

## North Highline Unincorporated Area Council

### Minutes 3-4-2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

**Council Members Present:** Pat Price, Ray Helms, Jessica Stoneback, Ron Johnson, Christine Waldman, Doug Harrell, Greg Duff, Rebecca Lopes

**Council Members Absent:** Heidi Johnson, Russ Pritchard

**Approval of Agenda:** Pat approved, Jessica second, All in favor

**Approval of Minutes:** Put Burien in front of Parks under Public announcement, and add Members absent at all times to the minutes. Pat motioned to accept as amended, Ray second. All approved.

**Public Announcements:** Thur. 4-18, North Highline fire commissioners meeting will be at 7pm.

4-25, WC So. Delridge Community Safety meeting 6pm at the WSH building.

WC chamber of Commerce meeting will next Tues. at the White center pizza for all who would like to attend.

**Public Comment:** Lois Shipper: Annexation issue- would like copy of minutes given to the speakers. Live in the unincorporated highline area. Works in the health and science area. Interested in the higher robust Seattle area and the services they have to offer our area.

Karen: Former member of the area. Here to recommend a voice to vote. Jim: Live in the area for 20 yrs. Believes Seattle is a better fit for the area and we need a choice. He would like a vote. Stephanie Dodson: Lived here for 66 yrs. and is still waiting for an annexation. She would like to know how could Burien serve White Center. She doesn't believe they have the money to support us. Ted: 56 different languages spoke in this area. Happy with the county and would like to go with Seattle and believes they have the funds to support us. Susan: Would like to second the comments of everyone here. Worked in government and it's a larger city and you can get more federal grants and money. Glenda: lived in the area for 43 yrs. and wants to keep a Seattle address. Rick: Attended WC schools and works for Seattle fire dept. Lives in Burien. Would like for us to know the Seattle FD is one of the best around with a large dept. and a fast response time. Don: WC resident since 1942, Business owner. Concerned about the property tax issue. Going to Seattle would save him \$2-\$4,000.00 if he went to Seattle. Sharron: Grew up South of the neighborhood. 3rd generation American into electropolitics. She thinks NHUAC hasn't showed a commitment in hearing the voices of the people who live in the community and who own business in the community. That's why she purchased a condo in Seattle. Would like the people to have a vote. Gilberto: Would like to go to Seattle. Would like to have a vote. Jerry: Waiting to be annexed to Burien. Very impressed with the gang unit. Thinks Burien has their plate full. Believes city should be able to run the water through

the pipes. Brad: Thinks Seattle is the best option. They have better resources for us. Better fire dept., police dept., and the area needs to be part of Seattle. David: Supports Seattle, public safety, police will be better served in Seattle, Supports all the other speakers. Mark: Pres. WC homeowners association. Brought handouts to the community and brought service list for the city of Seattle. Left the council because he didn't believe the council served the community fairly. Jose': Trusted Advocates: Working with Annie Casey foundation and worked with Sea Mar for 22 yrs. Works with the WC CDA and the question came up and they got together and they decided to go with Seattle because of the services they could offer. Mercedes: She's Latino and against Seattle. It's a huge beast. They have too big of a debt and concerned about the big buildings. She wants the laid back feeling and wants to be part of Burien. Rachel: Her view of community-Advantage of a new community is access. You can participate in the new activities. Would like to say the NHUAC and Burien council and how they came up to bat for the libraries and parks. She doesn't want you to be afraid of a small community. The council are good people. Liz: Involved for People for Burien- Made a point to educate the people on their vote. Tim Burgess- 22% increase in crime in So. Lake Union and Pioneer Square. They need to take care of their community first. Barbara: In favor of Burien annexation. No problem with the police or their response time. She has the Sheriff's cell number if she has a problem. Concerned people don't have a problem selling drugs on the street. She's concerned about high density. Jail issue. No community outreach from Seattle. Does not want to be part of a city that says "but they come with land".

**Jan Drago:** Will serve until the end of Nov. In Burien the average property tax went down about 19%. Only about 3 jurisdictions went up and one was Vashon. In 1994 she started to work on the So. Park Bridge. The county owns the bridge. There is Tiger funding-the last piece of funding for a project that's shovel ready. Environmentally, it's not ready. \$50 million was submitted for the Seattle project and they received \$30, \$90 million was submitted for the bridge and they got \$0 because they were not ready. The bridge will close 6/30 and demolition will begin immediately. Sen. Murray said they need to work in partnership for a grant. There is \$18 million available and it will go to the Puget Sound Council. \$25 million for design and environmental study and \$125 million gap lap. Transportation benefit dist. passed which could generate funding. Her Legislative Asst. Mike Heavey- As a KC council member she does not oppose an annexation, She believes it's our decision and we need as much accurate information as possible. Annexation- as a council member, opposed annexation- many people of seattle believed they didn't get the services they needed. \$5-8 million per year than another estimate will be ready by the end of March. KC Perspective- About 1/2 of the unincorporated Urban areas have been annexed. Difference in KC and Seattle in Revenues and Resources.

KC Executive Dow Considine will have a meeting at SeaMar on Wed. 3-10 at 7pm. KC Transportation is having a meeting at 7pm on 3-9 @ the S. Park Neighborhood Center. Jan will put the Evergreen Pool on the list for Capital projects.

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Questions and answers followed.

Kenny Pitman: City was interested in annexation all of NH. The mayors position is if the council moves forward and the citizens vote they would be welcome. All the services

would be at the same level we have now. They are working on the financial analysis first. He would like to just do questions and answers tonight from the council and audience. Questions and answers followed.

**Jeff Hancock:** King County Gang Unit Report: 1-Aggravated Felony assault, 1-robbery, 2-commercial burglaries, Residential Burglaries: K1-4, K2-8, K7-10, Shoplift- K1-13, K2-2, K7-4, Auto theft- K1-9, K2-6, K7-12. There were no homicides, shootings, stabbings, armed robberies, bank robberies, home invasion robberies, kidnappings, rapes, or car jackings in North Highline. DOC averages 45 felony arrests a month. ATF and DEA work together. They dismantled a meth distribution ring that was linked to a Familia cartel. The west side street mob had a direct hand in it. They dismantled that gang. 1-1-09 to 1-1-10 there were 21 active street gangs. 6 during this time have been eliminated. Every 2 weeks, they meet with Seattle and share intelligence. They also meet with So. KC and share intelligence.

Mike Martin: Council adopted an annexation budget. Adopted an interim zoning. They decided not to do anything at this time. Adult Entertainment zoning was removed, the paper wrote the story in error. 1300 letters went out to business with what they require and they are getting some responses back. Similar letters went to homeowners. 3 billboards went up welcoming the new annexed area. Census starts 3-12, hoping to have finished by the end of March. Finishing touches on the ILA tomorrow with the county. On the agenda Monday they will clarify their intentions on the remainder of the NH area. On 4-5 there will be a celebration.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Treasure's Report:** \$29.94 for the website, \$9,970.46 balance

**Committee Report:** Arts and Parks- Steve Cox Park is now open.

Transportation: So. Park bridge is set to close on 6/30. The final impact statement is complete and done.

**Unfinished Business:** Elections- Applications on back table. Some were e-mailed to other council members. E-mail from Teresa was sent to Greg that she was not going to run. 4-5 was the deadline.

**New Business:** Ron would like to know if anyone has a full copy of Adobe Acrobat. Ray would suggest calling Burien. Pat would like to think about something for Barb and possibly discuss at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.