2:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. It will be held on the 12th floor of the Southwest Conference Room at the King County Courthouse.

➤ As for additional funding, King County may go to the State to ask for additional money to fund health and safety programs. It was requested at the Citizen Participation Initiative (CPI) that the UACs be involved in the lobbying process.

• Councilmember Duff also reported that she was in the process of researching information regarding an Economic Development Plan. King County has been applying for economic grants for development and revitalization of business in Southwest King County. She has learned that it will cover five areas including Burien, SeaTac, Tukwila, Normandy Park and the Unincorporated Highline Area. A meeting

will be held at Highline Community College January 19, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Developers and public officials will be present to discuss their thoughts on the most logical places and methods for development and revitalization. Funding for the first phase of this study is \$223,000 from Federal, State, and County sources.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilmember Lovell said there was no treasurer's report.

COUNCIL PRESENTATION - OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ARTS IN THE NORTH HIGHLINE UNINCORPORATED AREA, MICHAEL KILLOREN, KING COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

- • Michael Killoren from the King County Arts Commission presented information regarding programs supporting the arts. The mission of the Arts Commission is to fund arts activities throughout King County, and they are eager to direct more funding towards the North Highline Unincorporated Area. There are four main categories to which communities may apply for funding and grants.
 1. The operations grant is for sustained support and there are 106 arts organizations involved. This area has seen an increase of 37 new organizations in the past two years and funding has increased as well.
 2. The cultural-education program provides the opportunity to bring artists into schools to present curriculum-based activities. An example of a cultural-education presentation was when a wheelchair dance artist worked with a physics class regarding the physics of dance. To have an artist present at a school, it may be initiated by a teacher or whomever else is interested. The deadline for applying is March 6.
 3. The innovation fund is a program to fund special projects. Applications are taken from community groups or arts organizations to sponsor art presentations. Applicants do not have to be nonprofit organizations and the program now sponsors contemporary dance, music, and theatre performances. Fourteen communities in King County are currently participating.
 4. The infrastructure fund is for cultural facilities. Its aim is to help fund performing arts center for such things as sound equipment to assist in the logistical aspect of bringing the arts to the community. December 13 is the deadline for applying organizations.
- Michael Killoren also informed the NHUAC of the Community Arts Initiative. It is a simple application and the deadline is January 15. The grant is offered to fund bringing fine arts performances to communities. He encouraged the NHUAC to apply for funding especially since they have not previously received much money for the arts.
- The Arts Commission is a nine-member volunteer board representing different ethnic and geographic diversity. There are currently three vacancies and the deadline is mid-December to apply. A list of names will be submitted to the King County Executive. A letter and resume are expected as well as arts experience or a community leadership role.
- Councilmember Griffith reported for the NHUAC Cultural Arts Committee that he is developing an idea for a community cultural festival. It would include representation from various community cultural groups. He has been contacting members of the community to receive input in order to better formulate the idea. Michael Killeron encouraged the NHUAC to apply for a Community Arts Initiative grant by January 15. It is a straightforward application and all that is needed is a general idea.
- Councilmember Duff indicated that the festival proposal would be put under new business for further

discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION - ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH HIGHLINE UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL – SECOND READING

- • Councilmember Robison stated that following the first reading at the November 18 meeting, a few changes were made as had been directed. Under Article 14, paragraph 3, it was modified to include employees and agents as well as officers and councilmembers who are covered by the insurance. Under the Articles of Incorporation, Councilmember Griffith and Councilmember Horton's addresses were corrected.

-Councilmember Robison made the motion to accept the North Highline Unincorporated Articles of Incorporation and By-laws and by doing so, would empower Councilmember Robison to pay the necessary fees and submit the paperwork to the appropriate agencies. He would also pursue the application for tax-exempt status and obtaining a Federal tax identification number. Councilmember LaVielle seconded the motion.

The motion was accepted.

For: Daly, Duff, Griffith, Johnson, LaVielle, Lovell, Matthias, Robison, Rodgers, Warren

Opposed: None

COUNCIL PRESENTATION - INFORMATION REGARDING INSURANCE FOR NHUAC, NORTH HIGHLINE UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCILMEMBER MARLIL LOVELL

- • Councilmember Lovell stated that she had contacted the following insurance companies; Hartford Insurance, Chubb Insurance provided by Berends, Hendricks Stuit Insurance, Inc., Pollock Insurance, and Hurley, Atkins, and Stewart, Inc. The following information was received.
 - ➤ For Hartford Insurance, the general liability coverage was as follows.

General Aggregate: \$2,000,000

Products and Completed Operations Aggregate: \$2,000,000

Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000

Personal and Advertising Injury: \$1,000,000

Fire Legal Liability: \$300,000

Medical Expense: \$10,000

Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability: \$1,000,000

-Unlimited defense was included and there was a \$350 premium with a \$250 deductible. Total cost was \$1,550.

- ➤ For Berends, Hendricks, Stuit Insurance, Inc., the following information was received.

Limits of Liability \$1,000,000

(Defense is covered, no deductible; protects employees and volunteers against libel, slander, copyright,

misrepresentation, wrongful dismissal, coverage extended to spouses, etc)

Limits of Liability Each Policy Year \$1,000,000

-Estimated premium was \$1,200 and it is a three-year guaranteed premium.

- ➤ For Pollack Insurance, Inc., the estimate was as follows.

Each Claim/Aggregate \$1,000,000

(To protect against harassment or discrimination)

Each Claim/Aggregate \$1,000,000

(Additional \$300 premium)

-Estimated total was \$1,300

- ➤ Information had yet to be received from Hurley, Atkins and Stewart, Inc.

