

CITY OF SEATAC
COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2015

Members present:

Jean Blackburn, Yolanda Gonzalez, Clyde “Fuzz” Hill (alternate) and Virginia Olsen

Members absent:

Nibret Aga, Abdirahman Hashi, Florian Purganan and Matthew York

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken on the June minutes.

3. Community Conversations

Members shared their experiences and observations on events and issues in the community.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public made comment.

5. New Business

A. Madrona Elementary Connection

Jean Blackburn introduced Kathy Allen, the Family Support Specialist at Madrona Elementary School. Ms. Allen and the Committee had a wide-ranging discussion on current services, interests and needs of parents and children at the school. Ms. Allen shared information on the existing after school programs, school playground and nearby park facilities. The Committee also inquired about needs and discussed play equipment, gardens, safe routes to school and better east-west bus connections. Ms. Blackburn inquired into the most effective method for sharing ideas and engaging in a conversation regarding those needs, and Ms. Allen indicated that attending one of the “coffee with the principal” sessions would be a good start. She also shared the name of a youth who has been educated in the Highline Schools and is now in high school who she felt would be a good interviewee for the Committee.

B. Food Innovation Network

The speakers were contacted and informed they didn’t need to attend the meeting due to the lack of quorum.

C. Latino Community Connection

Ms. Gonzalez indicated an interest in more activities for youth including after school programs, facilities for soccer teams, etc. Ms. Gonzalez also inquired as to whether the fire department offered CPR classes in Spanish, indicating that she believed the Spanish-speaking community would be interested. Gwen Voelpel agreed to inquire of the Kent RFA. Yolanda Gonzalez and Ms. Allen discussed communicating further to share information on needs in the community. The Committee agreed that this should be an ongoing agenda item.

The group also discussed and decided not to engage in any formal Committee activities at the Back to School Fair.

6. Future Meeting Topics

The Committee agreed to move the Food Innovation Network agenda item to the regular August meeting along with Latino Community Connection and ask Pat Patterson to continue to work with Dr. Enfield to schedule the meeting with Highline Public Schools for September.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.