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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator
Date: August 26, 2013
Subject: Upcoming City Council Meeting with the Everest Neighborhood

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council finalizes the agenda for the City Council Meeting with the Everest Neighborhood.

BACKGROUND:

After an extensive evaluation of the scope and schedule for the City Council Meetings with the Neighborhoods, the City Council instructed staff on July 2, to continue focusing the meetings on one neighborhood at a time. Council also asked staff to reach out to neighborhoods in the planning stage each year to see if any neighborhoods want to voluntarily combine for any particular issue or reason. In an effort to reach more people more often, Council also expects to offer at least one City Council Town Hall meeting each year.

Based upon this direction, the City Council Meetings in the Neighborhoods 2013–2014 schedule is listed below:

2013

Spring 2013: no meeting—program evaluation
June 8, 2013: Town Hall Meeting—How to plan for Kirkland's business districts
October 16, 2013: Everest Neighborhood
November 20, 2013: Highlands/Norkirk Neighborhoods

2014

Spring 2014: Market
Spring 2014: South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails
Spring 2014: Possible Town Hall meeting
Fall 2014: Totem Lake/Evergreen Hill
Fall 2014: Central Houghton

The Council is scheduled to meet with Everest neighborhood residents on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 6:45–8:45 p.m. at the Houghton Fire Station 6602 108th Avenue Northeast. A memo will be sent to Council regarding the details of the November 20 Highlands/Norkirk meeting on November 5.

Unless otherwise instructed by Council, staff will continue the same meeting format:

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

6:45-7:00 p.m. Informal Casual Conversations
7:00-7:05 p.m. Welcome and Introduction - Mayor Joan McBride
7:05-7:10 p.m. Comments from the Everest Neighborhood Chair - Anna Rising
7:10-7:30 p.m. Introductions from City Council Members
7:30-8:45 p.m. General Discussion and Questions from Audience
8:45 p.m. Social Time

The following topics were submitted by Anna Rising, the Everest Neighborhood Chair, from the Everest Neighborhood Board for discussion at the meeting. These will be added to the list of questions submitted online by residents and answers will be distributed at the meeting and posted online.

- *“ There is a perception that the neighborhoods and residents are ignored in regards to planning and zoning that may impact residents’ quality of life. This was recently felt in the Everest Neighborhood when the zoning change was proposed for the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center last fall. Everest residents responded with hundreds of emails to the Council and Planning Department expressing their frustrations regarding traffic congestion and safety. Several months later, when Google Phase II planning occurred (in which the building would be located in Moss Bay, but all the traffic would be routed through Everest), the City did not reach out to Everest to inform them of the potential impact. What are you doing to improve outreach and make sure you get comprehensive feedback from all impacted neighborhoods?*
- *The Growth Management Act requires us to increase density in Kirkland. A) With large residential areas taking up much of city, exactly where do you see density increasing (besides Totem Lake), and in what form? B) What specific density increases do you foresee for the Everest Neighborhood in the next 10 and 20 years? C) After last year’s discussion, what specific changes to the Houghton Everest Neighborhood Center does the Council envision?*
- *As you are aware, our Neighborhood Plan has not been updated in 25 years. Last fall, when it was proposed that the zoning for the Houghton-Everest Neighborhood Center be changed to 5 stories, it was mentioned by many people at the City that our Neighborhood Plan was very old and it was implied that it was not relevant because it was so old. We see our Neighborhood Plan as a way to express our goals for the neighborhood as well as protect us from zoning that is out of character, yet we do not have a commitment from the city that we can update our plan. What kind of commitment will you make to us regarding allowing us to update our neighborhood plan.”*

Attachment A outlines the remaining 2013 timeline for receiving the questions and answers in advance of the meetings and a map of the areas. If you have any suggestions or changes to this schedule, please contact Kari Page at (425) 587-3011.

City Council Meetings with the Neighborhoods

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City Council Meetings in the Neighborhoods 2013 Schedule	
	Spring 2013: no meeting – program evaluation
	Town Hall Meeting: City Council Chambers, City Hall June 9, 2013
	Everest Neighborhood: Houghton Fire Station, 6602 108 th Avenue Northeast October 16, 2013
	Norkirk and Highlands Neighborhoods: Maintenance Center, 915 8 th Street November 20, 2013

Milestone	
	Residents receive mailing and submit questions
	Regular Council meeting to finalize agenda
	Directors answer questions from residents
	City Council receives questions and answers
	City Council meeting with the Neighborhood

