

# LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – January 26, 2016

- Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Rae-Lynn Barden.
- Attendees were directed to sign Attendance Sheet at door before leaving.
- Minutes were approved for July 21, 2015 and September 15 2015 meetings.
- It was noted that this is the first meeting since then, since our November 17, 2015 meeting had to be cancelled due to severe wind storms.

## Neighborhood Community Assembly

Sally Phillips, our representative, gave an update from their December 15, 2015 meeting. See their website for more information about the December 15, 2015 and other meetings:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/community-assembly/>

## Community Development Block Grants

Rae-Lynn Barden reported that she, Kandy Brandt, and Tim Behrens met with Jonathan Mallahan and the Office of Neighborhood Services, regarding our CDBG grants.

- Young Entrepreneur Power, our microloan program for youth, website will be up February 1<sup>st</sup>. Lincoln Heights, Rockwood and Southgate neighborhoods are working in cooperation with SNAP and the Spokane Federal Credit Union to provide start-up and expansion loans to young entrepreneurs. See Tim Behrens for more information.
- The South Side Senior Center has declined their CDBG loan, that was to have been used to replace ovens in the Center. This money will be returned to the CDBG “pot” for use by other successful grantees.
- The entire Altamont Traffic Calming has been funded, with monies in addition to our CDBG grant coming from Spokane Traffic Calming – this is at E 2200 block of Altamont Blvd, corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, and one block east along North Altamont Blvd – curb adjustments and Streetscape improvements. See Shirlee Roberts-Downey for more information (994-1281). See original grant request at:  
<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/programs/cdbg/2016/capital-projects/cdbg-capital-projects-altamont-blvd-street-improvements.pdf>

## South Hill Coalition

Sally Phillips and Rae-Lynn Barden reported on the active South Hill Coalition -- made up of three main partners: The City of Spokane (represented by Jo Anne Wright), MIG (our consultant planners) and the five member neighborhoods (Cliff Cannon, Comstock, Lincoln Heights, Manito/Cannon Hill & Rockwood). The five neighborhoods each have representatives who sit on the Steering Committee. They're dedicated to combining funds, enforcing neighborhood plans and helping neighbors on Spokane's South Hill. They also keep the City aware of neighborhood plans, and opportunities that could improve other building projects within neighborhood plans.

The South Hill Coalition is the biggest voting group in the City, so they find it beneficial to work together. We were reminded that the SHC is not an ombudsman for neighborhood complaints. It has no funding of its own, but is a way to cooperatively apply funding from other sources.

They are recruiting representatives for each neighborhood, and Lincoln Heights is seeking excited, committed neighborhood people who would like to participate. It meets once a month. See their website: <http://www.southhillcoalition.org/>

### **South Hill Library**

Ellen Peters, Manager of the City's South Hill Library, on Perry, provided us with valuable information about the range of services available at our neighborhood library. For full information check the Spokane Public Library website: <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/> . In addition, she reminded us that we are able to call the Library to arrange for a Business Librarian to support you with your business. South Hill Library hours are: Mon/Tues 10am-8pm, Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat 10am-6pm. You can visit the library at: 3324 South Perry, and also can reach Ms Peters at: 509/444-5386, and [epeters@spokanelibrary.org](mailto:epeters@spokanelibrary.org) .

### **Lincoln Heights Planning**

Tirrell Black, City of Spokane Planner, introduced Lisa Keeth, the new Spokane Director of Planning.

Bill Grimes, from Studio Cascade, shared some of what was learned from our neighbors at the last open house:

1. "Baby Steps" are a place to begin: what we can do now, easily and quickly.
2. People coming to the neighborhood is a priority. This could include projects that address: structured parking, mixed use, street scale.
3. People moving through the neighborhood raise other priorities: need for increased mobility and movement, particularly at 29<sup>th</sup> and Regal, 29<sup>th</sup> and Southeast Blvd.

Now, based on all that they've heard, Studio Cascade is formulating goals, that will address: the character of the community and how to enhance it, development, all modes of transportation, and function of neighborhood areas. The draft is due out in March.

Go to this website to keep up to date on developments, and add yourself to an email list: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/lincoln-heights-district-center/>

### **New Business**

Someone had a question about a possible citywide wi-fi network. Rae-Lynn will check.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm

Submitted by Kandy Brandt, Secretary