

## North Highline Unincorporated Area Council

### Minutes 10-7-2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

**Council Members Present:** Pat Price, Ron Johnson, Christine Waldman, Barbara Dobkin, Richard Miller, Patrick Mosley, Stephen Porter, Doug Harrell, Jessica Stoneback

**Absent:** Heidi Johnson, Rebecca Lopes

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda accepted as posted.

**Approval of Minutes:** April approved; July approved with addition of “None Absent”; August approved with emailed corrections; & September approved with emailed corrections from President Christine.

**Public Announcements:** Ron announced the Post of Seattle Airport Noise Workshop on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at Mt. Rainier High School, at 6:30 pm; Pat announced the White Center Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, at the Salvadorean Bakery; and the North Highline Fire District Commissioners’ Meeting on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am here at the Fire Station; also that evening is one of the King County Budget Public Hearings at the Kent Regional Justice Center, 6:30 pm; On Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Candidates Forum that NHUAC is hosting, at the Greenbridge YWCA Learning Center, doors open at 6 pm, with Forum to start at 6:30 pm; and the White Center – South Delridge Safety Coalition meets on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, at DSHS Building in White Center. Ron announced the KC County Budget Public Hearing also has a meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mt. Si High School, in Snoqualmie; or you can post comments online.

**Public Comment:** Gill Loring stated that he hopes Mr. Norman is here tonight, because he has some interesting graffiti to report in Greenbridge on the 98<sup>th</sup> Street Stairway. Mr. Norman is in the audience and says “we will get on it.” Gill goes on to state that he does not understand why the King County Deputies will not take a pay freeze, as other King County employees are. He stated his support for our deputies, but feels that he will not vote for Prop One on the November ballot, if the deputies continue to stick with their 27% pay increases over five years – this is excessive. He would like them to take this information back to the other deputies.

**Report from Mike Martin, Burien City Manager:** Stated the City of Burien has very good news, as the Council works through their Budget, they do not need to make any cuts in service, and are good for the next couple of years. In the same environment as everyone else, are just “hunkering down” with no major initiatives. They are just working on the Paving project, as the weather allows. They will be repairing neglected storm drains as they come across them. He stated that everyone is probably aware of Councilman Keene’s resignation to be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. They will begin accepting applications to appoint someone to complete her term, and applications are available online. He also encouraged new north Burien residents to apply for this opening on the Council. The city just learned that they will receive a \$120k Grant for the

Community Development project of improvements at Puget Sound Park. Mike will try to bring the Burien Parks Director to our next NHUAC meeting, to give us updates on what their plans are for the parks they acquired in the North Highline, now North Burien, area. They recently held a meeting with residents around Arbor Lake, and it went well, to discuss plans for improvements. With testing, it was shown that the water condition is good in Arbor Lake. The city is enjoying working with the new North Burien residents in the satellite office there. Property taxes in Burien will go down next year, not up, mostly due to the assessed valuations and the new north Burien residents will see substantial cuts because they were paying high rates for Road Tax to the county. Ron asked about the work on 128<sup>th</sup> Street, from Ambaum East. Mike stated that is the Water District, and Ron thanked Mike for the work on Pot Holes.

**King County Sheriff's Office, Capt. Joseph Hodgson:** He started with an apology for not being able to bring us printed Statistics tonight, but was getting setup with a new computer today, that caused delays. So, he has the September Stats to give us verbally, for King 1 and King 7: Residential Burglary = 16; which includes 6 non-forced (like garages which were not locked); Commercial Burglaries = 2; Auto Thefts = 15; Robberies = 2; Assaults = 23. An update on Club Evo – we are continuing to work with the Prosecutor's office, and DDES. For the last several weeks, since the shooting, they have only been open on Saturday nites, not on Fridays. KC Sheriff's Dept. stats and calls are showing improvements. Vera Johnson, resident on 26<sup>th</sup> street, asked about problem house at 10226 26<sup>th</sup> SW with a lot of Gang activity. Capt. Hodgson stated that he will be looking into the history of this property, and will respond to her emails. Patrick stated that he has spoken to the KC Sheriff's office about this same property over the past 3 months. Gill Loring asked who our contact is now that we do not have a Store Front officer. Capt. Hodgson says we should contact him at 206-296-3350, or cell #423-3404, or [joseph.hodgson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:joseph.hodgson@kingcounty.gov) and he will filter the information to the proper channels. When asked about a replacement for Jeff Hancock, Capt. Hodgson stated that with the Budget cuts coming, it will be more difficult to keep the Storefronts open. We do not know where the cuts will come, and the Sheriff has stated priority will be given to Public Safety, which could mean all resources have to be put into staffing patrol cars. Barbara asked about the Storefront at Greenbridge, and it was explained that the officer there is out in the field, with responsibility in all of King County Housing in the area – ie: Boulevard Park, Burien, and Greenbridge because the KCHA pays for his position.

