

Members in Attendance:

Jim Grieco – Twin Creeks
 Victor Harris – Port Gardner
 Christina Strand - Bayside
 Carol Jensen – Bayside
 Michael Trujillo- Cascade View
 Ryan Weber – Delta
 Mary Fosse - Delta
 Tina Hokanson - Evergreen
 Diane Fink – Lowell
 Sara Steuben – Lowell
 John Sweeney – Northwest
 Stephanie Prothero - Northwest

Arthur Olsen – Pinehurst
 Jim Prissel- Pinehurst
 Andrea Tucker – Port Gardner
 Linden Kimbrough – Riverside
 Nekia Williams-Wolle - Riverside
 Chris Geray – Silver Lake
 Dennis Dudder – SFP & VR/M
 George Lockeman – Valley View
 Vanessa Randall – Valley View
 Teresa Schultz - View Ridge/Madison
 Linda War Bonnet – Westmont / Holly

Alternates

Jeanette Burton – Westmont / Holly

Staff:

Wendy McClure

Kembra Landry

Excused:

Tom Norcott – H-S-G

Colleen Kain – H-S-G

Guests:

Called to Order: 4:00 p.m.

I. APPROVALS & COMMENTS

- ✓ Agenda approved with no discussion
- ✓ February minutes approved with no discussion
- ✓ Citizen comment: Encourage people to apply for the Districting Commission - applications will be accepted until the end of April

II. SAFETY MINUTE

4:05

Look before you make a turn while driving. Watch for pedestrians.
 Stop at stop signs before the crosswalk stripe.
 Tina requested a Climate Change Minute to be held each month as well.

III. MAYOR CASSIE FRANKLIN

4:06 A lot of fun things are happening in Everett. The AquaSox have renamed their field “Funko Field”. The Mayor was pleased to see a recent article in the Seattle Times, highlighting impressive school graduation rates in Everett. Positive info is important to highlight to balance prior news emphasis on opioids and homelessness in Everett.

The City is now releasing a new City logo and brand, with a slow roll-out. Printed items and other logoed items will be replaced with the new brand slowly, as needed. Dollars used for the logo can only be used for marketing efforts, and are a good use of those dollars. The new tourism and new City websites are also being redesigned.

The open data portal continues to be developed.

Council Districting update – 19 applications, from residents in 12 neighborhoods, have been received so far. Please continue to encourage people to apply for the commission. There are many opportunities for public participation.

Mayor enlisted the Council reps to help promote civility – she is troubled by recent treatment of City staff who are sometimes dealing with disrespectful, frustrated residents. She would like to see positive and respectful interaction with City staff. She would like the CON reps to model respectful dialogue to other folks in neighborhoods. The Mayor’s office is always available when there are frustrations with staff performance, which need to be addressed.

Michael asked what sort of criticism comes in to City staff. Response: Anything and everything as far as topics, sometimes it is directed at the City receptionist answering the phone. People are fed-up and mad. The orientation needs to be toward solving problems, not attacking the City.

Teresa commented that she is in customer service – She commented that new hires will get tougher skin and need to be able to listen and not take it personally.

Question about a recent documentary *Seattle is Dying*. Is the city looking at any of the successful programs?

Yes, Mayor shared the film info with City teams. Everett has some of those programs already – and is balancing outreach and supportive services with enforcement. PAARI is an example of program for treatment. Everett police work with PAARI to place people into treatment. City staff are continuing to do good work on addiction and homelessness. City staff are planning to share some successes without making it the focal point of all we do.

George commented that the police department and fire reports have been nicely done at recent meetings.

Mary commented on the shooting in Delta that was gang related. The City is making arrests in that case. Several people are involved to address gangs, but it is

constant work. It tends to get worse in summer months. Safe Streets is continuing, as well.

IV. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON JUDY TUOHY

4:15 Council member Tuohy is excited to hear 19 people have applied for districting commission. The deadline is the end of April.
Climate action plan will be coming through Council soon.

Low-income transit fares will be discussed by the City Council in April. A meeting on fares will be held Wednesday at the Everett senior center,, April 3 at Baker View Community Center,, April 4 at Everett station and, again at Everett Mall station. There will be discussion at City Council on April 17 with a public hearing. City Council will be taking a deep dive to focus on transit at a workshop this year; the Mayor has asked administration and council to look at the future of Everett Transit.

Floral Hall has had a remodel and is now open for use.

Berkshire Place low barrier housing is nearly finished, probably opening in June or July.

