

## PHINNEY RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 3, 7:00 pm @ Phinney Neighborhood Center

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

**GUEST SPEAKER KAITLIN PARKER, Nat'l Wildlife Federation** [parkerk@nwf.org](mailto:parkerk@nwf.org)

**Backyard Wildlife Habitat and Neighborhood Corridors** [nwf.org](http://nwf.org) Phinney Ridge residents can learn about creating gardens that attract desirable wildlife (birds, pollinators, butterflies) and restore habitat. Backyard areas and balconies can become certified and become part of 400,000 wildlife gardeners across the country. Gardens that attract beautiful wildlife and help restore habitat by providing food, water, cover, a place for nesting young. Jan Satterthwaite, Council Board member will be volunteer wildlife habitat team coordinator [jansatterthwaite@gmail.com](mailto:jansatterthwaite@gmail.com)

### 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-no new permits
- \* zoning vs property line setback policy: Irene and Esther have been continuing discussions with the City the mechanism to clarify the disparity due to a mapping error. This occurs in other areas of the city as well as on Phinney at 5918 and 6800 Greenwood. DPD has proposed a code amendment that would clarify the intent to measure setbacks from the property line, not the zoning line on lots with both commercial and SF zoning however this would only pertain if less than 25% of the lot was commercial zoned. We are seeking an explanation of the rationale for the 25% criteria.
- \* Pedestrian Overlay Zone : Planning, Land Use & Sustainability Committee will hold a public hearing to take comments on the proposal on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Seattle City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue. Entrances to City Hall are located on the west side of Fifth Avenue, and the east side of Fourth Avenue, between James and Cherry Streets. For those who wish to testify, a sign-up sheet will be available outside the Council Chamber one-half hour before the public hearing. Questions concerning the public hearing may be directed to Esther Handy in Councilmember Mike O'Brien's office by calling (206) 684-8800 or via e-mail at: [esther.handy@seattle.gov](mailto:esther.handy@seattle.gov).
- \* Greenwood Community Council sponsored a discussion on a study of **“How Much Parking Should Be Required in future New Apartment Buildings .”** Gordon Clowers, Department of Planning and Development, led the discussion about current zoning requirements for multifamily developments and listened to neighborhood concerns about the lack of parking provided to residents of these new buildings and the impacts to surrounding neighbors.

\* Future Park across from library – Greenwood Community Council is the group to contact for this project-- [greenwoodcommunitycouncil.org](http://greenwoodcommunitycouncil.org)

## **2. NW District Council**

\* There will be volunteers sought to review applications for neighborhood matching fund projects. Alice will forward specific information when it is released,

\* Bike Plan for NW district shows no projects thru Phinney/Greenwood in the 5 year plan but the following projects are near our area

Proposed bike lanes :

*College Way N N 92nd St to N 103rd St (2015),  
Meridian Ave N N 103rd St to N 112th St (2016)*

Proposed neighborhood greenways:

*N 100th St 4th Ave NW to College Way N (2017)  
NW 83rd St Loyal Way NW to Aurora Ave N (2017)  
1st Ave NE E Greenlake Way N to N 36th St (2018)*

\* Multimodal study by SDOT will study Phinney/Greenwood Corridor, public meeting will be scheduled by SDOT

\* Seattle Sustainable Neighborhoods Assessment Project scheduled for April monthly meeting  
Next meeting is March 25 at Greenwood Sr Center, 7 pm.

## **3. City Neighborhood Committee (CNC) [facebook.com/CNC](https://www.facebook.com/CNC)**

**4. Metro Transit Update-** no update

**5. PNA Business Group report-** no update

## **6. Upcoming meetings -**

\* North Police Precinct Advisory, Wed March 4 at North Seattle Community College, 7 pm

\* NW District Council Wed March 25, at Greenwood Sr Center, 7pm

**7. Boards and Commissions vacancies-** none

**8. Treasurer report** No changes

**9. By-law clarifications for Board member terms-** Carolyn will e-mail proposed clarifications for discussion. Nine positions are up for election in May, one position will be for one year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. City Council District 6 Planning-** discussion of issues, follow-up via email

**2. May Annual meeting topics-** Ideas were considered and presenters will be explored to make the May meeting a notable attraction for the neighborhood. Hosting the Mayor (or assistant) or Affordable housing representative were some ideas that would be meaningful topics.

*Next Meeting Tuesday, April 7, 7 pm @ Phinney Neighborhood Center*