

## North Highline Unincorporated Area Council

### Minutes 5-5-2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

**Council Members Present:** Pat Price, Ron Johnson, Christine Waldman, Barbara Dobkin, Richard Miller, Stephen Porter, Rebecca Lopes, Doug Harrell, Jessica Stoneback and Liz Giba.  
**Absent:** Heidi Johnson, Patrick Mosley

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda accepted

**Approval of Minutes:** approved the Minutes of April 7, 2011 meeting

**Public Comment:** Gill Loring asked about the lack of presence of DDES, and pointed out that the opening of Zippy's Burgers in White Center has been delayed by the Permit Process.

**Mike Martin, City of Burien:** reported that the Spring Clean Event, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, was very successful with 2 dumpsters being filled. Burien is thinking of having another event during the year that would provide dumpster in some neighborhoods. The Visioning Process is ongoing, with an open meeting this coming Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at Southern Heights Elementary School. Mike added that we should be patient about Annexation, as the city wants to take it slow, and study all aspects before acting on it.

**King County Sheriff's Office, Capt. Joseph Hodgson:** Small groups are stealing cars, per the gang lead – Sgt. Chinnick. There have been Alcohol issues, and the deputies working White Center are trying to log the activities. He stated that Vary Jackson has been terminated from the Sheriff's Dept. and they may be able to fill her slot in the community with another person from the Dept. or move another Community Service officer around. Liz Giba asked about the WC Storefront – there is no funding for a Deputy there, at this time. Capt. Hodgson went on to address questions from the council and audience about KCSO's stance toward the three currently known dispensaries, White Center's **Herbal Legends**, **Green Piece** (GAME Collective), and Top Hat's **Cannabis Oasis**, which have opened within the last two weeks. When some spoke to their concern that the citizens of White Center are being forced to deal with the lack of licensing requirements from the County, Hodgson pointed out that KCSO would be working with DDES on this and if the process with the dispensaries is anything like Club Evo's licensing saga, DDES will probably give them a chance to apply for a license. But, he went on to say "DDES has notified us that as far as they are concerned, these businesses are illegal, so I don't know where that puts them with that application process." Barbara Dobkin asked about Permits, or the lack of them. Capt. Hodgson did not have the answer. Liz Giba asked about the Over-serving of Alcohol, and was the Sheriff's Dept. working with the Fire Dept. on the #'s of calls for this problem. Gill Loring said that Officer Wilson from the Liquor Control Board had stated people should call in to report any outdoor drinking we see, to #888-838-3956.

**Fire Chief Malstrom:** shared that the GAME business did not have an Occupancy Permit, and seemed unaware that they needed one. So, that case was referred to the Fire Marshal's Office (DDES). Our local Fire Dept. will try to get into the other Dispensary businesses.

**Joe McDermott, King County Council Member, District 8:** addressed the future of UAC's in King County and explained the start of proposed changes going back to last November during the County's Budget period. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, KC Executive Dow Constantine submitted a 66 page report and a brief Ordinance to the KC Council. The Proposal ends the contractual basis that we have now. It suggests more partner units throughout all of the unincorporated county. Joe said that he knows from experience with UAC's that all are unique and have different issues. He cannot imagine that without a contract that the NHUAC would go away and not have a voice. Jerry Robison explained the origin of UAC's, and stated that this step by KC is a betrayal to his UAC, and to all of the UAC's. Rebecca Lopez asked Why is KC punishing the UAC's ? Paul Berry of the West Hill (Skyway) UAC: stated that the cost to King County will be greater without us (UAC's) that the cost if they keep us. Questions were asked of Joe regarding the Marijuana topic – he encouraged that we all email our 3 State Legislators to say we need something now to clarify this issue. Ron Johnson asked about a Moratorium by King County like Federal Way and Spokane have done.

**Treasurer:** Ron reported a balance of \$844.60, after payment for sod at Steve Cox Memorial Park.

He went on to announce the Steve Cox Art Memorial Dedication will be on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports: Parks:** Christine Waldman thanked everyone who helped get the flowers planted at Steve Cox Park.

**Transportation** – Ron reported that the ground breaking was held for the new South Park Bridge, and it will be finished in two and a half years.

**Steve Cox Memorial** – Christine announced that all of our council members should arrive at the Park about 1 pm to help with set up for the 3 pm Dedication on May 15. Details were discussed: Doug will speak for our UAC; Parks has a sound system we will be able to use; our canopy will be set up for cover over the area for speakers; there will be standing room only at the Memorial site. Liz moved that we allow a budget of \$700 for the printing, and refreshments for the Dedication. Seconded and passed by the council.

**Election** – Barbara will get refreshments , ballots printed, etc . Voted for a \$75 budget.

**New Business:** Liz moved that our Council send a letter or email to the State Legislators on the marijuana topic.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm Pat Price, Secretary**