

North Highline Unincorporated Area Council

Minutes 4-3-2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Council Members Present: Barb Peters, Ray Helms, Teresa Vert, Heidi Johnson, Patrick Kinsella, Ron Johnson, Liz Giba, Christine Waldman, Jessica Stoneback, Douglas Harrell, Kathy Snyder.

Approval of Agenda: Barb motioned to approve agenda, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: 3-6-08 minutes will be discussed at next meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: No mail, nothing to report.

Treasure's Report: Renew of PO Box, \$188.00, Office supplies-\$22.62. Balance-\$9679.20

Committee Report: Newsletters are done and will be passed out.

Strawberry festival- Heidi will talk to Charlie at 4-culture to see if they will blanket under the 501C3 for donations. Christine talked with KC Ray and she will look into what group she could put us into and see what we would be allowed to present. We have to register first. Christine will sign us up on-line and then they will let her know what we can and cannot use. Christine will make up a sign up sheet.

Wine Tasting-Barb is working on that and there should be no problem. Discussion at next meeting.

Election Applications-Deadline was yesterday (4-2) 1 candidate applied for each district and 4 for the at large position. May 1, 2008 is meet the candidates night and they will be allowed 3-5 minutes to speak and let the public meet them.

Elections are on 5-15-08, 6:00pm -8:00pm at Mt. View Elementary. Need volunteers to help man 4-5 tables. League of Woman voters will be in charge of counting ballots.

Public Announcement's: Jim Showers- regarding graffiti. Christine has been taking pictures and will E-mail Barb the addresses. Barb would like the community to help and notify her with addresses where the graffiti is a problem.

Saturday is the re-dedication of the Steve Cox Memorial Park at 11:30am followed by a Seattle Prep baseball game.

Saturday night- Weed and Seed-White Center Neighborhood Walk. 11:00pm to 2:00am with the Sheriff's Dept. and the Fire Marshall. All are meeting at the CDA on 16th and

Cambridge. Talk about the club Evolution. There is a large Hispanic group coming from Yakima and Tacoma. Reports of children as young as 13 going into the club.

Clair Hence-President of the Boulevard Park Community study Group. She attended the Burien meeting Monday night and would like us to know the energy is much better on this council than it was a few years ago. She is concerned that Judy Duff wanted North Highline to annex as a whole and not be split up. She is concerned that we don't have a community voice. She would like us to reject the Burien plan and that if we get fractured, we will have no political power.

A series on Chanel 9 called unnatural causes starts this week. On the 15th at 1:00pm, there will be a segment featuring North Highline. It will be ran again on the 16th at 11:00pm and the 19th at 1:00pm.

11th District caucus at 10:00 this Saturday at 751 Hall in South Park.

Mike Martin-Burien City Manager: In January he was directed to take a look at the annexation area and come back with recommendations. It has been on hold until the HB1139 hearing and that didn't pass. He sent a letter for mediation to Seattle, Burien, and Sea-Tac and a recommendation that North Highline be involved in the process. No response at this time. In late April he would like to make a recommendation to his council. City of Burien web site has all the maps and a copy was given to the council members. They are working with Sea-Tac and take in consideration their boundaries, the natural resource boundaries, and the neighborhood boundaries. There is still the option of No Annexation. There are 3 options listed with the only differences on the E of 509. He doesn't feel good about option 3. Mike would like to give the council a recommendation at the end of April and he hopes that the council will make a decision within a month of that. If they do, a vote could be on the ballot as early as Nov. or Feb. Financial analyst is attached to the maps and to let us know, Burien could not annex the entire North Highline area at once. They could not financially afford us and our services would be in jeopardy.

Questions and Answers followed.

Captain DJ Nesel-King County Sheriff's Office-Update on gang unit: Funding for the gang unit is in place but there's not enough bodies at this time. It takes about 9 months to get a person trained and on the street. A grant was given by the Federal Government to help get people trained. The grant is for \$300,000.00- \$200,000.00 goes for overtime of the officers and \$100,000.00 goes towards administrative. People are getting out of the academy and they are getting them trained for the gang unit. \$357,000.00 just came from the legislator to help out. He is looking at about \$300,000.00 + to come from the Feds in 2009. There is about \$657,000.00 on board to get things started. DJ is looking at about a total of 1 million dollars coming into this community. April starts training and a convention in Spokane and in May Gang training gets going. The first 2 officers for the gang unit is Todd Miller, from California and has worked for the past year with Burien and Curtlis Joe who works in the North Highline area and is a journeyman cop. Vick

White will also be placed in the Blvd. Park store front. Guys are out in designated overtime patrols targeting the highest gang and drug areas right now. Christine Gregoire has signed a bill with the guidelines that outlines what a gang is and what a gang member is. This will help in court and will allow all the departments to intergrate all their computer databases together. Graffiti needs to be taken care of and needs to be cleaned within 24 hours. He is still working on that.

Questions and Answers followed.

Unfinished Business: Jubilee Days booth: We will discuss the cost of the booth at the next meeting.

Strawberry Festival- Ray and Christine are working on it.

Elections Outreach- Jean Thunderbird approved the flyer's going into the school and she will fax Heidi all the paperwork to sign.

Absence Bi-laws-Liz read proposed bi-law change to Article V. Discussion followed and Liz will re-write and bring back to the table at the next meeting.

James Bush- He is working with the Sheriff's office on the AIA and they are interested in moving forward with it. The 1st offense would be a misdemeanor and he will have to run it through the legal process for a second time. The county doesn't seem interested in the Anti-cruising area. No AIA meeting has been set up yet so Heidi and James will get together to schedule the meeting.

Heidi would like people to look into places where community meetings can be held that are not expensive and have parking.

Steve Cox Task Force- Heidi is concerned that complaints are coming in that the chair is not putting out the information into the community and to the task force members. The chair is not representing NHUAC. Very few reports are given to the council and he is annihilating the other people on the task force. Heidi would like to remove Russ as chair. She doesn't believe it is fair to this community.

Liz Giba objected. She has not seen any written documentation about the objections or complaints. If we were going to have this discussion, he should know about it. The last e-mail Liz got about the call for artists didn't include the task force and that is the outline of how we are approaching the project.

Heidi will forward the e-mails and list of community members that signed up for the Steve Cox task force who have since dropped.

Heidi told the council that the Steve Cox Memorial Task Force does not make the deciding decisions for NHUAC, but that it's a committee of NHUAC.

Liz is concerned about the language in the 4-culture artist call.

4-Culture would like the artist call to go out on Saturday for the dedication ceremony.

Discussions followed.

Barb suggested that we re-group the task force and contact all the people who were originally signed up who have since dropped off.

Discussion Followed.

Barb motioned to accept the artist call, Kathy seconded. Discussion followed. Vote: 9-in favor, 1-no, 1-abstained, Motion carried.

Heidi nominated Kathy as new Chair for the Steve Cox Memorial Task Force, Doug seconded

Heidi cannot make a motion to remove Russ as Chair, Doug made the motion and motioned Kathy as Chair, Patrick seconded. Discussion Followed.

Vote: 10-Yes, 1-No, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.