

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, 34th LD
March 18th, 2009, Puget Ridge Co-Housing, 7:00-9:35PM

7:00PM – Meeting called to order. Agenda approved.

Chair's remarks (Tim Nuse):

- 1) Thank you to Christi Stapleton for getting our e-mails removed from Publicola. Our e-mail will remain open to those who wish, and we should respectfully introduce and welcome our e-mail guests.
- 2) All are reminded to vote tomorrow, March 19 in special election for King County Conservation District. As we have been urged by King County Council members Larry Phillips and Dow Constantine, please write in Mark Sollitto, a Democratic candidate for this office.
- 3) Our district has a table at the White Center Food Bank dinner, 4/4/09, at the Hall at Fautleroy. Cost = \$75 each. Tim Nuse is coordinating our participation, so let him know to reserve a seat.
- 4) Gathering of Neighbors will be held same day, 4/4/09, and our district will be involved there as well.
- 5) Two of our precincts will be folded into other existing precincts this year: Burien 34-1081 into 34-1058, and Seattle 34-1528 into 1527. No PCOs will be disenfranchised. All elected PCOs will continue in that status until the next election.
- 6) Everyone on the e-board should now have access to Complete Campaigns, at www.completecampaigns.com. Click into "Back Office." Stu will send an email explaining how to log in.
- 7) Many state Congressional delegations held Town Hall meetings this past weekend, on 3/14/09. Our legislators did not feel these would be fruitful at this time, but they plan to hold a Town Hall in our district sometime in April, when more is known about our state budget. Members voiced concern that we would have appreciated having input earlier in the process, feeling we might better effect legislation that way. We are intent on assisting our legislative team in holding meeting(s) in April, nonetheless.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Communications (Christi Stapleton): Group is organizing and has met. They are now on Twitter for those who have access. They will work toward decreasing the printed version of our Newsletter. Current members may opt-in to the electronic version but otherwise will receive hard copies. New members will need to opt-in to the paper version if they wish that format.

- 2) Finance (Walter Sive): Pleased that budget passed at our last members meeting; feels new software is tremendously helpful. Our current balance is approximately \$15,000. We have spent an amount equal to the amount we have taken in so far. We hope fund-raisers will be beneficial in the future. Ivan Weiss reminded us that at our various events, if we take in donations from individuals they should automatically be considered a membership donation and the membership form should be filled out.
- 3) Hospitality (Richard Bartlett): Continue to supply food from Costco at monthly meeting. Thanks to West Seattle Democratic Women for supplying leftover beer this month. Will work with Membership to welcome people, devise welcome packets for newcomers. Money paid at drink table goes as tips to bartender (he will clarify that this is legal given the type of permit we have); will have a separate donation basket at food table that goes to district.
- 4) Fundraising (Chris Porter): Coordinating with several other committees which will also host fundraising events and needs to know about these. Primary project for this group will be the Annual Garden Party the second Friday in August. Rachel Glass has volunteered to be auctioneer at this event. Wished to hold raffles at meetings, but it was pointed out by Stephen Lamphear that King County Chair Suzie Sheary has stated we cannot do this (without a gambling license).
- 5) King County Democrats Central Committee (Ivan Weiss, Lisa Plymate): Main topic for this month's meeting, next Tuesday, March 24, will be the state budget. All are urged to attend.
- 6) Legislative Action Committee (Greg Doss): Web page has been updated. Working on a link to a blog for the LAC with the Communications Committee. It was pointed out that this must be moderated to some extent.
- 7) Newsletter (Jackie Dupras): Concern expressed re production schedule. Tim has requested deadline be several days earlier for filing, so that he and communications committee can review this before it goes to press.
Per the Bylaws, the Newsletter must be available to members 10 days before the next meeting. Affected parties will discuss this timing and work it out together and communicate new deadline, which will begin next month.
- 8) Outreach (Les Treall): Developing a list of organizations to work with throughout our District. Got their first voter registrations at BOOM event. Will have a booth at the Gathering of Neighbors, April 4, at Chief Sealth High School. Discussing sponsorship of Jubilee Days and concert, register voters at Street concert in White Center, and participate in Strawberry Festivals in Vashon and Burien, Summer Fest in West Seattle, 4th of July parade in Burien.
- 9) PCOs (Kimberly McCreery): Planning to connect with all PCO chairs in King County to share ideas. Helped with PCO training; Suzie Sheary offers to do more. Have obtained a video from the 44th LD that teaches how to log onto Vote Builder, print walk-lists. It was pointed out by Tim Nuse that users (PCOs) need to be able to correct their precinct lists. May hold a PCO brainstorming session prior to next business meeting.

- 10) Programs (Beth Grieser): Discussed holding a forum for Seattle City Council candidates post filing deadline in June. Also wish to hold a candidates forum in Burien, which apparently has a facility for live broadcasts, per Stephen Lamphear. (See below re plans for April meeting.)
- 11) State Committee (Marcee Stone, Chris Porter): Next meeting will be April 24-26 in Tacoma. Marcee will serve on Resolutions Committee; Chris, on Affirmative Action. Marcee pointed out that April 17th is the deadline for resolutions to be submitted in order to be considered at the next state meeting. We will solicit these at our members meeting and include a notice in the newsletter.
- 12) By-laws (Brian Earl): Proposed changes in the By-laws and Endorsement Rules were submitted 3 days prior to this meeting and were to be considered. Discussion began on use of district PCO and membership lists. We were also to examine the endorsement process. However, because we had not had copies of these changes sufficiently beforehand and because of time constraints in this meeting, we decided to table further discussion/decisions until our next E-board meeting April 15th. By-laws changes would then be presented to the entire 34th LD body at the May membership meeting. In the meantime, members will have e-mail access to examine and discuss the proposed changes further.

April 8th meeting: Beth Grieser and Kim Becklund are working on setting up a lively 35 minute discussion revolving around the Port of Seattle. Kim will be inviting 1-2 Commissioners and the Chair, with topics to highlight the Viaduct and how changes will affect the Port; the airport; security including changes in the Federal oversight with the new administration. Larry Phillips, King County Councilman and candidate for KC Executive, will speak and answer questions for 15 minutes. New business will include voting in new PCOs and appointment of Chris Porter as Fundraising Chair. Seattle City Council candidates may receive up to 5 minutes in new business if they contact us prior to printing the agenda. Otherwise, they receive 2 minutes during good of the order. Fred Jarrett (just announced candidacy for KC Executive) will receive 15 minutes at a future meeting if requested.

Good of the order: Scholarships are still available (two, kindly donated by Les Treall) to Camp Wellstone April 24-26th. Request made to add a district-sponsored scholarship, but since so far there are no candidates for these two scholarships, we will wait to see if more than two apply. Only qualifications for scholarship: must be a resident of the 34th LD, must submit a brief 200-word essay on how you will use this program to benefit the district, and must use skills gained to help further our elections. If meeting agendas, other discussion items are e-mailed to Jackie, she will gladly print these out for us.

9:40PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Plymate

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