

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
March 20, 2018, 6 – 7:30 PM
Southside Senior and Activity Center

Carol Tomsic, Council President, led the meeting.

Secretary Position vacancy mentioned

Approval of Minutes deferred

Neighborhood Updates:

Neighborhood Resource Officer - Bob Mosman mentioned that Lincoln Heights is a low-crime area. Crime rate slowed, as it usually does, in January and February. He advised people to leave nothing in their cars, so as not to incentivize break-ins.

The police department offers officer ride-alongs, which last about four hours. Participants have to be at least 18, not have a criminal record. They can only do this once a year. There is a liability waiver to sign. It takes 2-4 weeks to make arrangements. Find the application form at <https://my.spokanecity.org/police/citizen/ride-alongs/>

South Hill Library – Becky Mace spoke. She passed out Library Bingo forms, which people complete to be in the running for prizes. Contest runs through April 30th. A blues and jazz performance is being offered at the library on March 24, at 4:30 Pm.

Clean-up/Mobile Street Signs/Community Assembly Grant

Cleanup There will be a curbside pickup 5/10. A mailing will go out to all LH households. The terms are the same as last year - 3 items, none of them more than 85 lbs. Can include mattress & box springs as one item. We will also offer dump passes at Council meetings. If we have sufficient funds, there will be a large appliance curbside cleanup in the Fall.

Mobile Street Feedback Signs - The neighborhood is allowed 3 signs, to be placed for up to two weeks. People were asked to suggest locations for the mobile feedback signs. The apparatus can't be on the sidewalk. If on private land, the owner must agree. Suggested were:

- 37th in the vicinity of Hamblen Park (and school)
- 34th & Pittsburg
- SE Blvd extension, as it approaches 34th & Regal
- 36th & Crestline (2120 E 36th Ave – householder is willing to have it on her property)
- 21st & Ray, near CSO tank.

Community Assembly Grant – Each NC has an opportunity to get \$550 to promote engagement in their NC. Note: we must track changes in attendance at meetings, based on grant effort. The NC officers prepared suggestion sheets which were passed out to voting members of the NC. The NC

members voted to allow board members and any committee volunteers to decide among the favored suggestions, based on more research into cost and feasibility. That committee will then submit the application, which is due 5/7, before the next scheduled Lincoln Heights Council meeting. A couple additional suggestions were offered by attendees: advertise the meetings on the SS Center signboard; provide information through school handouts.

Development Discussion –

This was a listening session for people with questions/concerns about Greenstone's proposed Garden District development.

- Comp Plan was recently amended to include connecting Crestline to SE Blvd. What was the process?
- Don't want Crestline to get more, higher speed traffic. Concerns about safety of school children.
- Doubt that the Greenstone traffic study, wildlife study and wetland study are accurate. Traffic study says 500 new car trips per day, speaker guesses more like 1500.
- Concern about Hamblen School, already full, will be overcrowded.
- Don't like apartments.
- Don't like multi-family density, close to single family homes.
- Concern about dissolution of Sonneland property covenant.
- Barrier at 29th & Pittsburg objected to – creates traffic that circles the residential streets.
- Difficulty of making left turn from 31st onto SE Blvd
- Another close by development at 35th & SE will add even more traffic.
- Is city water tower being built for this development? No.
- Transients & crime found on existing open land.
- Could the property be purchased by Conservation Futures?
- 16 acres residential on the south end of property, 8-9 on north are commercial.
- Already too much high speed traffic in area – fatality at 37th & Crestline.
- When can citizens most-effectively comment?
- Why not reduce the planned density (currently @ 230 units)?
- Better to change development into a 55+ development.
- How much will already be decided, by the time a public meeting happens?
- Frustration over not getting precise answers from the City. Explanation is that the application has not been filed yet. City and developer are still working out what the project would look like.
- Councilman Beggs said he has been cautioned by City legal dept to be careful in how he comments on project, since the Council might be handling an appeal from the hearing examiner.

Adjourned 7:30 PM

- Submitted by Sally Phillips