



BALLARD DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Meeting Agenda
November 8, 7:00pm
Merrill Gardens, 2418 NW 56th St**

The focus this month is on how District Councils can, in the future, best serve their roles as conduits between their local residents and businesses and the City of Seattle agencies. A new administration is taking office with stated enthusiasm for a return to improved bottom-up community input as opposed to the trend over the years toward top-down decisions made for neighborhoods. We feel this is an opportunity to look at what has worked and not worked both in the past and over this last year when the City no longer supported the traditional District Council system. We have invited several guests with expertise in community development and much of the evening will be devoted to a round table discussion among these guests, other District Council representatives, and our member organizations. Our goal is to generate consensus recommendations that we can present and discuss in our December 13 meeting where we have invited participation by representatives of the City Council and the Mayor's Office.

7:00 Introductions and brief announcements

7:15 Annual election of BDC executive committee and officers

7:30 Round table discussion on District Council future opportunities. Invited guests:

- Jim Diers – liaison to Seattle communities for the UW, community development consultant and instrumental in initiating the original District Council system
- Department of Neighborhoods (representative to be defined)
- Representatives from other District Councils

8:15 Summary and member organization consensus on what we should present to the City Administration guests in December.

8:30 Adjourn

Ballard District Council has been an active coalition of Ballard and Crown Hill organizations for over a quarter century.. Originally established under auspices of the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods we are now independent of the City. We continue our mission as a forum for community engagement, discussions and information sharing. Previously stated positions should be presumed to continue as we increase lobbying efforts on behalf of our neighborhood interests.