

LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – March 15, 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 January 26, 2016 meeting

Community Assembly Update

Maureen Leonard

CDBG Fund Update

Rae-Lynn Barden reminded us that we will be applying for the new funds in September, so now is the time to be thinking of how we might want to use these funds, and we'll discuss at our May meeting. Sally Phillips suggested that we go online to apply for one of the free trees, in case there are any left.

Bylaws Update

Ray-Lynn Barden told us that our Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association Bylaws haven't been updated in 15 years, and thinks now is the time to remove outdated, irrelevant things. A change that she will ask us to consider is to change the Board terms from one to two years. The Board is looking at possible updates and will bring suggestions when ready. She reminded us that our next Board elections will be at our May 2016 meeting. Be thinking about who would be interested in running.

Councilwoman Lori Kinnear

Concerning a hearing on the annexation of land at 53rd and Regal, the Council has asked the neighborhood and the builder to take 4 weeks to come up with a compromise. The Council is working on a Human Trafficking Ordinance. The South Hill Coalition has received a \$25,000 grant to improve walking and bike safety on the South Hill, including a modified Tiger Trail. Ms Kinnear says we have a "robust" construction season coming up – the busiest Spokane has ever been with road construction. She asked us to tell her if something seems "wrong" with what is being done, and she will look into it. She reminded us of the Pothole Hotline: a report filed on that site should be filled within 24 hours.

Library Future Study

Andrew Chanse, Director of the Spokane Public Library, mentioned that the 2013 library mission statement could have been summarized as: we have the stuff, now come and get it. Now, he says, it's about education, and it's more dynamic than a person coming in and checking something out. He said that the Future Study Report begun in 2015 addresses staffing, technology, infrastructure, and facilities, and we can examine this on their website: <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/future-study/> . He says it's an evolving plan, and all are invited to the open houses they will be holding.

Franklin Elementary School Remodel

Greg Forsyth, Director of Capital Projects and Planning for Spokane Public Schools, shared information about the upcoming Franklin remodel. On April 13th there will be an open house that will answer even more questions. On June 17th construction is to start, and proceed for about 14 months. "Camp Franklin," where students will be attending during this process, will be the old Jefferson school. Submit your Franklin remodel questions on the Franklin Elementary School website: <http://www.spokaneschools.org/Domain/2166>

Fire Department Bond Presentation

Bobby Williams, Fire Department Chief, gave us the information we need about the April 26th ballot renewal of the Emergency Medical Services Levy. They are asking for the same amount as the 1992 levy -- \$.50/\$1,000 assessed valuation. Since the last levy the number of fire and miscellaneous incidents have stabilized, and medical incidents have increased, probably due to the rising age of our population. He urges us to please vote, and to support the levy renewal.

South Senior and Community Center Request

Jeff Olson of the Community Center Board announced that they plan to produce an "Artisan Fair," on this site, on August 12th and 13th, 2016. They've applied for a grant for the event. Each Neighborhood Council gets one free use of a park each year, and Mr. Olson asks that we offer our 2016 park use to them, for this event, and use of Thornton Murphy Park. They would like our decision before they submit their final grant request to the Parks Department. Questions were raised about the size of the grant requested, how much of the grant would go toward promotion, what part the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council would play in the event. Kandy Brandt asked all those attending to let her know at the end of the meeting if they would be interested in serving on a committee to discuss these issues for the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council. Tim Behrens asked to be involved.

YEP Spokane – Current CDBG Grant Recipient

Tim Behrens, updated us on the microloan program for young people: YEP Spokane. Information cards were passed out, and Tim directed us to the website: <http://www.yepspokane.com/>. YEP Spokane is also located on Facebook and Twitter. Team members for this grant, which must be expended before the end of 2016, include: Tim Behrens, Kandy Brandt (for the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Board), Ed Bedell (Spokane Federal Credit Union), and Camryn Flynn (SNAP, grant administrator). Cards are being dispersed and a multitude of presentations are being scheduled.

Dump Passes were handed out.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm

Submitted by Kandy Brandt, Secretary