



Members in Attendance:

Jim Grieco – Twin Creeks
Victor Harris – Port Gardner
Tom Norcott – H-S-G
Michael Yates - Bayside
Michael Trujillo- Cascade View
Ryan Weber - Delta
Tina Hokanson - Evergreen
Colleen Kain – H-S-G
Diane Fink – Lowell
Sara Steuben – Lowell
John Sweeney – Northwest
Arthur Olsen – Pinehurst

Jim Prissel- Pinehurst
Andrea Tucker – Port Gardner
Chris Geray – Silver Lake
Dennis Dudder – SFP & VR/M
George Lockeman – Valley View
Vanessa Randall – Valley View
Teresa Schultz - View Ridge/Madison
Citlalli Zarate Weber – Delta
Kari Quaas – Northwest
Dana Oliver – Silver Lake
Linda War Bonnet – Westmont / Holly

Staff:

Wendy McClure

Lee Brandt Karen Stewart,
David Stalheim

Excused:

Karen McAllister
Mary Fosse

Carol Jensen
Stephanie Prothero

Mary Alexander

Guests:

Called to Order: 4:01 p.m.

I. APPROVALS & COMMENTS

- ✓ Agenda approved with no discussion
- ✓ November minutes approved with no discussion
- ✓ No citizen comments

II. SAFETY MINUTE

- 4:02 Earthquake – review of what to do
- If there were an Earthquake right now, what do to? Drop cover and hold, wait until shaking stops, use the stairs to evacuate.
 - If the Culmback Dam fails (Sultan), Monroe and Snohomish will be flooded, Everett could be under 8 feet of water – people need to be prepared and the neighborhood leaders can be role models

III. MAYOR CASSIE FRANKLIN

4:04 New Year’s greeting. Thank you for your work.

Interviews will held Thursday for a new HR director.

We successfully reduced the budget by \$5.6 million. And we will continue to work on the structural deficit for future years.

Work continues on the mayoral directives. Intervention on the gangs and gun violence issues seem to have resulted in a decrease as of the beginning of the year. We continue to work on the previous Mayor’s Safe Streets Initiative – especially in working with partner agencies.



The Community Engagement & Inclusion initiative is still working with interdepartmental teams. There will be more at the State of the Everett presentation Jan. 31. This will be taped and available on the Mayor's page - <https://www.everettwa.gov/270/Mayors-Office>) soon after the event.

Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Director) has a strategic plan (Community, Planning & Economic Development initiative), which the Mayor hopes the Council of Neighborhoods will hear soon.

Priorities for 2019 focus are:

- Quality of Life: a livable, walkable and safe Everett
- Transportation & mobility
- Economic vitality and housing for businesses both large and small
 - Affordable housing for both people working in the city and our residents who work elsewhere
- Educating of our potential workforce so those who live here can find jobs here
- Quality of Life: intentionally listed twice – this includes public safety, arts and culture, parks, bike paths, wayfinding signs – everyone will have a different definition – and we need to promote what Everett has to offer.

In answer to specific questions:

- The Y will have a nice little City park at the south end. And, there will be walkability with a trail all-around the perimeter of the facility and incorporating the park.
- There has been little effect to City operations due to the federal government shutdown, but it has affected our residents. There is a delay for the opening of commercial flights from Paine Field. Community serving agencies are serving more people and things are generally moving more slowly.
- Measuring Quality of Life is difficult as it does depend on interpretation. But, the City's move to have an open data website will help those with specific metrics to access information.
- New date for Paine Field travel is Mar 4. Two airlines, Alaska and United, will operate at this terminal. For more information <https://www.flypaineairport.com/>
- For housing affordability, we have a high percentage of renters in Everett – and we'd like to increase home ownership. But, we need more housing. We are lobbying in Olympia for condo reforms that could make condominiums more available.

Kari Quaas thanked the Mayor for coming to their NW meeting – she did a great job and they look forward to more. Teresa Schultz offered thanks to the police department for all they do.

Michael Trujillo remarked that parking issues are increasing for meetings like these due to construction. This is an ongoing issue downtown. The Mayor acknowledged the issue and suggested using public transportation or parking at EverPark. There is little more the Mayor can do.



IV. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON JUDY TUOHY, Council Vice President

4:20 A welcome for 2019. A handout was provided showing the new Council liaisons assigned to each city neighborhood. Also included were Council members' liaison assignments to various boards and committees. (The sheet should be corrected to indicate Jeff Moore will meet with VV- Larimer-Sylvan Crest on the *third* Tuesday).

