

**CITY OF SEATAC**  
**COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 14, 2015**

**Members present:**

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

**Members absent:**

Nibret Aga, Yolanda Gonzalez, 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**

The Committee agreed that the August minutes didn’t need to be revised but, due to a lack of quorum, the minutes weren’t approved. The minutes will be added to the October meeting agenda.

**3. Community Conversations**

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

**4. Public Comment**

Cheryl Forbes, Library Advisory Committee, shared information on “The Big Read” sponsored by the King County Library System. Ms. Forbes committed to providing a copy of the book to all members of the Community Building Committee and the School Board. Kit Ledbetter of the City of SeaTac’s Parks & Recreation Department requested members complete a survey regarding potential “pea patch” garden sites (Attachment A) that will be available online and hard copy for other residents. Mr. Ledbetter also mentioned an open house taking place September 28.

**5. New Business**

**A. Joint City Council/School Board**

Dr. Susan Enfield attended the meeting with School Board Members Angelica Alvarez, Bernie Dorsey and Joe Van. Former Committee Member Pat Patterson introduced the topic and the Committee’s interest in partnering with the Highline School District with a focus on renovation of the Tye Educational Complex. A discussion ensued regarding topics such as a community engagement process pending on instructional time, an invitation for the community to participate in a capital facilities advisory group and the importance of state vs. local funding (shared by Mayor Mia Gregerson). Other topics included the possibility of public-private school partnerships or City-School District partnerships, programs outside of school hours at Madrona Elementary and the availability for programs such as the one presented to the Committee earlier

upon Abdirahman Hashi's request (Companion Athletics). Mr. Dorsey also recommended a further discussion on implementing the Joint Use Agreement in place between the District and the cities in its service area including SeaTac. Ms. Gonzalez relayed concerns regarding the quality of Spanish interpretation of Madrona Elementary School notices to parents and the timing of such notifications.

#### **B. St. Thomas' Event Debriefing**

This item was moved to the October meeting due to the fact that none of the members/alternates present had attended the event.

#### **C. Recommendations to Council**

This item was moved to the October meeting due to a lack of quorum.

#### **6. Future Meeting Topics**

The Committee agreed to move the debriefing on the St. Thomas' Event until October in the hopes that Yolanda Gonzalez and other members who may have attended the event would be present. The remainder of the October meeting will be discussing recommendations to the Council.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Members and alternates stayed to complete the "pea patch" garden survey as requested.