

# North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (NHUAC)

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2006

North Highline Fire Station

**Council Members Present :** Russ Kay, President; Barbara Peters, Treasurer; Ron Johnson; Lee Lim; Ruth-Ann Matthias; Karen Veloria; Steven Jeffries

**Council Members Absent:** Judy Duff, Vice President (Excused); Heidi Johnson (Excused); Steve Cox (Excused); Doris Tevaseu; Carlos Jimenez (Excused);

## **Motion Summary:**

## **Minutes**

President Kay called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The meeting opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Previous meetings minute were tabled until the May 4, 2006 meeting

## **Approval of Agenda**

**Addition** – Discussion of Governance issues – Proposed by Council Member Ron Johnson

Motion to approve agenda as amended

- Moved; Ruth-Ann Matthais                      Second; Steven Jeffries                      Motion Carried

**Corresponding Secretary's Report: Vacant** No Report

**Treasurers Report: Barbara Peters:** No Report

## **Public Announcements**

Council member Ron Johnson announced a meeting of the “Greater White Center, South Delridge Neighborhood Community Council” (Safety Committee) to be held at St. James Lutheran Church on April 27, 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 8:00 p.m. Dinner and child care will be provided.

Council Member Lee Lim reported that the annual “Spring Clean” will be held May 20, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is sponsored by the CDA and the Sheriff’s Dept. and will cover the White Center, Lakewood, and Salmon Creek areas.

Council member Barbara Peters announced that an annual Bike Rodeo would be held on May 20, 2006 at Beverly Park at Glendale Elementary School. The event is geared for children and will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Community Member Gil Loring reiterated the Spring Clean and encouraged everyone to participate.

**Public Comment:**

Community Member Gil Loring questioned the council as to why they were not in attendance at the governance discussions (KCTS). He also mentioned that the NHUAC is not mentioned or given any weight at those meetings. He was very disturbed by the discussions around splitting the North Highline area.

Council Member Barbara Peters responded by saying that at least Heidi Johnson and her self attended the meeting (maybe others as well). She said that the council would continue to fight any efforts to split the area. She reiterated that it would come to a public vote before it happened.

Council Member Steven Jeffries also responded by stating that he felt that the County (King) had not been very helpful in promoting the NHUAC. He expressed that he hopes that the community would demand that the county recognize the NHUAC better.

Community Member Wendell Norwood expressed that he feels that the Agenda is already set at these meetings and that the public’s comments don’t sway anything.

It was announced that a special meeting of the Seattle City Council would be held on April 28, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Seattle City Council chambers and will concern annexation.

**Committee Reports:**

President Russ Kay asked if any committee chairman had a report for the council.

**Parks and Arts: Ruth-Ann Matthias** -- Reported that the Des Moines Memorial Drive task force had made it’s report to the committee. She also submitted a written report for the archives. Several projects are in the works including the grand entrance, the Sunnydale wall memorial, and the triangle park and the flagpole in Des Moines. The next meeting of the Des Moines Memorial Drive Committee will be July 19, 2006 in Burien. Time TBD

**Transportation and Roads: Ron Johnson** reported that King County Executive Ron Sims has announced funding for a pedestrian only pathway/sidewalk from the Business district to Greenbridge.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Sue Rahr, King County Sheriff**

Sheriff Rahr, addressed the council and thanked the council for the opportunity to attend the meeting. She introduced the new local leadership for the area; Capt Sean Leadford and Major Greg Dymerski. Each of these gentlemen spoke to the council and the community members that were in attendance. They spoke about their backgrounds and their goals for the area.

Sheriff Rahr then introduced Deputy Stephen Beets. Deputy Beets serves as the “School Resource Officer” (SRO) at evergreen High School. Deputy Beets talked about his role in the schools and made a PowerPoint presentation about the SRO program.

Sheriff Rahr and the other officers then answered questions from the council members and community members in attendance.

### **Adoption of spending policy and 5.A.3 Bylaw language.**

President Russ Kay led a brief discussion on this topic. He expressed concerns that even though the proposed changes are meant to clarify the article rather than change it, the council should refrain from making any changes during the election cycle. The consensus of the members present was in agreement. The issue was tabled until after the election.

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

President Russ Kay shared the results of the West Hill UAC elections. In those elections 4 of the 5 seats contested were claimed by the challengers with the incumbents being unseated.

The candidate forum for the NHUAC elections will be held on Friday, April 28, 2006 at the North Highline Fire Station. The forum will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The NHUAC election is scheduled for May 18, 2006 at Evergreen High School.

President Russ Kay led a discussion about the current governance issues. Several council members echoed the concerns that the NHUAC is not being given a voice in the current proceedings. Community member Mickey Kraut stated that she had spoke to the Mayor of Burien and was told that Burien could not afford to annex all of North Highline. Council Member Barbara Peters addressed her concern by sighting several studies that

show that the difference in cost between annexing all or part of North Highline is minimal. She expressed that the Mayor may have been mis-informed.

**Next NHUAC Agenda**

President Russ Kay asked for input on the next NHUAC agenda.

The council asked to schedule King County Council Member Dow Constantine for the May 4, 2006 Meeting

Meeting Stood Adjourned at 9:00 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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