- Councilmember Duff presented information from the Arthur Gallagher and Company insurance firm. An exact estimate would be provided when the NHUAC filed as a non-profit organization, but it was estimated that the total cost would be \$1,000 and no more than \$1,200. This would cover errors and omissions for directors and officers and there would probably not be a deductible.

COUNCIL ACTION-KING COUNTY BUILDING CODE ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD APPOINTMENT

- Councilmember Johnson made the motion to nominate Councilmember LaVielle to submit his application to be appointed to the King County Building Code Advisory and Appeals Board. Councilmember Lovell seconded the motion.

The motion was accepted.

For: Daly, Duff, Griffith, Johnson, LaVielle, Lovell, Matthias, Robison, Rodgers, Warren

Opposed: None

COUNCIL ACTION – NHUAC DECEMBER 16 MEETING

- Councilmember Duff proposed to have two business items on the December 16 meeting agenda and to dispense with everything else such as committee reports. The two items would be the White Center business application for a liquor license and obtaining insurance for the NHUAC.

-Councilmember LaVielle made the motion to have the above business items on the December 16 NHUAC meeting agenda followed by a holiday celebration. Councilmember Warren seconded the motion.

The motion was accepted.

For: Daly, Duff, Griffith, Johnson, LaVielle, Lovell, Matthias, Robison, Rodgers, Warren

Opposed: None

NEW BUSINESS

White Center business application for a liquor license

- • Councilmember Duff informed the NHUAC that deadline for the King County Executive to make a recommendation regarding the liquor license application submitted by La Tropicana in White Center was extended for 20 days until December 20.

- Councilmember LaVielle provided information regarding the Fire Department's dealings with that establishment. Last year there was an effort to block a permit to allow the upper units to be reoccupied. This was based on concerns regarding the amount of emergency calls. There were also concerns regarding the accessibility to the unit. However, the King County Fire Marshal granted them permission to reoccupy the upper units. Councilmember LaVielle visited La Tropicana and determined that it was overcrowded and the exits were blocked. All activity was stopped until the problem was remedied. In talking with the owner, he indicated that a plan would be established to avoid such problems in the future. Councilmember LaVielle also hoped to recalculate the occupancy load.

- In regards to the liquor license application, he expressed concern regarding how many liquor establishments existed in the area and the possibility of saturation. He also indicated that from his observations patrons are generally 16-20 year olds and that there is a need for establishments directed towards youth. He seemed unsure as to why the owner would want to change the nature of what seems to already be a lucrative business.

- Councilmember Robison stated that the owner is looking to make the establishment more like a cocktail lounge and that the owner is not satisfied with the business in the form of a teenage club.

- Councilmember Johnson also indicated a concern as to the impacts on the community of establishing another drinking establishment.

- Councilmbmer Duff reported that she had contacted the Liquor Control Board and was informed that the owner was denied a liquor license once before regarding issues of the parties involved. She expressed concern as well as to the effects of a concentration of liquor establishments and how that impacts the community, but was open to further information.

- Councilmember Robison stated that it does not seem proper to oppose an otherwise legal business on the basis of opposing more taverns in the White Center area.

- Councilmember Lovell echoed the sentiment that there isn't a right to oppose the license based on not wanting more taverns.

- Councilmember Duff reiterated for the record that her concerns were not directed at La Tropicana's application to be a beer and wine establishment, but a general statement regarding a community's health relative to a diversity of businesses. She felt that this was a concern of the community's to be represented. There are also other legal considerations and regulations which need to be explored relative to this issue.

- Councilmember Rodgers expressed an interest to have more information regarding the business owner and whether or not this has consistently been a responsible business in the White Center area.

- More information was to be obtained and the issue would be further addressed at the December 16 NHAUC meeting.

Des Moines Memorial Drive Project

- Councilmember Matthias stated that the Des Moines Memorial Drive Committee has established that one citizen from Unincorporated King County serve on their historical board. Councilmember Matthias proposed that a suggestion be made to the Des Moines Memorial Drive Committee that the NHUAC be allowed to select that person.

-Councilmember Robison made the motion that Councilmember Matthias communicate to the society, in whatever manner she deemed most appropriate, that the NHUAC be the body that appoints the citizen representative for the King County Unincorporated Area. Councilmember LaVielle seconded the motion.

The motion was accepted.

For: Daly, Duff, Griffith, Johnson, LaVielle, Lovell, Matthias, Robison, Rodgers, Warren

Opposed: None

Unincorporated Area International Arts Festival

- Councilmember Robison made the motion that the NHUAC sponsor an International Festival and submit an application for an arts grant due January 25 upon the recommendation of the NHUAC Chairman of the Cultural Arts Committee, Councilmember Griffith. Councilmember LaVielle seconded the motion.
 - Councilmember Lovell expressed concern regarding the NHUAC sponsoring such an event due to insurance concerns.
- Councilmember Robison withdrew his motion and Councilmember LaVielle withdrew his second.
- Councilmember Robison made the motion that the NHUAC endorse an International Festival and submit an application for an arts grant due January 25 upon the recommendation of the NHUAC Chairman of the Cultural Arts Committee, Councilmember Griffith. Councilmember LaVielle seconded the motion.

The motion was accepted.

For: Daly, Duff, Griffith, Johnson, LaVielle, Lovell, Matthias, Robison, Rodgers, Warren

Opposed: None

- Councilmember Griffith made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Daly seconded the motion. The motion for adjournment passed unanimously.

-Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna N. Duff

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