

# LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – May 17, 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 as corrected for the March 15, 2016 meeting

## News from our City Council

From Lori Kinnear, our councilwoman: among the subjects under discussion in the City Council:

- 2017 City budget priorities have been approved by the Council, sent to the Mayor, and will then be returned to the Council for action. Public safety is a high priority.
- “Parklet” pilot project has started – is any small garden (like parking spot size), modular, and can be put up, or taken down in an hour. This project is on trial for 1 more year.
- Property crimes resolution has passed which will result in more officers addressing human trafficking – “human safety.”
- Proposed a redesign of Main Street, between Division and Browne, to create more for pedestrians and bikers.
- Applications process for Police Chief will continue through 5/18. There are 22 applicants, and only 1 internal applicant.

From Breann Beggs:

- Criminal justice reform is a high City priority. We’re working to stop re-offenders, also saves money. More use of electric home monitoring.
- We have an interim Police Ombudsman, and are advertising to hire a permanent Ombudsman. They’re looking at the City Charter to clarify this.
- Sidewalks: City has no dedicated funding source for sidewalk repair, and cost is currently the responsibility of the homeowner. Working to put something on the ballot next year to decide if this should have dedicated City funding. If no City-wide solution is found, they’re looking at “districts.”

From Candace Mumm, a north side councilwoman, who introduces herself:

- Is working on fresh marking of crosswalks, so they can be seen.
- Also working on signage and direct safe paths and sidewalks to schools.
- On the Park Board, they are being influenced to spend more of available park funding in the neighborhood parks throughout the City.

## COPS – Cindy Shackelford

Discussed identity theft and fraud, and several local scams to be aware of. We’re urged to use community shredding programs. Suggests we get our free annual credit reports from each of the three credit companies ( <http://www.annualcreditreport.com> )– stagger the requests between them, to get one every 4 months. Call an advocate for assistance, if needed: 509/625-3328. Spokane Crime Victim Service Center 24-Hour Help Line is: 1-866-751-7119. Cindy Shackelford, Crime Victim Advocate for Spokane, can be contacted at: 509/625-3328.

## Annual Election of Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association Board

Current officers who agreed to run again:

*Chair: Rae-Lynn Barden*

*Vice Chair: Marilyn Lloyd*

*Secretary: Kandy Brandt*

*Clean-Up Coordinator: Sally Phillips*

Shirley Roberts-Downey moved to elect, and Tim Behrens seconded. Elected unanimously.

We're still looking for a Community Assembly Representative, and an Alternate. Community Assembly meets every first Thursday night at 5:30pm. Anyone who has an interest in one of these positions, please contact our Chair, Rae-Lynn. We will discuss more at our next meeting.

## Bylaws

Marilyn Lloyd has gone through our Bylaws, since the Board thinks it's a good idea to update them – they're over 15 years old and out of date. She handed out copies of a draft she's working on. She has removed all mention of a Steering Committee, and will continue to clear them up. A recommended version will be voted on at our September meeting – watch our website for updated Bylaws to consider.

## Community Assembly

Each neighborhood will be receiving \$500 to support neighborhood needs; the purpose of the fund is to help build neighborhood council membership and involve people in the Council. We discussed possible ways to apply this money.

It was suggested that \$120 be spent on signs to advertise Neighborhood Association meetings, and Rae-Lynn will do some research to find out what format is legally approved for posting in the neighborhood. Melissa Wittstruck said she'd help us with this.

Tim suggested investigating a variety of publishers, for any brochure, including Ed Clark, or larger companies, for a good deal. We were informed that the publishing for these requests will be by the City.

Shirley Roberts-Downey moved, and Tim Behrens seconded, that we submit a request for \$200 to purchase promotional materials for the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association. Passed.

Tim suggested that we approach the Spokesman Review about getting an announcement of our Neighborhood Association meetings – says they have the ability to direct these announcements to specific neighborhoods.

## Office of Neighborhood Services/Planning – Melissa Wittstruck

She said she will be attending our meetings once each quarter.

- The big topic now is “Infill Housing” (renting of space inside people’s homes), and she’s looking for Lincoln Heights Neighborhood’s input – she’d like our representative named by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- There will be one-on-one training for CDBG, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm, at the Shadle Library. Shirley Roberts Downey said she may attend.
- CDBG applications will be received in September this year, and due by December, and start in July 2017.
- Carol asked for help concerning the crosswalks on 29<sup>th</sup>, which are not being honored – the crosswalk stripes are faded. Melissa said she thought a hawklight is possible there, and will investigate. Candace Mumm suggests that we invite the City to come and assess our “pedestrian safety issue.”
- Be thinking of possible CDBG grant ideas to discuss at our July meeting, and approve at our September meeting.
- Shirley has been working on the 9<sup>th</sup> and Altamont Project, and asked Melissa to check on its scheduling.
- Business Center Planning continues, with an open house hopefully being scheduled for some time in June. We asked to receive more specifics on the date. Board also asked to see the proposal before the open house.

Dump passed were distributed.

Adjourned

Next Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association meeting is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm, at the Southside Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Brandt  
Secretary