

34th District Democrats
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2009 – Puget Ridge Co-Housing

Attendees: Tim Nuse (Chair), Stu Yarfitz (Treasurer), Michael Taylor-Judd (Secretary), Marcee Stone (State Committeewoman), Brian Earl (By-Laws Chair), Walter Sive (Finance Chair), Richard Bartlett (Hospitality Chair), Les Treall (Outreach Chair), and Jackie Dupras (Newsletter Editor)

Guests: Justin Anderson, Tara Jo Heinecke, and Suzie Sheary (Chair, King Co. Democrats)

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tim, at 7:08pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Tim announced that Kim Becklund is hosting a fundraiser for Max Vekich, and that plans are underway to host a large fundraiser to benefit Vekich and Dow Constantine in partnership with labor groups.

Next, Tim welcomed two potential new Board members, who he hopes to have confirmed by the membership at our next meeting: Justin as Communications Chair and Tara Jo (a former Chair of the 33rd LD) as our new Diversity Chair.

Special Guest – Suzie Sheary on Democratic Party Leadership – Suzie passed out a packet ([originally prepared for the Washington State Democratic Chairs Organization](#)) (attached) and [Robert's Rules of Order, Motions Chart](#) before proceeding to review key leadership issues, commonly asked questions, and good sources for more information – including the websites of the [King County Democrats](#), [State Party organization](#), and the [Chairs Organization](#).

Review of Endorsement Procedures Survey – Walter reviewed the slide presentation, summary of significant results, and list of comments (attached) which he had prepared based on the results of an online survey sent in late August asking for members' opinions about the June Candidates Forum and July Endorsements Meeting.

Overall, 174 e-mail invitations were sent, 94 people visited the survey website, and 62 members completed the survey out of approximately 200 members who attended one or both of those meetings.

Discussion followed on the need to propose changes to the Endorsement Rules in response to the survey and while the meetings are fresh in everyone's minds. It was suggested that this task be referred to the By-Laws Committee and any members interested in participating.

Members List request – Tim announced that a request had been made for our list from member John Jovanovich. After some discussion about the nature of the request, **Richard moved to approve the request to provide John Jovanovich with the District's membership list. Stu seconded the motion, which received 6 Yes and 2 No votes for the required 2/3 to pass.**

October Meeting – Tim led a planning discussion for next month's membership meeting. Seattle School Board member Steve Sundquist would like to provide a status update on the school district and recent Board decisions. Other ideas included Get Out The Vote activities, news from Senator Maria Cantwell's office on the

status of health care reform bills, a Mayoral Debate on transportation issues that affect the 34th, and time for Dow Constantine to address the membership. Should other endorsed candidates be invited to speak? Should we reach out to School Board members in Highline and Vashon?

Tim eventually ended the discussion by proposing the following program, which was agreed to by a vote of 7-1:

Dow Constantine for King County Executive
Max Vekich for Seattle Port Commissioner
GOTV activities/training
Seattle School Board member Steve Sundquist
Old & New Business

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Taylor-Judd, Secretary