

Seattle Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee

November 4, 2009

The Honorable Sally Clark
Chair
Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee
Seattle City Council
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Re: Recommendations regarding Neighborhood Planning in 2010

Dear Councilmember Clark:

At its October 20 and 27, 2009 meetings, the Seattle Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee (NPAC) approved several specific items of advice in response to your request for input on the Council discussion document you provided dated October 14, 2009 and entitled *Issues/Options for Neighborhood Planning 2010 Budget*. On behalf of NPAC, we are pleased to provide the advice below:

1. In response to the City Council's question about the appropriate role and scope for NPAC moving forward, NPAC members moved and seconded that the Council provide facilitation and staffing resources for NPAC for up to the first six-months of 2010, to allow NPAC to wrap up any remaining work set out in Resolution 31085. The motion passed with 10 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
2. In response to the City Council's question about whether NPAC agrees with the Executive's proposed approach for 2010 updates (as described on Page 2 of the Council's October 14, 2009 *Issues/Options for Neighborhood Planning 2010 Budget* document), NPAC decided by consensus that it does not agree with that proposed approach.
3. NPAC decided by consensus that it supports Option B, "Modify Executive's 2010 approach," (as described on Page 2 of the Council's October 14, 2009 *Issues/Options for Neighborhood Planning 2010 Budget* document), but with the following recommendations:
 - That the two neighborhood plan updates be selected based on NPAC criteria.
 - That additional funding be provided to the Department of Neighborhoods for adequate outreach.
 - That 2010 neighborhoods are allowed to use an outside city-approved consultant to draft their plan updates.

NPAC requests that the City Council provide the amount of funding necessary to allow NPAC to continue to meet with facilitation and staff support for up to six months in 2010. NPAC has been working with a schedule developed with DPD and DON that shows meetings and actions through at least March 2010.

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Thank you in advance for considering this advice. Do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide further information. We look forward to hearing how this advice was taken into account.

Sincerely,

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