Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

Agenda/Minutes – November 19, 2014

Call to order/Introductions	Marilyn Lloyd, Co-chair
Lincoln Heights District Center Planning	Jan Quintrall, Director of Business and Development
Community Assembly	Jackie Caro, Office of Neighborhood Services
Community Development Block Grant	Sally Phillips, Council Officer
(approval/prioritizing of 3 projects – stove and ovens for Southside Center; Altamont safety realignment; youth micro loans/grants)	

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Marilyn Lloyd presided.

September meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Jan Quintrall from the City spoke. She noted that road construction this year resulted in too many roads being taken out of service at the same time. In 2015, Lincoln and Monroe roads will be reconstructed from downtown up the South Hill, to connect with pavement installed this year. Drawings of the work to be done can be viewed on the third floor of city hall. In 2015, design will be completed for repaving of Ray, but the work will NOT be done until 2016. Also next year: a sewer overflow tank is planned for the south end of Hatch; Hartson street to be rebuilt.

Jan pledged consultant funds for design of the redevelopment of Lincoln Heights Business District in 2015. The goal is to complete the plan by the end of 2015. The City, a consultant, and developers will be involved in the planning process. When asked how the LH neighborhood might be involved, she suggested that we volunteer to assist in crafting the Request for Proposal for the plan. City staff later sent us an example of a neighborhood business plan developed for Seattle's Northgate area. The LH plan *may* have similar elements. Example is at:

http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/cityplanning/completeprojectslist/northgate/documents/default.htm Asked about 'form-based' design, Ms. Quintrall indicated the City is piloting that design in the Logan neighborhood. An explanation of form-based design can be found at:

https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/projects/logan/logan-form-based-code-poster.pdf. City staff now have a team educated on form-based design. Jan suggested that we ask them to come to an upcoming council meeting to discuss this approach to design.

Jackie Caro gave us a Community Assembly report.

- Traffic calming funds were approved for installation of sidewalk on the south side of 27th from Ray to Fiske, as well as on both sides of Fiske from 28th to 27th. Sally asked about the possibility of adding bumpouts at the Fiske intersection to make it safer for people crossing to the park. Jackie will discuss with Sally.
- Traffic calming funds were approved for installation of crosswalks on SE Blvd in two intersections 27th and Rockwood.

- Shaping Spokane surveys are available in paper and online. The survey is intended to provide data for neighborhood profiles, using personal comments about what people like about their neighborhood.
 <u>ShapingSpokane.org</u> has the surveys, also a map showing comments already provided by residents.
 Survey deadline has been extended to 12/31/14.
- Proposed rule changes regarding short-term rentals were discussed. CA is asking for neighbors' preferences.

More details are available at:

https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/getinvolved/agendas/2014/november-2014-ca-packet-11-17-2014.pdf

Community Development Block Grant

Lincoln Heights was allotted \$29,000 in CDBG funds. Two other Councils, Southgate and Rockwood, donated their funds to Lincoln Heights projects, for a total of \$48,000 to allocate. A subgroup of eight LH residents worked on proposals.

The Council heard about three proposed projects. After discussion, voting members of the Council were asked if they approved the projects, which they wanted to prioritize, and (optionally) how much funding should go to each project.

- Stove/ovens for Southside Senior and Activity Center. Bonnie McDade presented information. Project cost: \$12,000
- Micro loan/grant project for youth businesses, partnering with SNAP as technical advisor. Tim Behrens presented. Project cost: \$24,000
- Altamont St/9th St safety realignment. Shirlee Roberts-Downey presented. Project cost: \$131,000, but with an opportunity to break the project down into smaller segments. Jackie Caro suggested that a commitment CDBG funds could be followed by an application next year for traffic calming money for the project. CHED employee George Dahl indicated this strategy would be acceptable to CHED.

Of the eleven Council members eligible to vote, Nine were present at this meeting and cast ballots. All projects were approved. Priority was given first to the stove/ovens project, then to the micro loan/grant project, with the remainder of the funds going toward the Altamont realignment.

The Council Board is most grateful to the subgroup members who suggested these projects and spent many hours working with project partners to craft the applications.

- Nov 24th Deadline for Community Development Block Grant application(s)
- Submitted by Sally Phillips, Secretary