

MINUTES

34th District Democrats Monthly Membership Meeting
October 11, 2006

130. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Alan Munro led the flag salute.
131. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
132. Chair's Report (Chairman Ivan Weiss)
 - 132.1 There will be a fundraiser for Maria Cantwell Saturday at 1:30 PM at the home of Richard and Molly Reed on Vashon.
 - 132.2 The Maggie awards will be on October 20th. The district has a table set aside. Cost is \$100 per ticket, \$75 for PCOs.
 - 132.3 The White Center Food Bank will be holding an auction and dinner on October 21st. The 34th has set aside a table, as has the West Seattle Democratic Women. If you would like more information, contact Stephen Lamphear or Beth Grieser.
133. First Vice Chair's Report (First Vice Chairwomen Tanya Aguilar)
 - 133.1 There are three events where we need volunteers. These are:
 - 133.1.1 A phone bank at the Machinists Hall on Tuesday, October 17th to get out the vote (GOTV) for candidate Tomas Villanueva, running for State Senator in the 15th District. This is the sister district we have been providing in-kind support to for the past few months. There are lots of "Sleeping Democrats" for Tomas and we need to get them out to vote for Tomas.
 - 133.1.2 There will also be a trip to the Yakima area on October 28th to directly GOTV canvass for Tomas.
 - 133.1.3 Tomas is also having a big GOTV event in the 15th District on Saturday, October 21st (the same day as the White Center Food Bank Autumn Dinner). Please contact Tanya Aguilar for information on all 3 events.
134. Coordinated Campaign –John Ehrman spoke to the need for us all to work very hard to GOTV in the 34th District in such a pivotal year. We need lots of volunteers for phone banking and on Election Day.
135. PROGRAM
136. Speaker Laura Hendricks, Henderson Bay Shoreline Association
 - 136.1 The speaker made a presentation on the explosive growth of aquaculture and the impact it is having on our State's shorelines. She presented a number of slides showing these aquaculture farms, particularly in Totten Inlet, where 30 miles of the 33 miles of shoreline in this area are now used for aquaculture. Little to no permitting is required for these farms. There is no unbiased and clear science on the impacts of such intensive aquaculture. Her group, along with People For Puget Sound and other groups are working on both legal and political strategies to have the Department of Natural Resources (who licenses aquaculture firms) commission studies to measure the impact of this industry. She encouraged the membership to speak out and raise awareness on this issue.
137. Speaker JW Tuner, Preserve Our Islands

137.1 Mr Turner informed the membership on the history of the Preserve Our Islands Group, a group is sole focus to block the development of a massive gravel mining operation on Maury Island by Glacier Sand and Gravel. The proposed operation would cover 224 acres and extract more than 35,000,000 tons of gravel, equivalent to 10 million dump truck loads. This proposed work will come within 15 feet of a sole source aquifer and contain a dock that will stretch out 400 feet into Puget Sound. The area in and around the proposed mine is critical habitat for the endangered orca pods of Puget Sound. Currently, Preserve Our Islands has a case pending in State Supreme Court to deny the release of a shoreline permit to Glacier Sand and Gravel. They have successfully enjoined the project, pending the outcome of the Supreme Court decision. Mr. Turner encourages the membership to contact the Governor and express your outrage over this proposed mine. There is good support from congressmen, 34th District electeds, our County Representative and other politicians, but there is not yet the active support of the Governor.

138. RESOLUTION

138.1 A resolution was introduced by Joseph Bogaard calling for serious consideration of removal of the Snake River Dams by our Washington State delegation. Consideration should also be given to financial mitigation for affected communities. The motion was tabled for consideration later in the fall.

139. ENDORSEMENTS

139.1 Seattle Proposition 1 - A motion was made to endorse Seattle Proposition 1, a proposition to increase property taxes to support work on roads, bridges and other transportation corridors. The motion passed.

139.2 Seattle Referendum 1 - A motion was made to endorse a yes vote on Referendum 1. A yes vote would codify the recent legislation passed by the City Council setting standards for operation of adult entertainment clubs. The motion failed. A motion was made to endorse a no vote on the same referendum. It passed.

140. CONTRIBUTIONS

140.1 Contributions to Campaign for 34th District Representatives. A motion to contribute \$1,000 to the election campaigns of Representatives McDermott and Cody passed.

140.2 Contribution to Darcy Burner Campaign. A motion to contribute \$1,000 to the election campaigns of Darcy Burner in the 8th Congressional District passed.

140.3 Contribution to no on I-933. A motion to contribute \$750 to no on I-933 passed.

140.4 Reconsideration of Campaign Contributions to representatives McDermott and Cody. A motion to reconsider the approved motion to contribute \$1,000 each to campaigns of Representatives McDermott and Cody passed, due to Representative Cody's correspondence that she does not need the contribution for this fall's campaign. A further motion to contribute \$1,000 to only representative McDermott passed.

140.5 Contributions to other campaigns and initiatives. A motion to contribute \$200 to the campaign of Peter Goldmark in the 2nd Congressional district, \$50 to the campaign of Senator Maria Cantwell, and \$750 each to the no on I-920 campaign and the yes on I-937 campaign passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Sive