Victor reported the HopeWorks building will be open in June and Cocoon House will open this summer, bringing several new units of affordable housing to our communities.

V. CITY & COMMUNITY ITEMS

4:30 Kembra Landry, COE Assistant Planner, in the Community Development Division: She spoke about the launch of the Consolidated Plan community engagement process – this is about federal funding for housing and urban development. This federal money is for low-income eligible areas and people. Most of Everett is eligible. Around \$900,000 is awarded to the city, some for services, some for public infrastructure improvements. Examples include affordable housing projects, sidewalk improvements, or park enhancements.

The Consolidated Plan (5-year plan) guides what the City will do with the funds. The City wants to gather input from the community on needs and priorities of residents within the neighborhoods. There is an Annual action plan that synchronizes with the 5 year plan. Information collected now will be used for both plans.

Two meetings in April will start the process of community engagement – she shared flyers for the April 4 and April 11 events. Flyers in Spanish and Russian are being prepared and will be sent out this week. Kembra emphasized the City really

wants people to attend meetings to tell the staff what is needed - for housing and other community needs. This is the first step in the process. Agencies will have a later opportunity for input. Surveys will also be available. The City website has a Citizen Participation Plan that is open for public comment. Social media is part of the plan as well.

George asked for specific examples – Kembra responded with examples such as Garfield Park – ADA picnic tables, walking trail, neighborhood improvement projects. Also at Jackson Park, CCS, Meals on Wheels, single-family housing rehabilitation (CHIP).

Question - Will the survey will be in different languages? Yes, these will also be translated.

Question – who makes funding decisions? Kembra explained that the citizen advisory committee makes recommendations. The committee meets annually in response to the application cycle. Members represents different areas of community. It is currently now made up of members of Human Needs and prior CDBG committee. Decisions are made in response to needs identified by the community. The committee reviews each application, and asks “ how does it meet priorities and needs?”. They consider appropriate funding application amounts.

Port Of Everett – update from Cat Soper, Port of Everett via email report. Wendy will send out the report by email. Ms. Soper is available to provide updates at neighborhood meetings. The Port is making deeper harbor, larger docks, a working Waterfront Place. There is lots going on. Those who have heard the presentation report it was quite informative.

I. TEAM WORK – UPDATES & NEW IDEAS

4:50 **School partnerships** - Teresa Schultz announced that a work party will be held at Madison Elementary – Saturday, April 20 – a group of artists and contractors are coming to school to build new playground equipment, paint murals and make other enhancements. This very old school needs renovation. The event includes refreshments and a work party 9am-4pm. They need lots of volunteers to help with enhancements.

Andrea reports there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at Sequoia, lot of help from Sequoia and Jackson schools.

Carol reported that Bayside will have help with their Easter egg hunt from Everett High School students.

Nominations Committee – Chair Jim asked for volunteers to help with candidate recruiting – Mary Fosse, Chris Geray, and Nekia Williams-Wolle each volunteered for the committee. They will work to contact each representative and find people interested in leadership on the executive committee. Open positions are chair, vice chair and secretary - all due to term limits. Jim Grieco will continue as past executive.

May Meeting – the CON reps decided to make June 4 the date for the May meeting to accommodate the Memorial Day holiday.

Monte Cristo Update – Jim updated the Council. The committee met and decided that Jim will facilitate the Monte Cristo committee leads-meeting. That group set a drop-dead date of June 13 – which is 4 months before the awards event, and will make decisions based on level of volunteer support. They are trying to get the theatre for the 2nd Thursday. Press release call for volunteers. They need volunteers from each neighborhood.

Linda reported that two business contacts have responded to support the Monte Cristo event. A sponsor could help by hosting a meeting to do selection of awardees - host at a restaurant and they could be sponsors. John Van Patten will help with photography, as well as Kari Quaas. Next Monte Cristo meeting will be 4th Sunday in April, the 28th, 3 pm, and will probably meet in the coffee shop at the Main Library.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ **Tree Committee** has been absorbed into Board of Parks - Linda is on the Parks board
- ✓ **April Meeting** – the Everett Public School District has asked for CON to come meet at the CRC, and to give a presentation about the school district. They also want to give updates about school administration. After discussion, the Council decided to decline the invitation to meet at the CRC. MSP to hold meeting at the City Wall Street Building, as usual and to ask the School District staff to come to Wall Street Building in April.
Discussion included a question about the timing of such an update from the District, since an entire new administration will be coming in to lead the school District. It is inconvenient to meet at the CRC, especially since bus routes don't necessarily work and parking is often fully used.
- ✓ **New North Middle School** - Victor pointed out the progress on construction
- ✓ **Upcoming Events**
 - April 28 - PUD solar panel shares for sale, \$120 one share, one panel costs 5 shares. Payback return in eight years. Conservation investment. Green efforts.

