

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### Minutes – September 15, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Rae-Lynn Barden.

Attendance sign-up was passed around.

Approval of the minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

#### Spokane Police Department

Spokane Police Officer Tim Ottmar, South Hill Neighborhood Conditions Officer, was present to answer questions. He told us that someone from the South Precinct will attend our meetings, at our request.

- In response to a questioner who had heard of some **vehicle break-ins** in the neighborhood, Officer Ottmar noted that the South Hill has had an increase in crime reports. In response to this South Hill has been designated for Hot Spot patrols – specifically, South 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue to South 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Perry to Southeast Blvd. When an officer is not actively involved with a case, s/he will patrol this neighborhood. Officer Ottmar said that the South Hill usually doesn't have a lot of crime, so that when more crimes are reported the Police Department notices this and acts on it – it's good for us to report the crimes we observe so they can act on it. Some people are leaving garages and vehicles unlocked and this has resulted in an increase in vehicle prowls. He noted that it's especially important for us to NOT leave anything visible on the seats of our cars, even when they're locked, since this attracts break-ins.
- When asked what to do about **squatters** building up transient structures on property, and erecting homeless camps, Officer Ottmar suggested that we contact Spokane Code Enforcement (509/625-6083), and they'll come out to educate the builders, and help them find living resources. People are able to camp in Thornton Murphy Park from 6am to 11pm, but if we notice people staying overnight, we can contact Crime Check (509/456-2233) or Officer Ottmar (509/625-3328).
- Another attendee had questions about children shooting BB-guns, and Officer Ottmar said he would check into it for him.

#### Speakers on Upcoming Ballet Items

- Proposition 1: Michael Cathcart spoke against **Proposition 1** ([https://greaterspokane.org/core/files/greaterspokane/uploads/files/Public%20Policy/Protect%20Jobs\\_Toolkit\\_.pdf](https://greaterspokane.org/core/files/greaterspokane/uploads/files/Public%20Policy/Protect%20Jobs_Toolkit_.pdf)) Information supporting Proposition 1 can be found at: <http://envisionspokane.org/worker-bill-of-rights>
- Lori Kinear and Laverne Biel spoke supporting their candidacies for **Spokane City Council District 2 Representative**.

#### Standing Updates

President Rae-Lynn Barden noted that neighborhood updates will be included in an expanded newsletter, online.

## **CDBG Grants**

Approval was sought for use of Community Development Building Grants to complete Phase 1 of the Altamont project that was begun with last year's grant. This would involve all of the Lincoln Heights 2015 CDBG grant, plus \$1600 donated by the Southgate Neighborhood for this purpose.

Tim Behren spoken in favor of using some of this year's grant to fund the next phase of necessary remodeling of the South Senior Center building (lobby and lounge), probably use about \$10,000 from the grant, and would be matched by the Senior Center. Jackie Caro noted that this would be a new project, and the deadline for new projects was last month.

A vote of those in attendance, concerning whether to put full grant funding into the Altamont project, or fund the Senior Center remodel, or split the money with some for both, resulted in approval of full funding for the Altamont project. Rae-Lynn Barden, Jackie Caro and Tim Behrens will meet to explore other possible sources for funding the South Senior Center remodel.

## **Greening Grants**

- All are invited, on October 3 at 9:30am, to 32<sup>nd</sup> and Cuba, to begin the Froggy Pond tree planting.
- On October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, all are encouraged to attend the planting on the meridian beginning at 35<sup>th</sup> and Myrtle. Trees, bulbs and plants will be planted, and 11 neighbors have volunteered to be responsible for watering for the next 3-5 years, until the plantings are established. Still looking for donations of bulbs and plants. Talk to Sally Phillips: [phillips1948@comcast.net](mailto:phillips1948@comcast.net)

## **Lincoln Heights District Center Planning and Development**

Tirrell Black, City Planner, reminded us of the Open House on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm, at the Southside Christian Church ( 2937 E 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on the 27<sup>th</sup> Ave side of the Lincoln Heights shopping center, by Trader Joes), inviting all of us to bring ideas.

- The ULI written report on Lincoln Heights has been completed and can be found on the webpage <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/lincoln-heights-district-center/> . *At the bottom of this page are links to all other reports of interest.*
- The ULI Technical Assistance Program Panel utilized a fast paced workshop format that culminated in an oral report summarizing their findings. This "Report Back" for Lincoln Heights was held June 18th. If you'd like to review again, or were unable to attend, here is a link to the recorded presentation: <https://vimeo.com/131239468>.
- For more information you can contact Tirrell Black: [tblack@spokanecity.org](mailto:tblack@spokanecity.org) or 509/625-6013.

Rae-Lynn Barden reported that the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council is investigating the formation of a Lincoln Heights Business Association. Contact Rae-Lynn for information, and if tell her if you would like your business to participate in this project

## Other

- We are offering a **special Fall curbside pickup on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Due to the limited funds allocated for clean-up in the neighborhood please follow these rules:
  - Limit of 3 items per household. Household items must be in standard 32 gallon cans, city provided garbage carts of any size, boxes, bags, or bundles. Any receptacle other than 32 gallon cans city provided garbage carts may be considered trash, and requests for replacement will not be recognized.
  - Items **MUST** be at the curb by 7:00am.
  - No large appliances or oversized items. Small appliances, including TV's and microwaves are OK, as are mattresses and box springs.
  - No items over 85lbs.
  - No big blue cart (recyclable) materials, including batteries.
- Tim Behrens announced that the South Side Senior Center is planning for a first ever annual Arts & Crafts Fair, in the summer of 2016, utilizing their space and Thornton Murphy Park. This could involve partnership with the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association, for them to receive their 1/year free park use permit. More information to follow.

Dump passes were distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Submitted by Kandy Brandt, Secretary