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SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, February 27, 2023
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 · Shoreline City Hall
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	<u>Estimated Time</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER	5:45
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	5:46
3. KING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER ROD DEMBOWSKI	5:47
• Topics of Shared Interest	
4. ADJOURN	6:45

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Memorandum

DATE: February 27, 2023

TO: Shoreline City Council

FROM: Jim Hammond, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

RE: Dinner Meeting with King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski

CC: Bristol Ellington, City Manager
John Norris, Assistant City Manager

Background

At tonight's dinner meeting, the Council will be joined by King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski. His district includes the communities of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, North Seattle, and Shoreline. He is currently serving as Chair of the Council's Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee. Councilmember Dembowski plans to focus the Committee's work on protecting our waterways, preserving open space, and ensuring Metro Transit is safe and reliable. However, he has consistently articulated that his top priority is to lead an effort for King County to seize upon this moment in time to address the real impacts and causes of climate change before it is too late.

Topics of Shared Interest

Councilmember Dembowski and the City Council have a shared interest in maintaining a common understanding of information, interests and priorities that make a difference in the lives of Shoreline residents. Tonight's dinner meeting will explore those shared interests, many of which are identified and summarized in this memorandum.

This memorandum will review the following items:

1. Affordable Housing/Transit-Oriented Development at the 192nd/Aurora Park & Ride
2. Ongoing Funding for The Oaks Enhanced Shelter
3. City Plans/Long-term Vision for a Swimming Pool and Senior Center
4. Lynnwood Link Metro Bus Restructure
5. Aurora Village Transit Center
6. Ching Community Garden

The Council and Councilmember Dembowski may, of course, identify and raise other issues during the course of their conversation.

192nd/Aurora Park & Ride

Through Councilmember Dembowski's advocacy in the King County budget process, funds were allocated to a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) study of the 192nd/Aurora Park & Ride. There has been some delay on a key step, which has slowed down progress as a whole, but the overall trajectory remains positive.

Here are the latest project updates on this effort:

- The City has changed the zoning at the corner of the site; where it had previously been R-18, it is now Mixed Business (MB).
- One key feature of the current Park & Ride is a WSDOT requirement to maintain a certain number of parking spaces exclusively for Park & Ride use. Of course, today's world has changed significantly, not only with the impacts of COVID, but also the opening in the near future of the Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension Light Rail Project and the resultant King County Metro bus service restructuring.
- Metro has completed a parking utilization study that takes these new factors into account, which could form the basis for revising the parking agreement with WSDOT. However, the newness of the "new normal" has also translated into a slower pace of negotiation on this topic. City staff have not yet seen the parking study.
- The Lynnwood Link Extension Light Rail bus restructuring process will not wrap up until 3rd Quarter 2023, and so it will also not be able to fully inform the TOD analysis until then.
- Staff have encouraged Metro to advance the work on the site as much as possible as they wait for resolution of these factors.

Ongoing Funding for The Oaks Enhanced Shelter

Through a great deal of collaboration that included, among others, Shoreline, King County, King County Housing Authority, Catholic Housing Services, and the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), The Oaks has been recognized as a model of best practices for the kind of shelter that is now called "Emergency Housing".

In the coming year, KCRHA will be crafting sub-regional plans and re-bidding contracts for the full Homelessness Response system for funding starting in 2024. Previously, there had been significant concern about a funding gap for the second half of 2023; between the time that the current Washington State Department Commerce grant (which provides operational funding for The Oaks) would expire at the end of the second quarter and the start date for the re-bid funding. However, Shoreline has been pleased to hear that King County and the KCRHA are stepping up to ensure continued funding through the end of 2023.

Shoreline and its north King County partners have advocated for The Oaks throughout this process and will continue to do so into 2024. This will be very important as sub-regional plans are finalized and limited resources are allocated across the County. We appreciate Councilmember Dembowski's ongoing partnership in this area.

Planning for the Future: Swimming Pool and Senior Center

An item of great interest to not only Shoreline residents but residents throughout north King County would be the eventual development of a new aquatic center. North King County has been characterized as an "aquatics desert" since the Shoreline Pool was forced to close. With support from Councilmember Dembowski, Shoreline, along with Kenmore and Lake Forest Park,

received a grant for \$100,000 to undertake a feasibility study that would evaluate potential locations and costs, along with funding and governance mechanisms. The RFP for a consultant to undertake the feasibility study has been released, and the current expectation is that the study will be completed in November 2023. This study represents the first step in what is expected to be a lengthy process.