**Stephen Norman, Executive Director King County Housing Authority:** Stated that he understood our Council was interested in three topics – an update on Greenbridge and Seola Gardens; an overview of the overall housing status especially in North Highline, and compared to the rest of the county; and concerns over a specific house. He then presented his staff – John Eliason, Development Manager at Greenbridge; Carolyn Robinson, Inspection Services Director for Section 8 Housing; and Jeff Best, Section 8 Program Director. They are present to not only answer specific questions, but also to establish a direct contact with the people who oversee various areas of your interests in North Highline. They brought numerous handouts, and answered many questions from the audience, and a few from our Council members. King County oversees approximately 18,000 housing units in KC. They take the Section 8 Program very seriously, and they are expected to be good neighbors. Per Mr. Best: the Section 8 Fraud Line, for violent, serious, drug related activities, which are violation of the rules, #206-214-1353. Ms. Robinson explained the process of Inspection when a complaint is received.

**Patty Shelledy, KCSO Legal Advisor:** She works directly for the Sheriff, like an in-house corporate attorney. Her area is Public Disclosure, within the Records Dept. and they respond to requests received – example is 17,500 requests last year. She stated that citizens are not aware that so much money is being spent to handle these requests. Also, told us that a citizen can state, at the time of an event – accident or whatever, that we do NOT want our information disclosed. Police are not always asking the people involved (ie Witness) if they want their information disclosed. She would like the State Legislature to make a list of what information they (her dept.) should provide, or not provide. She went on to suggest that we contact our legislators to do something about this problem. Christine asked if when we make a call to 911, we need to request anonymity in order to keep our personal information from being disclosed. And, yes – that is what we can do.

**Treasurer:** Ron reported after paying \$18.59 for Graffiti Removal treatment, & \$497.13 to Dick Thurnau for the BBQ at Lakewood Park, our balance is now at \$8492.72.

**Correspondence:** none

**Committee Reports: Public Safety** – Patrick had to leave, so he announced that if anyone has stuff needing attention, or needing pickup, to call him.

**Transportation:** Ron reported that Roads has still not received Block Grant money for sidewalks on 17<sup>th</sup>, between 100<sup>th</sup> & 104<sup>th</sup> SW due to a problem with the paperwork, and hope to know more in about 2 weeks. Mowing crews have been very active in our area, around parks, and White Center in general, so give them a pat on the back for that. Also, Ron asked them to check into how residents of the Shorewood area can get up the hill to business district by foot, or wheelchair with no sidewalks between 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> along 104<sup>th</sup> SW, this topic had been tabled about 3 years ago.

**Steve Cox Art Memorial:** Heidi is not here, but Christine reported they are trying to finish the County contract and there are problems. KC will not put down the sod, so we have to find out if we can pay for that, and there is an issue with KC over lighting of the Memorial.

**Unfinished Business: Candidates Forum:** Barbara reported that our committee of Liz Giba, Gill Loring, Pat & herself have had several meetings. The posters and fliers are ready and we ask that the Council members all try to help get them out, and try to attend the event. Also, we would like questions contributed from the Council members to get all our concerns covered before we start allowing the audience to ask questions. Barbara asked for some members to come early to help with the setup, prior to 6 pm opening, and we are still trying to obtain a sound system. We heard from Marissa today that KC Television will come and tape the Forum. Ron will try to put the Flier on our NHUAC Website, if we send him the electronic version. Rose Clark, Burien Deputy Mayor suggested we could announce our Forum at the Burien Council Meeting on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Pat brought up the subject of Handouts such as Post-It notes, Business Cards, and Name Badges for our Council Members. Also, Pat moved that we advertise the Open Positions on our Council for representatives of District 1 and District 3. Barbara seconded the motion. Discussion – Doug

asked Ron to explain the process, which means the Election Committee for next May's Election need to meet and work on it. He will get the wording for the newspapers, and the Application Form to us all. Voted & passed to do this.

Food Bank Dinner, October 16<sup>th</sup> - Barbara brought up that we only have Doug and his wife signed up to go, and that will not be enough people to get an entire table.

**New Business:** Ron moved that we allow him to spend \$120 to \$150 for an updated Web Program for what he uses all the time. He also will purchase additional copies of Robert's Rules of Order brief version, so more officers of the Council may have one. Seconded & Passed.

Pat moved that we purchase the Name Tags, Ron commented that they should all be the same, so we should purchase them for all of us, and get the type with Magnetic Backs. Ramlyn Engraving in Burien was suggested as a source to purchase them. Pat's motion to spend less than \$500 to obtain Name Tags for all of us, Seconded and Passed.

What about Business Cards ? Ron suggested that we should have them with our individual names on them, along with the NHUAC information. Pat quoted prices and variables from Costco and other sources. Doug offered to pursue having his person print some for us on Card Stock, that can be purchased for this purpose, and get a small quantity made for each of us.

Pat asked about the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition coming to speak to us for approx. 15 to 20 mins. at a future meeting. Agreed that we will invite them to come. Also, shall we ask the KC Brownfield's committee to come back to us with updates on their projects ? Agreed to check on them attending a future meeting.

No other Unfinished or New Business

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 pm.**

**Pat Price, Secretary**