

PHINNEY RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 6, 7:10 pm @ Phinney Neighborhood Center

Present: Carolyn Lee, Alice Poggi, Ron Siegle, Ted Inkley, Susan Wagner, John Bito, Mark Phillips, Mark Phillips, Craig Fryhle, Terry Cook **Absent:** Diane Duthweiller, Duncan Griffin, Mary Lou Reslock, Irene Wall, Jan Satterthwaite, Angela Marshall

GUEST SPEAKER: PEDESTRIAN OVERLAY ZONE, Aly Pennucci, Aly.Pennucci@seattle.gov

Department of Planning and Development is recommending that Phinney Ave between N58th and mid block on N 62nd be designated as a Pedestrian Overlay Zone. This Recommendation has been forwarded to Planning and Land Use Sustainability (PLUS) at City Council. The goals are to:

- * Preserve areas that offer a mix of street level pedestrian-oriented destinations accessible by foot, bike, and transit
- * Identify and encourage areas that have potential to transition to a pedestrian-oriented neighborhood business district
- * Encourage more walking, biking, and transit use to and within neighborhood business districts by preserving and promoting active destinations

There are 38 additional business districts within the city which are being recommended for Pedestrian zones. Certain new businesses not allowed in zone but existing are grandfathered in as they are along Greenwood. Further information can be found at www.seattle.gov/dpd/pedestrianareas. Comments addressed to Aly will be forwarded to committee for review during public process

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting minutes were sent out by email with the draft agenda and revisions incorporated then resent with final agenda. They will also be posted on the webpage.

1. Land Use Special Committee reports

- * permit updates-none
- * zoning vs property line setback policy: Irene and Esther have been discussion with the City the mechanism to clarify the disparity. This occurs in other areas of the city as well as on Phinney and Greenwood.

2. NW District Council- Next meeting is Wed Jan 28, at Greenwood Sr Center, 7 pm. Guests are invited to accompany Alice but it is not a forum for public comment on any topic.

- * The Multimodal project was presented and the Phinney Greenwood corridor is one of five areas being evaluated for all the different uses- pedestrian, bicycle, load/unload traffic, transit, and auto. The results of the study will be especially important to the bicycle project that are proposed. Sara.Zora@seattle.gov

3. City Neighborhood Committee (CNC) [facebook.com/CNCSeattle?ref=hl](https://www.facebook.com/CNCSeattle?ref=hl)

- * There will be a new representative to the CNC representing the NW District Council.
- * “The Seattle Sustainability Report” will be released in late January by the Mayor.

4. City Council Districts report- An email was sent out describing progress towards a forum of community council representatives. Our February meeting will be a brainstorming session on issues.

5. Metro Transit Update- Diane has been attending neighboring community councils to gain support for a new bus stop at 50th and Aurora.

6. Upcoming meetings -

Seattle Police North Precinct meeting, Wed Jan 7 at North Seattle Community College, 7 pm
NW District Council Wed Jan 14, at Greenwood Sr Center
Housing Affordability Study murray.seattle.gov/housing/housing-comments/

7. Boards and Commissions vacancies –Pedestrian Advisory Board

8. Treasurer report Transfer of account to Umqua is complete. Balance is the same as with previous account.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pedestrian Overlay issues

* Driveways on sidestreet requirement which introduces traffic on residential streets generating safety concerns. *Postscript clarifications: Location of driveways is the same for Pedestrian zones and Neighborhood Commercial zones. Location is allowed on pedestrian street (Phinney or Greenwood) if sidestreet or alley are not possible.*

* Pedestrian safety (crosswalks, lighting, obstructions in pavement) should be strengthened in overlay zones

The land use committee recommends that PRCC supports this designation by sending a letter and noting these issues. The final edition will be emailed prior to sending.

2. Zoo Draft Annual Plan 2015. Plan describes new exhibits, capital projects and price structure none that directly impact neighborhood. Further discussion will be held at Neighborhood Liason Committee meeting in Feb.

3. By-law revision: Carolyn discussed the need to make language clarifications about the Board terms which was addressed by separate email. No changes to the intent of terms are recommended.

4. Article on Public/Private partnerships for Parks is recommended for informing what may be explored for the Zoo and other other agencies

seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2025385511_parkpartnerships.xml.html

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting Tuesday, February 3, 7 pm @ Phinney Neighborhood Center