

North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (NHUAC)

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2006

North Highline Fire Station

Council Members Present : Russ Kay, President; Steve Cox (Arrived 7:20 p.m.); Carlos Jimenez; Heidi Johnson (Arrived 7:05 p.m.); Ron Johnson; Lee Lim; Ruth-Ann Matthias; Karen Veloria; Steven Jeffries

Council Members Absent: Judy Duff, Vice President (Excused); Barbara Peters, Treasurer (Excused); Steve Davis, Corresponding Secretary (Excused); Doris Tevaseu (Excused)

Motion Summary:

No substantive motions made.

Minutes

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

The meeting opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting

- Moved; Carlos Jimenez Second; Ron Johnson Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

Addition – Presentation after committee reports by Joe Miles, Director of Land Use Services, King County Department of Development and Environmental Services.

Motion to approve agenda as amended

- Moved; Lee Lim Second; Carlos Jimenez Motion Carried

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Steve Davis No Report (Absent)

Treasurers Report: Barbara Peters No Report (Absent)

Public Announcements

Council member Karen Veloria reported that there will be free income tax return preparation available through the United Way & PASEFIKA Resource. This service is available to everyone in the community. This is the fourth year for this service.

Council member Ron Johnson announced a meeting of the “Greater White Center, South Delridge Neighborhood Community Council” to be held at St. James Church on January 26, 2006. The meeting is part of the “Weed & Seed” program and will focus on Crime and South Delridge. The meeting will be from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Council member Lee Lim reported that there would be an affordable housing committee meeting held at the offices of Tim Healy, attorney at law, on January 23, 2006. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Council member Lim also announced a community task force meeting for the Greenbridge project to be held February 21, 2006, at the Coronado meeting room. The meeting is scheduled to be from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Council member Lim then announced a “Walking Tour” with Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels. The event will be January 21, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The “Tour” will start at the Salvadorean Bakery and residents will have a chance to discuss North Highline issues with Seattle’s Mayor.

Council member Lim reported that the annual Spring Clean event that is held in cooperation with the CDA and King County Sheriff’s office will be May 20, 2006.

Council member Ron Johnson announced that the “Friends of North Shorewood Park” will hold a meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2006, at the White Center Library. The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. The King County Parks Evergreen District Supervisor will attend and the discussion will be centered around the future of the park.

Council member Ron Johnson also announced that the King County Council will hold a “Meeting in the Community” at the Machinist’s Hall in South Park on January 30, 2006. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. The main topic for this meeting is transportation.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Humphrey, community member, asked the council if we (the community) are being forced into a choice between Burien and Seattle. President Kay thanked her for her question and explained the annexation process and where North Highline is at in brief and simple terms.

Chip Davis, Planner, City of Burien reported the Burien City Council voted to delay a decision on designating North Highline a “Potential Annexation Area (PAA)” at their December 19, 2005, meeting. He reported that the planning department is going to ask the newly seated council for direction at their meeting on January 23, 2006. Their presentation will include three options. 1.) Do nothing, 2.) Adopt a PAA during 2006, 3.) Enter into an inter-local agreement between King County, Seattle, and Burien that would establish a process for adopting a PAA.

Committee Reports:

Growth Management: Doris Tevaseu -No Report (Absent)

Airport: Steve Cox - No Report

Transportation: Ron Johnson – Southwest Suburban Sewer District is just about finished with the upgrade on 16th Avenue Southwest. They plan on putting a new surface overlay to finish the street, but they need dry and warmer weather to proceed with the process. The sewer district also plans to patch up the area used as a staging area during construction.

Council member Ron Johnson also said that he is awaiting information on the potential scenario for the left turn lanes along Roxbury

Public Safety: Barbara Peters – No Report (Absent)

Economic Development: Heidi Johnson – No Report

Governance: Judy Duff - No Report (Absent)

Budget: Carlos Jimenez No Report

Housing, Greenbridge: Lee Lim –No Report

Parks and Arts: Ruth-Ann Matthias – No Report

Publicity Outreach: Carlos Jimenez – Council member Jimenez has contacted two agencies to provide cost estimates for mailings, meetings, translators and other forms of reaching the community in regard to the annexation. The numbers that came out because of that contact is \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Public Health: Karen Veloria -- Construction of the White Center Public Health Food Bank has been a bit delayed. The modular building will be delivered in stages. They expect the first stage to be delivered on January 25, 2006. That will be followed by another module on January 27, 2006. If everything remains on schedule, the facility should open on March 1, 2006.

Public Utilities: Steve Davis - No Report (Absent)

Elections: Heidi Johnson – No Report

President Russ Kay commented that the upcoming NHUAC elections would be held in May and the elections committee would begin it's work in early February.

Report by King County Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES).

Joe Miles, Director of Land Use Services; Jeri Breazeal, Code Enforcement Officer; Denobi Olegba, Blvd Park Officer; and Al Tijerina, White Center Officer reported on the current code enforcement efforts in the North Highline Area. They also explained how their office approached their duties and discussed some changes that would be coming due to the hiring of a new prosecuting attorney. Mr. Tijerina provided several handouts in support of their presentation. The DDES representatives answered questions from the council.

NHUAC First Discussion of Review of By- Laws.

President Russ Kay distributed a handout of proposed by-laws changes prepared by Vice President Judy Duff. Several council members suggested additional changes. President Kay asked the council members to look over the proposed changes and prepare any other proposed changes in writing to be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to table the by-laws changes discussion to next meeting.

- Moved; Carlos Jimenez Second; Karen Veloria Motion Carried

Governance Discussion.

President Russ Kay led a discussion about the governance issues. He reported that he had attended a meeting with King County Executive Ron Sims and other UAC chairs. In that meeting he found that many of the UAC's face very similar issues. At this meeting he brought up North Highline's situation with Burien not making a decision. The West Hill UAC chair pointed out that they are having similar difficulties with one exception, they have been designated a PAA.

The council discussed the issue and fielded several questions from the community members that were in attendance.

NHUAC Goals for 2006.

President Russ Kay asked the council to think about goals that they would like to achieve in 2006. Council Member Heidi Johnson said that she had given this some thought and would e-mail some ideas to the council members. Council member Lee Lim shared his feelings that more community outreach should be a goal for the council. It was discussed that this issue would be revisited at the next couple of meetings.

Potential change of Venue for 2 March Meeting (Work Study Session).

President Russ Kay led the discussion as to whether the council should meet at a different location for the March 2, 2006 study session. The room at the fire station normally isn't available if food is going to be served. President Kay pointed out that there still was time to make this decision and notify the public under the council's By-Laws. President Kay said that he would ask the Fire Chief if the council could use the room if food was to be served before the meeting. It was also discussed that the format of the tables and chairs should be square so the council members could participate with each other more easily.

Old Business

President Russ Kay thanked the council for their support of Judy by sending flowers. He reported that Judy was very grateful for the beautiful bouquet.

New Business

President Russ Kay reported that he and Bong Sto.Domingo attended a meeting at South Seattle Community College of the Delridge South Park White Center Community Advisory Committee for the South Seattle Community College and University of Washington Partnership. It outlined resources that are available to the communities and ways that students could help with the development of businesses in the area through a partnership with that organization, the colleges, and the community.

Next NHUAC Agenda

By-Laws; Goals; Tom Slattery, HSD Bond; King County Comprehensive Plan; Kenny Pittman, City of Seattle.

Meeting Stood Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Audio Recording of this meeting and Secretary's original notes have been archived.

Respectfully submitted by,
Will Stedman
Recording Secretary

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K. Russell Kay, President

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