The future of Shoreline's Senior Center is a very different topic. The current center is operated by a private non-profit organization, [Sound Generations](#), and is currently located at the Shoreline Center. While the City engaged in discussions with the current Senior Center during the first effort to establish an aquatics and community center, there has been no subsequent or recent engagement regarding long-range planning for the Senior Center.

Lynnwood Link Metro Bus Restructure

King County Metro recently briefed the Shoreline City Council on the community engagement process that is underway as Metro plans service changes to adapt to the opening of the Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension Light Rail Project, which is currently expected to begin revenue service in 2024. Shoreline has indicated key concerns and priorities, including the following:

- ***Frequent service is not identified on the 145th Corridor west of I-5.*** The City has been planning for growth at the Shoreline South/148th Station with higher-density transit-oriented development and access to regional transit. Metro Connects reflects the City's investments and indicates frequent service on this section of 145th Street. With growth happening now and light rail opening in 2024, staff have expressed concerns to King County Metro that the Lynnwood Link Connections service updates do not match the City's needs. Additionally, the City has provided information regarding the high level of housing development that is currently in the permitting process, a number which exceeds previous planning projections.
- ***Meridian Avenue.*** Service on a large portion of Meridian Avenue is being removed. This is the current route 346. This leaves large sections of neighborhoods with the closest north/south transit service on Aurora Avenue, a distance of 0.5 to 1 mile away. For many residents, this is likely too far a distance to attract/maintain strong bus ridership and will create a hardship for those who rely on transit.
- ***Service in the Hillwood/Richmond Highlands Neighborhoods.*** Transit service in these neighborhoods is removed from N 200th Street to 3rd Avenue NW and Dayton Avenue (routes affected include 302, 304, and 331). Shoreline's desired transit plan maintains this service.
- ***175th Street Corridor.*** The City's Transit Plan identifies frequent service on the 175th Street corridor from Aurora to 15th Avenue NE, while the Lynnwood Link Connections Project only identifies local service. Frequent service is desired for improved east/west connections across the City to and from North City and Aurora.
- ***5th Avenue NE.*** The City's Transit Plan would like to see service north on 5th Avenue NE (west of I-5 and north of the Shoreline North/185th Station) connecting to service on 205th Street. This route does not exist today and is not included in this service revision.

Aurora Village Transit Center

Councilmember Dembowski successfully advocated for funding in the Metro budget to establish a public restroom and related staffing at the Aurora Village Transit Center. The most current information available suggests that Metro staff are in the planning phase of standing up this project.

Ching Community Garden

Shoreline community members have successfully undertaken an effort to secure Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) funding to preserve a garden first established by Joe Ching, an early Asian American resident in Shoreline. Mr. Ching helped launch the renowned Canlis restaurant and served as its head chef for 50 years. At home, he cultivated fruit trees and many vegetables in his garden. His organic gardening also received wide attention through Ed Hume's television program "Gardening in America."

The Shoreline advocates who wished to preserve this legacy worked with Councilmember Dembowski in their efforts to secure the CFT funding. While proponents also approached the City during their work, the City needed to focus its resources on already-identified priorities that were established through extensive community-based planning - the 2017 Parks, Recreations and Open Space (PROS) Plan and the subsequent Park Bond projects that are currently being designed.

Potential Questions for Discussion

- *Regarding any of the updates:* Does anyone else (staff or elected officials) have any additional information to share?
- *Regarding The Oaks:* Is Councilmember Dembowski's office tracking the work of the KCRHA? The North King County Coalition on Homelessness and the North Urban Human Services Alliance are both paying attention to developments. To date, the reports have been optimistic that this vital program will be fully funded. Are there any other outstanding issues?
- *Regarding the Lynnwood Link Metro Bus Restructure:* Metro staff have consistently stated that the service reallocations they will make in this process will be budget-neutral. While this leaves Shoreline short of its optimal level of transit service, it also highlights the question of additional regional funding to support Metro's ability to reach the long-term vision it has articulated through its planning efforts, such as Metro Connects. What do you see as a potential path forward to future funding?
- *Regarding the Aurora Village Transit Center:* Does Councilmember Dembowski's office have any information on the process or timing of the public restroom development and staffing?
- *Regarding Ching Community Garden:* The City is deeply appreciative of Councilmember Dembowski's support of this local treasure. How do you see the implementation of this project playing out?