The fourth Wednesday is the only Wednesday city council members are available to meet with neighborhoods meetings held on that day. City Council is held the 1-3rd (and any fifth) Wednesdays in the evening.

The Council is working on a process for district elections. A commission will determine boundaries. There are applications to be on the commission on our website. Each councilmember and the Mayor will select someone from the list of applicants to serve on the commission. The commission will start its work in the Fall (2019) and work with consultants in identifying the district lines. By law, the process must be completed by the end of 2020. The commission will be making the final decisions.

There was a Council retreat last month, focusing on the Berk Study. Areas of review include:

- 1) Best service options for transit - taking a deeper drive into what we can/should provide
- 2) Golf courses – they are not profitable and very costly to operate. What are the options? Lori Cummings has specific information on what is under consideration.
- 3) Housing – what can Council do to help with all levels of housing

In answer to specific questions:

- The naming of the Park near the Y (reached by consensus of the Park's board) was tabled at a recent meeting – the action will come back to the Council as a future decision

V. CITY & COMMUNITY ITEMS

4:29 Council representatives gave self-introductions and new members were welcomed.

New city website coming

Wendy asked attendees to please look at the current webpages they tend to go to and give feedback on how you would improve them (links, graphics, 'friendliness'). In April or May, the updated website will be launched with a new look and hopefully more user-friendly features and functionality.

Shoreline Management Update – Karen Stewart, Planning Department

Shoreline management plans are reviewed periodically. Our 'shoreline' includes the reservoirs near Sultan. Anything within 200 feet from an ordinary high-water mark is included. Snohomish County has their own master shoreline plan – which includes everything within the 100-year floodplain. Forty-three percent of the land in Everett is under shoreline jurisdiction.

The State requires we review our plan every eight years – making sure it still meets State law, matches local policies, includes consistent zoning and aligns. The community's vision also effects the way areas are used, public access. Planning will be convening a group of 15 volunteers, 10 from the Council of Neighborhoods, for community feedback. The document is now going through the Planning Commission with a 30-day public comment period ending Feb. 15. Please send comments in or attend the Feb. 5 commission meeting in the City Council chambers at 6:30. A representative from Department of Ecology will be there as well.



Karen handed out a list of proposed amendments and a Shared Vision document.

In response to a question: there are no significant differences since the last review; global warming is taken into account – pulling the Climate Plan, sustainability, the sea level rise, monitoring and planning for the future into the Shoreline Management Plan. The Port is also planning for a future sea-level rise

There will be a few jurisdiction changes. For example, Lake Stickney is now in the County and the plan will remove the Lake from Everett’s management. Critical area regulations do apply within the Shoreline – so that will also apply citywide. There are three prongs – water dependent uses (dams, paper mills), protecting the habitat (key to Chinook salmon), and providing public access.

Most jurisdictions don’t have a public access plan but the City’s does. The vision is of access all along our peninsula – an update to our previous plan. Our 100-year flood plain (determined by FEMA) is changing and our shoreline maps will change.

In response to questions:

- Trails will be constructed by the Port for access to the river side of the peninsula. Additionally a new three-acre park will be created within the next five years as part of the riverfront development. Work is planned on Langus Park dikes. Both Langus and Lowell have good access to the river
- Lake Chaplain – Spada reservoirs are under Snohomish County
- Port is semi-public, but there are some areas with safety concerns
- The re-development of Waterfront Place, will add more public assessable areas
- Visual access is considered as public access for the plan

Update to Land Use Code – David Stalheim, Planning Department

Metro-Everett wrapped up last year, condensing 13 code zones into three. Now it is time to focus on land use code updates for the rest of the city. A review is a 2-year process. They will streamline all land use designations (from 27 to six). They will leave in place the relevant goals, etc. but delete the others. This is a significant rewrite.

Handouts were provided indicating the proposed schedule and draft amendments. The Land Use Code was written in 1990, and then frequently added to or amended over the ensuing years – resulting in a more complex document that must be reviewed. It now contains 199 different goals, policies, and directions in a single chapter. The project goal is to update and simplify the regulations while still providing quality development and protections.

Next is getting into the “nitty-gritty” of code. That will be an iterative process.

