

**34th District Democrats
Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2007**

Chairman Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.
The flag salute was lead by County Councilman Dow Constantine.

The Adoption of Agenda, the Minutes of the January meeting, and the Treasurer's Report were approved unanimously.

The chairman introduced the 34th District officers who were elected at the January meeting.

Chairman's Report

Senator Erik Poulsen has filed three bills which would effectively bring the Glacier strip mining on Maury Island to a halt. Representatives Eileen Cody and Joe McDermott will be introducing House versions of the bills.

All are urged to attend the WSDCC PCO Training and Crab Feed in Olympia at St. Martin's University Pavilion on Monday, February 19th.

Toni Lysen also urged attendance at the King County Dems Legislative Action Day in Olympia – also on February 19th.

A listing of LAC prioritized bills and other local bills was made available.

Ivan appointed Linda Johnson as timekeeper. Jackie Dupras announced 88 credentialed voters.

Tim Nuse moved to table Seattle Advisory Measure 1 - Tunnel Hybrid Alternative. The motion was seconded and passed (54 approve/24 oppose).

It was moved to table Seattle Advisory Measure 2 – Elevated Structure Alternative. The motion was seconded and failed (37 approve/46 oppose).

Wendell Sprigg moved to endorse Measure 2. The motion was seconded. Phil Talmadge and Toni Lysen spoke to support. Dow Constantine and Chris Arkills spoke against. Motion failed (35 approve/53 oppose).

Robin Hess moved to urge city and state officials to consider other options for viaduct alternatives. Motion failed for lack of a second to the motion.

Dan Fievez moved the 34th District request the City Council and Mayor work together on other viaduct options. The motion was seconded. The chairman ruled the motion out of order and remanded it to New Business.

Kathy Minsch moved to endorse Washington Environmental Priorities: Clean Air-Clean Fuel, Wildlife Recreation Program, Save Our Sound, and Elimination

of Flame Retardants. The motion was seconded. Tom Nuse spoke to support. There was no opposition. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote.

Greg Doss introduced a resolution to endorse Common Sense Firearms Regulations. Seattle Police Officer Steve Paulson spoke to support. There was no opposition. The resolution was unanimously passed.

George Cheong, political consultant and PCO 34-1473, presented an analysis of the 2006 election emphasizing voting patterns in the 34th District. The results were discussed and will be posted on the 34th District website.

Fifteen Precinct Committee Officers were appointed: Dave Coffman - SEA 34-1488, Judith Aguilar - SEA 34-1470, Robin Hess - Vashon, Michael Ninburg - SEA 34-1469, Robert Murano - Cove, Jeff Upthegrove - BUR 34-0465, Chuck Finney - SEA 34-1460, Russell Brubaker - SEA 34-1487, Brian Bennett - BUR 34-0560, David Rosendale - SEA 34-1511, Tania Maria Rosario - SEA 34-1514, Chris Weiss - BUR 34-1032, Brian Duncan - SEA 34-1516, Al Rouyer - SEA 34-1468, Christine Raver - SEA 34-1259.

Old Business

Dan Fievez moved to investigate the firing of U.S. Attorney John McAKay. The motion was seconded. Ernestine Pearl-Rosendale spoke to support. The motion passed (39 approve/26 oppose).

Michael Taylor moved to endorse a NO vote on Advisory Measure 2 - Elevated Structure Alternative. The motion was seconded. Toni Lysen and Wendell Sprigg spoke to oppose. Allan Munro spoke to support. Motion failed for lack of a two-thirds majority.

Robin Hess made a motion to urge elected officials to consider other viaduct options. Motion was seconded. DaveCoffman and Tom Jurewicz spoke to oppose. Dan Fievez spoke to support. Motion passed (46 approve/ 16 oppose).

Andrew Lewis spoke to draft Al Runte for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A petition was circulated.

Dina Johnson spoke about the Clean Elections Rally in Olympia sponsored by Washington Public Campaigns.

Leslie Harris announced Pathfinder School's annual auction at South Seattle Community College on March 3rd.

Ann Martin gave phone number, 206-601-0641, for volunteers to canvas and telephone for promoting the tunnel option.

Michael Taylor announced Equality Lobby Day on February 26th and urged support of HB 1351 which would extend rights of spouses to domestic partners.

Tina Shamseldin, KCDCC, reminded us of the Highline School Levy on March 13th and of Legislative Action Day in Olympia February 19th.

Peggy Abby announced the West Seattle Democratic Women will be awarding scholarships to winners of essays written about the First Amendment. West Seattle and Sealth high school students may enter.

Paul Carr announced the showing of the film, "The Ground Truth", at 7PM this Sunday at Seattle Unity Church.

Nels Ekroth stated concerns that nobody is addressing the overpopulation issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Henderson