

North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (NHUAC)

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2006

North Highline Fire Station

Council Members Present : Russ Kay, President; Steve Cox; Carlos Jimenez; Heidi Johnson; Ron Johnson; Lee Lim; Ruth-Ann Matthias; Karen Veloria; Doris Tevaseu; Steven Jeffries (Arrived 7:30 p.m.)

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

Motion Summary:

Motion to send a letter supporting the proposed “Weed and Seed” funding to the Legislators that represent the North Highline area.

- Moved; Steve Cox Second; Carlos Jimenez Motion Carried

Minutes

President Kay called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The meeting opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting

- Moved; Ron Johnson Second; Carlos Jimenez Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

Addition – Under new business -Discussion on the upcoming “Weed and Seed” funding shortfall

Motion to approve agenda as amended

- Moved; Ron Johnson Second; Lee Lim Motion Carried

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

Treasurers Report: Barbara Peters No Report (Absent)

Public Announcements

Council member Doris Tevaseu reported that the free income tax return preparation available through the United Way & PASEFIKA Resource is still available. This service

is available to everyone in the community. Hours of operation are Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is the fourth year for this service.

Council member Carlos Jimenez reported on the upcoming Hispanic Legislative day, February 8, 2006. He and other representatives of the states Hispanic community will be in Olympia and have nine firm appointments with area legislators. He asked the council for input and offered to give voice to issues that the council warrants. The current agenda for the day is posted at www.hispaniclegislateday.org

Council member Lee Lim announced that there will be an affordable housing presentation and White Center CDA board meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on February 9, 2006 at the CDA office.

Council Member Ruth–Ann Matthias reported that the Des Moines Memorial Drive committee will be meeting quarterly from now on. The next meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on April 19, 2006 at the Sea-Tac City offices.

Community member Gil Loring announced that the next work party at North Shorewood Park will be held on February 12, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. He also announced that there is now a web site dedicated to the park. Its address is www.friendsofnorhshorewood.org

Public Comment:

Scott Greenberg – Community Development Director, City of Burien, presented the NHUAC secretary with copies of letters that Burien sent to King County Executive Ron Sims and the other local leaders of the area. These letters outlined the Burien City Council’s recent actions. These copies have been archived.

Sarah Jepson-Executive Fellow, King County Executive Ron Sims Office, announced to the NHUAC council that she was now part of the King County Office of Management and Budget and would be focusing on the annexation initiative. She will be helping coordinate the outreach efforts to inform the community on the facts regarding the issue.

Elissa Benson - King County Office of Management and Budget reported to the council about how King County’s efforts would link up with the NHUAC’s efforts to keep the annexation initiative moving forward. 2005 was a good year for the process in that the energy level of everyone involved stayed very high. She commented that is very nice to have a UAC that cares so much about the community and this issue. The next big step that will change the landscape of this issue is for a neighboring city to designate the North Highline area a PAA (Potential Annexation Area). Until that time the county’s efforts will be focused on community outreach and the distribution of issue related information.

Both Ms. Jepson and Ms. Benson answered questions from the council.

Committee Reports:

Growth Management: Doris Tevaseu -No Report

Airport: Steve Cox - No Report

Transportation: Ron Johnson – There will be a grand opening celebration for the new 16th Avenue Southwest sidewalks sometime in mid-April. Planning is ongoing and will be finalized when the project is finished.

The King County Council held a public meeting at the South Park Machinist Hall. The main topic for the meeting was transportation. Mr. Johnson represented the NHUAC and spoke during the public comment period. His comments included the First Ave South Urban Retrofit project which was originally approved in 2002. As of this date the project is listed as “on hold.” He urged the King County Council to move this project forward.

The other issue council member Johnson spoke to was the zoning of Metro’s fare structure. Currently if you ride to Seattle from North Highline, you are required to pay the two zone fare. The boundaries are not equitable with the north end.

