

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council  
May 15, 2018  
6pm to 7:30pm  
Southside Senior and Community Center

Carol Tomsic, Council President, opened the meeting. A quorum was found to be present and attendees introduced themselves. Carol introduced Laine Pitcher and Makaya Judge. Both will be qualified to be nominated and voted as Co-Secretary position next month.

There were no changes to the January and March meetings minutes and they were approved as posted.

### **Neighborhood Updates**

**Neighborhood Resource Officer Update** – Bob Mosman: He updated the group on Lincoln Heights Neighborhood crime. The crime rate was fairly low for January and February. March to May had property crime rates notably down (these are usually 90-95% of all crimes). Bob conducted a quiz regarding auto and pedestrian encounters on the roadway. He pointed out that at midblock stopping for a pedestrian on the sidewalk results in accidents and the driver would receive the ticket. If the pedestrian has stepped into the street the automobile must stop. If he/she leaves directly from the sidewalk the pedestrian receives the ticket. At an intersection the pedestrian has the right of way. It was suggested by an attendee that this information should have broad advertising.

**STA Monroe to Regal High Performance Transit** - Ryan Broadwater: In 2014 a 10-year plan was adopted for the Monroe to Regal Corridor. This plan touches 12 of 29 Neighborhoods in Spokane. State and Federal grants fund a big portion of this project. The time line is Planning/Designing for 2018 and Construction in 2019, resulting in service in September of 2019. Station amenities were discussed with shelters being provided in 2018. A Park and Ride lot will be located on Moran Prairie.

Kathleen Weinand discussed other improvements in 2019. Revisions of the whole north south routes are being investigated. Many measurements of statistical information are being examined, looking for opportunities.

**Traffic Study** – Rick Dillanty: In Rick's absence Jenny Hayman presented an initial proposal of a traffic study for the entire length of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue not including landscape and pedestrian amenities. There is a \$40,000 proposal before the City Council for an official study.

**Parks and Recreation Update** – Carissa Ware: She announced that there is free swimming open to kids and adults this summer. Information is available at SpokaneParks.org or call City at 311. There will be open houses at all pools on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Participants will receive Splash Passes, which include a photo, and

general information, (this allows notification of changes or limiting numbers at a pool). The Parks Foundation is providing swim diapers for young children. There will be free swim clinics, which are condensed lessons in addition to the regular swimming programs.

She announced that there is a pilot program this summer – Mobile Rec providing positive activity for children with vehicle recreation equipment to help give back to the community. Partners include Police Athletic Program and District 81. Hours are 11am to 2:30 pm Monday through Thursday.

### **Standing Updates**

**Community Grants** – Marilyn Lloyd; It was announced that Lincoln Heights did receive one of 2 alternative grants submitted. The grant focuses on community communication regarding the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council with rack cards for schools, churches and businesses, an A frame sign to announce events and boosts for Facebook.

**City Council Updates:** Council members Breean Beggs and Lori Linnear, District 2 were present and discussed a number of issues with attendees.

- An Ordinance against camping on Parks and Public Right of Way has passed by the City Council 6 for and 1 against. Campers will be sent to shelters or Community Court. Homelessness will not be criminalized under this Ordinance.
- There may be a library bond on the ballot soon. Citizens need to let Andrew Chanse know what we as neighbors want in it. Presently the system can't expand services and the big question is where to go from here.
- The city is hiring 4 more traffic police officers.
- Questions were addressed regarding the Garden District – citizens are encouraged to ask the city to do a total comprehensive study. There is an attempt to make the South Hill more connected and money is available to do a study.
- Let all of the Council know about interest in connectivity – walking/biking/library. Breean discussed South Hill connectivity and the Crestline cut through. The original comprehensive changes occurred in the 1990s and it will require a change in the Municipal Code to remove the Crestline connection to Southeast Boulevard.
- The Fire Marshall has issued a ruling on the Elk Fest. Neighbors are against the Fest and the costs have become prohibitive to continue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.