Regulations protect neighborhoods. Planning wants to hear from citizens on issues in your neighborhoods. They will listen to initial ideas, come back to the community with draft concepts, and continue to work on - then bring the plan back to the community as often as necessary.

4:51

Draft amendments (handout) include six land use designations:

- 1) Residential, single family
- 2) Residential, multifamily
- 3) Metropolitan Center
- 4) Commercial mixed use
- 5) Industrial –light to heavy manufacturing
- 6) Local resource lands (open space, public parks, water resource management)



No boundaries will change – but merging areas together will better articulate the vision of community. About 32 percent of our land use is for single-family housing, 40 percent resource land. The vision is for more industrial. David wants to speak to neighborhoods and communities – please think about development characteristics that you want, don't want, want changed. He would like to come to the neighborhood meetings. This starts now and will go through next year.

In response to questions:

- The process will count tree canopy. The City will need to collect data and then start comparing. There are more details on landscaping for businesses and developers within the codes.
- Mobile homes parks are mostly zoned as commercial uses – which could result in a huge potential loss of affordable housing. When zoned residential, these parks are considered multifamily.
- Development regulations are different from zoning codes. So, a land use allowing 10-story buildings, doesn't mean they can built everywhere within that zone.
- There will be outreach and engagement from April-July. The Community Development team will work on that while also gathering HUD data. But, they may not be going to neighborhood meetings. Wendy will work on outreach as well.
- There is provision for neighborhoods to try different things within an area at a later date.

VI. TEAM WORK – UPDATES & NEW IDEAS

5:10 School partnerships/Diversity Outreach

Tina H. – Evergreen is sending newsletters to school staff and coordinating with the PTA.

Kari Q. – Northwest is working with Bayside and Whittier Elementary for 'bike to school day' probably in May.

Other agencies are also working on bike safety. Jim suggested contacting Fire District 1 – working with Safe Kids (Shawneri Guzman for best routes).

Tom N.- H-S-G has school representatives as a regular agenda item, from View Ridge Elementary and Evergreen Middle School.

Michael T. – Cascade View has no attendees from Emerson Elementary – despite outreach, no reciprocity. Joyce Stewart is retiring from the school district in June.

Sara S. – Lowell donated \$300 to Lowell Elementary.

Teresa S. – View Ridge / Madison – there is a need for members of the community to volunteer on a truancy board at Madison Elementary. They provide an outreach to families and offer resources. The board meets (infrequently) with families to help them get back on track at school. Meetings last about 1.5 hours.

Andrea T. – Port Gardner has a good relationship with both Jackson Elementary and Sequoia High School principals. They held a dessert auction to raise funds for the schools and provided about \$400 to each school.

5:17 Neighborhood Matching Fund – applications due Jan. 31

Applications are due this week. First drafts for review are encouraged. You can work with Wendy to improve your application. If you need longer, let Wendy know and she will try to make arrangements.



There was good turnout for the mini-grant trainings with many good questions asked.

5:18 Monte Cristo 2019 – 25th Anniversary! Its committee time!

The committee needs volunteers and workers. Andrea not available for 2019.

Tina H. will provide the group with a list of the different roles that need filling and what each entails. The 2018 group will get together next month to work on the list, what the time commitments are, and what needs can be met by the City. We already have approval to use the facility again this year and applications are already being received – with a deadline by June 1.

Some believed the City should provide more, as this program really benefits the City. It was suggested the Monte Cristo, while enhancing neighborhoods and increasing pride in home and businesses, also improves the Quality of Life the Mayor is trying to achieve for residents. A short discussion on City's participation versus using volunteers ensued.

It was mentioned that a discussion was held in previous years to only celebrate MC every two years. Groups CAN use Monte Cristo elements on a matching grant application. And groups like the MC committee can apply for Sparks up to \$400.

Goals and projects for 2019 – brainstorm and discussion

Goals include the Monte Cristo awards and social practicals on relevant subjects. One suggestion was a presentation on land use.

