

## North Highline Unincorporated Area Council

### Minutes 8-4-2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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

**Absent:** Doug Harrell, & Stephen Porter

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda accepted

**Approval of Minutes:** none ready to approve at this time

**Public Comment:** Gill Loring mentioned how well National Night Out, on Tues. Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, went in our area, with a Block Party at his home, and also the next block where Council members Christine Waldman & Ron Johnson live. There were 6 parties held in North Highline, and 22 in Burien. Pat reminded about the NH Fire Commissioner's Meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, here at the Fire Station,; Sat. August 20<sup>th</sup> the BBQ at Hicks Lake which NHUAC is one of the sponsors of; and Thursday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> the WC-So. Delridge Community Safety Coalition. Aileen Sasteen announced a Fund Raiser for Village Green Nursery on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> at Big Al's Brewery. Gill shared that information supplied at the last Fire Commissioner's meeting stated that the Seattle Ladder Truck took 30 minutes longer to arrive at the recent large fire in Boulevard Park than it took for assistance from Renton to arrive.

**Mike Martin, City of Burien:** announced that the Burien City Council would have the topic of Annexation, of North Highline, on their agendas of August 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that recent reports found that crime rates have been lower in North Highline than in Burien. The Council has not decided yet when they would vote on the Annexation, he hopes that it will be sometime this fall. President Barbara asked about the city of Seattle's status, and Mike stated he thinks there will be no opposition from Seattle.

**King County Sheriff's Office, Major James Graddon:** spoke on the topic of Club E reopening in White Center, the Sheriff's Dept. has a role to play, if the business is going to be the same, we can assume the same problems will occur. The Major stated that Captain Hodgson will be back next week, and will put together a letter with all the concerns of the Sheriff's office to send to John Starbard, director of KC DDES. He also stated that KC Executive Dow Constantine & our KC Rep. Joe McDermott both need to hear from all of us with our concerns about this problem business.

**Lloyd Hara, King County Tax Assessor:** explained that he was elected 20 months ago and that the value is set January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the Taxes of the following year, ie: 1/1/11 for 2012 Taxes. King County is divided into 92 areas. He has gone out in to the community to educate the citizens with over 200 presentations made so far. The drop in housing values continues thruout King County. Much discussion was held, with explanations of how properties are reviewed, and

how often. Rose Clark asked Mr. Hara for help understanding all the RCWs regarding subsidized housing, and Gill Loring asked for a list of all the levels of taxing. NH Fire Chief Marstrom asked about the Assessed Value Decline for Budget purposes and added that the Union Gospel Mission is paying taxes on the property in Boulevard park that burned recently. Mr. Hara will get back to people with answers to their questions. He brought some forms for Exemption Application & brochures.

**Sung Yang, KC Director of External Affairs and Government:** provided an update regarding the KC Executive & KC Council pertaining to public engagement, and listed 1. Giving Information; 2. Consulting; 3. Maybe legal information; 4. Work together; all to educate the public about what the county does. The working group he is leading will get to all the UAC's by the end of the this year – this was in response to many questions asked of him about the goals, and timing of this work. President Barbara asked about having more UAC representation on the panel. Gill Loring asked about selecting an ordinary citizen to be part of this panel. It was mentioned to Sung Yang that the County website needs improvement in the Search capability. Much other discussion about this topic took place, but the summation was that King County's new Strategic Plan does not mention UACs.

**Treasurer:** Ron reported a negative balance of \$41 + for payment of our Web Site fee, which will be cleared after Bong turns in our new contract extension.

**Unfinished Business, Storefront Deputy Petition:** per Major Graddon, the Budget planning has already started for the Sheriff's Dept. & he will do some checking & advise us when would be a good time to present the Petitions. **NHUAC Contract & NHUAC Future:** Bong explained that we should accept the contract extension to provide funding thru the end of 2011; and that we should consider the possibility of incorporating & applying for a 501C3. Voted to accept the contract, and President Barbara will sign it at the end of the meeting.

**New Business, Flower Bed Planting:** discussion about planting flowers in the flower bed in the intersection of 100<sup>th</sup> Street & 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW near downtown White Center. Rebecca will get information from KC Roads, and application form. All agreed & voted that we do this project. **White Center Food Bank Dinner:** It is October 15<sup>th</sup>, held at South Seattle Community Center, and our Council is being asked to book an entire table. Liz volunteered to be the contact point so we can all let her know if we can attend, and she will handle the reservation. **September & October Agenda Items:** President Barbara led the discussion of agenda items for future meetings, and reported that we have speakers regarding the Viaduct traffic issues, Metro, and KC Roads lined up for September, plus NH Fire Chief Marstrom will provide updates. Everyone needs to think about topics for the October meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm Pat Price, Secretary Pro Tem**