

## PHINNEY RIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEEETING MINUTES

Tuesday June 2, 2015 7:00 pm @ Phinney Neighborhood Center

**Present:** Alice Poggi, Carolyn Lee, Craig Fryhle, Duncan Griffin, Irene Wall, John Bito, Susan Wagner, Ted Inkley, Terry Cook, Tiffany Gorton, Tom Yeager

**Absent:** Chuck Ayers, Mark Phillips, Mary Lou Reslock, Ron Siegle

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Treasurer report** – Quarterly report will be presented in July.
  
2. **Transportation**
  - \* There was a public meeting this afternoon, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, reviewing the Mayor’s proposed transportation levy. Councilman Licata released an alternative that would require businesses pay for one-third, or \$230 million of the price tag with mix of sources, including a commercial parking tax, an employee hours tax and a transportation impact fee. **NW District Council-** Report from May meeting
  - \* NWDC The Mayor’s office has appointed a new Director to the Department of Neighborhoods, Kathy Nyland.
    - Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month and the next meeting is Wednesday, June 24 @ the Greenwood Sr Center 7 pm
  
4. **City Neighborhood Council (CNC)-** No changes from April’s meeting.
  
5. **Seattle Police Department North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC)**
  - \* next meeting is Wednesday June 3, 7 pm @ N Seattle College Community College
  
6. **Land use/development reports**
  - \* Design Review Process: PRCC board member Duncan Griffin, appointed representative to the city’s Design Review Advisory Board presented the DPD’s Design Review Advisory Board’s two proposed tracks for development reviews. One track (A) would be streamlined with Administrative (Planner) review by the DPD. The second track (B) would be a full design review process, due to out of character aspects of the project parameters. Both tracks would be preceded by a much more extensive engagement of the community than currently required.  
The DPD Planner establishes which track a project would follow.
    - \* [Neighborhood Conservation Districts \(NCD\)](#) PRCC board member Terry Cook met with an aide to City Councilman Tom Rasmussen about NCD. City Council considering replicating a plan that came from Portland and works to preserve neighborhood integrity. Future development must conform to previous neighborhood standards of appearance. It does not mean that all houses in a craftsman neighborhood need to be craftsman style houses. This may not apply to commercial properties.
      - Pedestrian Overlay Zone status- [Area including south Phinney was passed by the City Council](#)

- Comprehensive Plan Draft EIS release comments period runs through June 6<sup>th</sup>. City Council is considering four growth alternatives:
  - 1) Encourage growth around urban villages
  - 2) Encourage growth near light rail
  - 3) Leave urban villages as is and let development happen as it might.
  - 4) Encourage growth around the transit corridors.

A question to consider: are there policies in the Greenwood/Phinney neighborhood plan that are not in the Comprehensive Plan?

\* Permit Updates There are several new cell towers being proposed along Phinney Ave and Greenwood.

- PLUS Council Meeting on Low rise modifications. Last year after a number of community meetings objecting to current regulations, the PLUS committee assembled a diverse work group to recommend improvements that would result in better developments. These recommendations have been modified since then and they were presented for public discussion today at the PLUS public meeting. There was a large attendance citywide and from the Ballard and Phiney community providing feedback on proposed modifications to Lowrise regulations. Issues addressed were setback issues, shoddiness of construction, lack of street repairs, etc. Neighbors are encouraged to write or attend City Council by June 16<sup>th</sup> to when the next meeting will be held to address their concerns.

**7. Other Upcoming public meetings/ events**

Candidate Forum for City Council District 6, June 6<sup>th</sup> at PNA.

John Bito will arrange Facebook publicity. Tiffany Gorton will set up a Twitter account.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Other issues from the neighborhood**

**BOARD MEMBERS; INTRODUCTIONS AND INTERESTS**

**ELECTION of OFFICERS Susan Wagner**

Officers elected were: Alice Poggi-President, Carolyn Lee-Vice President, Terry Cook-Treasurer.

Carolyn Lee will continue to act as Interim Secretary.

***NEXT MEETING Tuesday July 7, 2015, 7:00 pm***

