

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair, Gary Schumacher.

Introductions were made of all present.

The minutes were read and approved as written.

The Treasurer's report shows that the council has \$806.38 in our checking account with no expenditures.

Stormwater

Our guest speaker, Meredith Noble from Wastewater Management , showed us some photos of the alga bloom in Liberty Lake in 1976.

The Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972 and amended in 1977 to regulate pollutants going in to the lake. Non-point pollutants come from an entire watershed and that accounts for 60% of water pollution. Stormwater pollution comes from rain or snow runoff . The runoff picks up ground pollution, such as pet waste, and it gets into our water.

There are catch basins to catch debris as they go into the city sewer system.

Grassy swales are good to catch water and deposit into the dry well to seep out.

She introduced us to the Spokane Urban Runoff Greenway Ecosystem. This is proposed to be located between the curb and sidewalk and will capture, treat and infiltrate stormwater runoff.

On Broadway, from Elm to Oak, there is an urban green space. This improves air quality and moderates summer temperatures.

One way to improve on stormwater quality is through education. Some things we can do to help are:

- Wash or cars, bikes, etc on our lawn
- Let no waste water run in to the street
- Use less fertilizers
- Check for leaks under our cars
- Don't dump waste down storm drains

Community Assembly Report

Marilyn Lloyd, our CA Representative, handed out some literature on her latest meeting.

Some of the items covered were:

- The Community Assembly Retreat will be September 24, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the East Central Community Center at 500 S. Stone. All neighbors are invited to attend.
- The City Hearing Examiner will be the guest at he Meet and Eat on September 27th, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Northern Lights Brewery at 1003 E Trent. These events give you the opportunity to discuss issues with city representatives.

- Urban Forestry can be supported by going to <http://spokaneurbanforestry.org/index.php./Parks/page/772> You can add any amount of money you want to your City Utility Bill to aid in planting and maintenance of public trees.
- Reforest Spokane is hosting an event to plant 10,000 Ponderosa Pines. More than 500 volunteers are needed, so join the Land Council and volunteer. Go to: <http://www.landscountil.org/>
- There will be a special meeting of the Park Board on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level in the City Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend to review and discuss the Amended Proposal to the 2012 Park and Recreation Budget. Citizens will be asked to provide testimony on their thoughts.
- Neighbors are encouraged to participate in a snow survey developed by the Community Assembly. You can go to: <http://emersongarfield.org/>

Old/New Business

Dump passes will be handed out tonight to residents who need them. They are valid from September 24th to October 9th. We will have more coming in October, according to our Chair, Gary Schumacher.

Our next meeting will be November 15th, same place and time.

Regards,
Colleen Dennis
Secretary/Treasurer