



Community Building Committee Formed

April 30, 2013 – SeaTac, Wash. - The SeaTac City Council voted at its last meeting to appoint seven members and two alternates to serve on the newly formed Community Building Committee. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the SeaTac City Council, and is charged with:

- Researching best practices of other jurisdictions and vetting those ideas within the community.
- Fostering communication and building trust with all City departments and within the community.
- Acting as a sounding board for projects and programs under development by the City.
- Seeking innovative, community-based ideas through sustainable, two-way communication within the community.
- Participating in existing city, school and community meetings and events to bridge communication gaps and promote active participation and community engagement.

“The establishment of the Community Building Committee represents another step toward more open dialogue between the City and its many stakeholders including residents, schools, community groups and businesses, said Mayor Tony Anderson. “With this committee in place we will be in an even stronger position to address the opportunities and issues that are identified in a more direct and timely manner, as we share our work back with the community.”

The City Council selected the following individuals to serve on the inaugural Community Building Committee:

- Jean Blackburn (two-year term)
- Abdirahman Hashi (one-year term)
- Abdiwali Mohamed (one-year term)
- Virginia Olsen (two-year term)
- Pat Patterson (two-year term)
- Keith Siebler (one-year term)
- Matthew York (two-year term)
- Nibret Aga (alternate)
- Kenneth Taylor (alternate)

Twenty-five individuals applied to serve on the committee. Terms are staggered with four members serving two-year terms and three members serving one-year terms as noted above.

Those interested in committee agendas can sign up for e-notifications by visiting the City’s website, www.CityofSeaTac.com. Under the “I Want To...” pull down menu, click “Sign up for...” and click on “eNotifications”. A box will appear. Enter your email address and click on Community Building Committee under the Event Calendar section and click the “Subscribe” button. You will receive a confirmation email from “administrator” asking you to confirm your subscription. Be sure to respond to the email to activate your e-notification subscription. You may visit the same page to change your subscription preference.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 27,210. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](#).

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