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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager
From: Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Date: February 21, 2008
Subject: City Council Meeting with Everest Neighborhood

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council assign topic areas for the upcoming neighborhood council meeting with the Everest Neighborhood Association and provide direction on a possible agenda change.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the City Council's continuing effort to remain in touch with the interests and needs of the community, the Council will meet with the Everest Neighborhood on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Houghton Fire Station (6602 108th Avenue N.E.). Staff will continue to structure the format of the meeting and invitations the same as the past, unless instructed by Council to change.

Potential topic areas suggested by Carol Parker, the Everest Neighborhood Chair include:

1. Tree Ordinance: How does the ordinance address trees located in the right of way? What is the city doing to cooperate with residents in enforcing the tree ordinance? Can the City's enforcement be more cooperative and solutions be negotiated? The tree ordinance is unattainable.
2. Burlington Northern Railroad update: What is the status and plans for this right of way? When is the City going to do something about the Burlington Northern overpass on Kirkland Way?
3. Traffic Improvements on 6th Street South: What will the right of way and intersection improvements look like on 6th Street South after the current development is done? What other improvements will be made to lesson the impact of traffic on 6th Street South. after this large development goes in?
4. Crime prevention: Everest Neighborhood has one of the only active Block Watch Programs in the City. What are the crime statistics for Everest compared with the rest of the city? What crime trends do you see happening in Kirkland and how can Everest continue to combat crime in our neighborhood?
5. Everest Park: What is the plan for the land purchased by the city on 10th Street South? Is there a master plan for all the land east of Everest Park now that the city owns it?

At the last few meetings, Council entertained three questions after each Council presentation/topic to break up the “lecture style” format and involve the audience more. Time was reserved at the end for the informal questions and answers. The proposed agenda follows this same format.

- 7:00-7:05 p.m. I. Greeting and Introduction - Mayor James Lauinger
- 7:05-7:10 p.m. II. Comments from the Neighborhood Association Chair
- 7:10-8:15 p.m. III. Comments, Questions and Discussion – Neighborhood and City Council
 - A. Budget Update – Mayor James Lauinger
 - B. Key Issues Update – City Councilmembers
 - C. General Discussion and Questions from Audience
- 8:15-8:45 p.m.
- 8:45 p.m. IV. Adjourn

The following outlines the planned process and timeline for this meeting:

- February 26 Neighborhood receives Council’s invitation (with request cards) in the mail
- March 4 City Council members decide topic areas (at Council Meeting)
- March 1-10 Neighborhood sends questions/requests to Neighborhood Services Coordinator
- March 11 City Council and Departments receive categorized list of questions/requests
- March 11-20 Departments respond to questions/requests (received by March 20)
- March 21 City Council receives list of Departmental answers (to questions/requests)
- March 25 Neighborhood Council Meeting
- March 31 City posts all questions and answers on the web

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Council Meeting (assign topic areas)
Residents receive mailing and send in cards
Directors/Council receive list of questions
Council Receives questions and answers
Meeting Date