- Michael announced a June 2019 North Sound Progressive People's Summit, June 2 from 12 noon to 3 pm at the County Plaza, 3000 Rockefeller, contact is Chris Glans (425) 319-7088.

VIII. NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

5:35 **Reports:**

Bayside: 17 people at meeting, Carol Thomas and Elizabeth Person, artist, were speakers. Had police report, schools attended, Easter Event on April 20.

Cascade View / Twin Creeks: 11 people attended, police report, assistant chief from Fire Dept. Council liaison attended. Lisa Lefeber, Port of Everett spoke, had great power point presentation.

Delta: 24 attendees, police, fire and city council report, no school report, guest speaker Rachael Brady, Safeway assistant store manager on Broadway. Working on monitoring and cleaning up outside. Elected new treasurer, EMVD designated as gateway corridor and have Shakespeare at the park on August 3. Did clean up and B&G club with help from college students.

Evergreen: 3 met on Feb 28, Fire Dept and Everett Transit and Tina met. Had a great discussion. Parks coming to talk about Madison Morgan Park and Everett Transit will come back.

Harborview-Seahurst-Glenhaven: no reps present Emailed report - Attendance-25 Had Everett Police, Everett Firemen (2), and Principal at View Ridge Elementary. Key Speaker : Cat Soper, Public Affairs Specialist at Port of Everett Topics covered Port Operations, Export Value, Port and Aerospace projects, Planned Investments, and current plans for Everett Waterfront. She was fantastic. Highly recommended. April HSG plans Easter Egg Scramble on Saturday, April 20th.

Lowell: 15 people attended, Eric Evans owner of Riverfront Development spoke.

Northwest: David Stalheim, Planning Dept spoke, to discuss planning changes coming in north Everett.

Pinehurst: 14 people attended, had police, Cascade High School reported, and met new principal Michael Takayoshi. Fire Dept, and Police and city council liaison were there.

Port Gardner: 30 people attended, did not have police or fire. Both schools were represented, Council members Brenda Stonecipher and Judy Tuohy attended. Guest speaker Ed Petersen spoke about Hopeworks Enterprises. Jessica Vu spoke about community gardens. Potential new neighborhood in Station Area under discussion. Next month Tom Sebastian from Compass Health is guest.

Riverside: Fire dept spoke, no police, no council liaison, no school or council liaisons. Red Cross spoke about smoke alarms. Next meeting will have auction to raise funds for NOAH shelter. A rep from PSE spoke because they will be working on gas lines in neighborhood. Getting Garfield walkway paving at the park.

Silver Lake: 25 attended, Everett Police, Fire, County Sheriff, Councilmember Judy Tuohy, Maris and Associates CPAs, spoke at the meeting. No meeting in March. Next meeting in April.

South Forest Park: 9 attended, had fire, police, and Bat Lady and her bats attended.

Valley View: 11 people attended, had police and fire rep. No city council attended. Hil Kaman spoke on Safe Streets Initiative. He is recommended as informative guest speaker. Kaman described “treatment without delay”, which is new effort.

View Ridge / Madison: Police report, principal attended. 29 people attended. School presentation. Several firefighters attended to give a demo of CPR, new process, very impressive demonstration. Excellent presentation by fire department. April 3 will include Bat Lady.

Westmont / Holly: 31 in attendance, 3 police, 2 fire, 2 Mukilteo School board members, Council member Stonecipher and Councilmember Vogeli attended. Mayor was guest speaker. Jim Grieco updated about Monte Cristo.

IX. FIVE ITEMS TO REPORT

- 5:50
1. Applications for Districting Committee accepted until end of April - apply now!
 2. Be positive role models for community – respectful communication with staff, communicate to Mayor’s office with staff performance issues
 3. Council discussion on Climate action plan coming up on April 3
 4. Work party at Madison Elementary School on April 20 from 9 am – 4 pm
 5. Consolidated Plan community meetings in April 4 and 11
 6. Fire Department smoke alarms efforts

X. ADJOURN 5:59 p.m.

Next meeting April 22, 4 PM to 6 PM