Public Safety: Barbara Peters – No Report (Absent)

Economic Development: Heidi Johnson – No Report

Governance: Judy Duff - Although Vice President Judy Duff was absent, she submitted a written statement that was read by President Russ Kay. This statement was a response to Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels’ comments that were quoted in the Highline Times as well as the inter-local agreement being proposed by the Burien City Council. Her written statement will be archived.

Budget: Carlos Jimenez No Report

Housing, Greenbridge: Lee Lim –No Report

Parks and Arts: Ruth-Ann Matthias – There was a special meeting for the North Shorewood Park. The meeting recapped the ongoing efforts to clean up the park and also discuss the future plans for the park. She also reported that the park is currently open to dogs.

Gil Loring – community member, added that currently the park is open to dogs but they must be on a leash. The status of the park as a dog walk may be changed in the future.

Publicity Outreach: Carlos Jimenez – No Report

Public Health: Karen Veloria – No Report

Public Utilities: Steve Davis - No Report (Absent)

Elections: Heidi Johnson – The committee had its first meeting prior to this meeting and is on task and on schedule.

Tabled NHUAC First Discussion of Review of By-Laws
Russ Kay, President, NHUAC

President Russ Kay facilitated the discussion about the proposed by-laws changes and invited all council members to submit any other ideas for necessary changes. Council member Steve Jeffries was asked to compile all proposed changes and distribute them to the council as a single document. This would help facilitate the discussion of these issues. President Russ Kay asked the council to submit all proposed by-laws changes to Mr. Jeffries in writing and follow the format of the changes proposed by NHUAC Vice President Duff

City of Seattle Update, Governance
Kenny Pittman, City of Seattle

Mr. Pittman reported that Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels has made it a priority for Seattle to designate North Highline as a PAA. They are working on a fiscal analysis that should be ready for the Seattle City Council's consideration soon. They are also collecting comments from the community. The Seattle City Council's Urban Development and Planning Committee is expected to first make a recommendation in April regarding whether or not Seattle should designate North Highline as a PAA. Mr. Pittman expects the committee will forward its recommendation to the full Seattle City Council for a vote expected in November 2006

Proposed 2006 King County Comprehensive Plan Amendments
Paul Reitenbach, DDES, King County

Mr. Reitenbach did not attend.
Elissa Benson, King County Office of Management and Budget, spoke about the process that King County uses to adopt amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Benson did not speak to any specific amendments.

Upcoming Highline School District Bond
Tom Slattery, Highline School District Board Member

Mr. Slattery did not attend.

NHUAC Goals for 2006.
Russ Kay, President NHUAC

President Russ Kay facilitated the discussion. He asked that the council members set a goal to clean out their e-mail boxes. The council discussed the plans for the March 2, 2006 study session. President Russ Kay reported that the Fire Chief had approved the plan to serve food in the meeting room. (the council will be responsible to clean up after the meeting). The council discussed the format of the meeting and made suggestion for the food service. The final plans will be approved at the February 16, 2006 meeting.

Old Business

Council Member Lee Lim reported that the King County web site has now been updated to reflect the current NHUAC information.

The council discussed the impact of the new bar in White Center. Council Member Steve Cox reported that the meetings with the owner and local authorities have been productive.

New Business

Barb Biondo addressed the council and reported that the “Weed and Seed” would be on hiatus from federal funding in 2007. The program has had a great impact on the area and those involved are seeking funding from the state, county and/or city in order to keep the program going until federal funding returns in 2008. The legislature is being petitioned to help fill the funding gap and Ms. Biondo asked the council to draft a letter in support of this effort.

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Council Member Carlos Jimenez reported that he recently reviewed the signage code in White Center and found that many businesses are not in compliance. The council also discussed the current decaying state of many of the areas awnings.

The council discussed another new business that is coming into the area. It is thought that it is planned to be another bar. The consensus of the discussion was to invite the owner to attend an upcoming meeting and report on the plans for the business.

Meeting Stood Adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Will Stedman

Recording Secretary

APPROVED _____ DATE _____

K. Russell Kay, President

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