Wendy asked if this topic could be combined with the following Social Practical ideas. See below.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Social Practical sessions – Brainstorm

- How to make a newsletter and use MailChimp – short training
- Outreach and involvement, emergency preparedness, things other than meetings.
- 501c3 designation for neighborhood coalition, to allow for fundraising with foundations, donors –discussion of process, benefits
- Understanding of safe places for lower income people in the City – how does that happen where they put aside a number of units for affordable housing
- How to engage better – less meetings, more events, social media, Facebook (like Jim Diers)
 - Some people from this group could give those trainings – sharing about successful events
- Trailer purchase - Two tents, two tables, 20 chairs – clean up trailer – instead use for meetings, events - Party in a trailer
- Kari Quaas – collaborative website (SharePoint?) – link to City of Everett
- Block parties – Linda – spread across the City – work well

Announcements

- Tina H. mentioned that she went to nine neighborhood meetings over the last few weeks – recommends going to other neighborhood's meetings to see how they operate and get ideas
- Everett film festival – Feb. 15, 16, see the website for a sizzler reel



VIII. NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

5:35

Bayside:

Met Jan, 13; attendees included police, fire, speaker Barbara George from Everett Museum of History. She is Executive Director (interesting presentation, they are seeking more volunteers). Topics included the - Everett Film festival, bus bulbs, eliminated bus routes; February meeting will have Heather Teegarden from WSU Extension Service presenting on Natural Resources.

Cascade View / Twin Creeks:

Met Jan. 21. Eleven attendees; included, police, no fire, Councilmember Scott Murphy, Zsofia Pasztor speaking on home gardens (recommended) ,

Delta:

Jan. 15; Seventeen attendees; Police, fire, Council member Paul Roberts, Guest speaker was from Port of Everett. Delta residents met with state representatives, Sells and Robinson, to ask for their help to secure funding for ASARCO clean up - Delta has been lobbying in Olympia.

Evergreen:

Jan. 24; Ten attendees, police, fire, Assistant Principal Kelly popped in, Barbara Ogaard the Bat Lady presented. Started a prize drawing, have new A-frame signs, decided grant events – NNO, an Easter egg hunt. Meeting now at 6:30.

Harborview-Seahurst-Glenhaven:

Jan. 15/; Twenty-five participants. Included Councilmember Liz Vogeli, fire, police, schools. Speaker was Mukilteo Historical Society with information on the lighthouse. Next week, Feb. 3 they have invited the commander from Navy Station Everett.

Lowell:

Jan. 21; Fifteen people; Fire, police, Councilmember Scott Bader, Tina H. about film festival, Alex Alexander about Snohomish River flooding.

Northwest:

Jan. 22; Seventy-three people came to see the Mayor (and police, fire, Councilmember Scott Bader. IN March, WSU Everett Chancellor Paul Pitre will speak and provide a tour of the new building.

Pinehurst

Jan. 22; Twelve attendees; police, no fire, Cascade Assistant principal spoke about the school, finals week winter sports, MLK day – students did the speaking. Food drive –good report, Council member Scott Murphy, no regular speaker.

Silver Lake – New officers were selected at the end of last year. January meeting will only be the leadership team, not a full meeting. The next meeting is Feb. 26.

Port Gardner:

Jan. 14; Twenty-nine people, Brenda Stonecipher, schools, COE traffic engineering - Michael Brick was the speaker. Sergeant Kevin Allen came and spoke on the group distributing white supremacist flyers.

Riverside:

No report



South Forest Park:

Had a St. Nick party with VR- Madison in December. Michael Trujillo makes an excellent Santa! They spent about \$15 per kid, pizza, mac and cheese, hotdogs, gifts for 15 families with 25 children.

Valley View:

Jan. 15 meeting, 14 participants, police, fire, no Councilmember, no schools reps. Bat Lady Barbara Ogaard was very good (as usual).

View Ridge / Madison:

No January meeting. Eleven people attended the Dec. 5 annual potluck. No fire, no police, no Councilmember. February’s presenter is the Bat Lady.

Westmont / Holly:

Dec. 10 they had Scott North from Paine Field, Liz Vogeli, no fire, no police. Jan. 7 , Mukilteo School Board Vice President Judy Schwab, Liz Vogeli came as a neighbor, not as a Councilmember.

IX. FIVE ITEMS TO REPORT

- 6:00
- 1) Mayor’s directives and goals for 2019 on Quality of life, Econ development, Jobs
 - 2) District Commission – interest in applications - eight openings, want diversity
 - 3) Project update to land use code – Dave Stalheim will come to meeting if you’d like
 - 4) Neighborhood matching fund applications due on Jan. 31
 - 5) Monte Cristo will be looking for volunteers to plan for this year’s event

X. ADJOURN 6:06 p.m.

Next meeting Feb. 25, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.