

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

May 16, 2017

Welcome – Rae-Lynn Barden, President

Rae-Lynn welcomed all attending, mentioning that this would be her last night on the Board as President, and Kandy Brandt's last night as well, as Secretary. Elections will be held later in the meeting

Roll

We have a quorum with 11 of 18 qualified members in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the March 21st meeting were unanimously approved.

Community Assembly Update – Carol Tomsic

- If an unknown car has been parked on your street for more than 48 hours, call x311 and they'll come and get it. The owner of the car will have to pay to get their car back. Over 600 tows have been conducted in the City.
- The Mayor's Quality Housing Task Force is coming up with a new standard for housing.
- The assessment for sidewalks, under Breean Beggs bill, would be \$29/\$100,00 valuation.
- There will be a Ponderosa Pine tree height contest throughout the City, with the person nominating the tallest tree becoming the winner.
- Guy Clifford will be heading up the Fall Leaf Festival.

City Council Report – Breean Beggs

- The draft Sidewalk Improvement Levy has been submitted to the Community Assembly, online. Some residents are in favor and some not. Beggs wants to create choices for residents, and have them vote for what they want.
- Have a new Streets Director, and a new Streets Plan will be released soon. We have lost 18 plowing positions in recent years (replacements not replaced, etc.). The snow plow that moves snow away from driveways ("the boot") that was so popular, keeps breaking down. They're looking at other cities for a useful replacement.
- In the current budget session, we're limited to 1% increase in the property tax.
- Sheltering the homeless downtown is a crisis, with 300-350 having no place to sleep. Decriminalization of homelessness means we cannot arrest people for sleeping on public property, if there is no care/housing available – as there isn't now.

- Rae-Lynn will have a meeting with Breean Beggs on Monday to discuss parts of the Streets Plan that we want to begin to implement now.

Redevelopment Presentation, Todd Whipple for Thai Bamboo

Mr. Whipple, of Whipple Consulting presented information on zoning the prospective Thai Bamboo property as Office/Retail 35. He handed out numerous maps, showing the location of the proposed Thai Bamboo next to Thai Envy on 29th. Resident concerns were expressed about the size of the building (covering most of the land), what was seen as a lack of adequate parking (sharing the small back lot with Massage Envy seemed inadequate), and the probable lavish ornateness of the building (going by the exteriors of other Thai Bamboo buildings in Spokane). Mr. Whipple said the public hearings are still to come, and passed around a sign-up sheet for people who want to be notified when these hearings are scheduled.

By-Laws Revision Discussion

Noone had any suggestions for Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association By-Laws revisions.

CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) Submissions for Lincoln Heights

We have \$20,000 as our share to allocate. Understanding that we will be using our allocation in conjunction with other neighborhood allocations, and that some items we support may be fully funded before our funds are assigned, we decided to vote for our top three (3) priorities. After discussion about the individual requests and how we want our priorities to be applied, we voted unanimously in individual votes for our priorities:

1. Napa Street Gateway Project (\$70,000), submitted by City of Spokane-Planning.
2. St. Anne's Roof Replacement (\$58,775), submitted by Catholic Charities.
3. HVAC Improvements (\$41,816), submitted by Women and Children Free Restaurant.

Our understanding is that if our #1 priority doesn't use all of our funds, then our money will go to our #2 priority, and likewise to #3 priority if any money remains.

Neighborhood Council Grants

We allocated \$9000 to be spent on our successful "cleanup," \$200 for printing and community fliers, \$300 for dump passes -- we ask that any reallocation from other categories will go to dump passes.

Traffic Calming Requests

We believe our two requests have a chance:

- 35th and Fisk sidewalk

- SE Boulevard to Lincoln Park to 17th -Ben Burr

Board Election

- Rae-Lynn Barden (President) and Kandy Brandt (Secretary) will not be running for new terms. Sally Phillips and Marilyn Lloyd will remain on the Board.
- Nominations were made and unanimous votes resulted in Carol

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Brandt, Secretary
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council