

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council  
July 17, 2018, 6 – 7:30 PM  
Southside Community Center

Carol Tomsic, Council Chair, led the meeting.

Approval of Minutes deferred

**Neighborhood Updates:**

**Bob Mosman, Neighborhood Resource Officer** reviewed the crime stats for the first half of 2018 compared to 2017 for Spokane and Lincoln Heights. For all crime SPK is down 3% and LH is down 24% (this is a very large decrease). He also reminded everyone that historically 90% of all crime in Spokane is property crime and that we can help protect ourselves from becoming a victim by closing our garage doors, not leaving anything in our vehicles, and locking our doors.

Officer Mosman also mentioned a recently released body cam video from Las Vegas that demonstrates how quickly things can go badly and encouraged everyone to look it up on google and watch it.

Officer Mosman defined the difference between Trespassing versus burglary according to Washington State Law. Both have “entering and remaining unlawfully” but burglary also includes “with intent to perform a crime.”

Officer Mosman concluded by asking attendee’s what we think should be done with repeat criminals. Some of the suggestions included; rehab, keeping them in prison, and ankle bracelets/tracking devices (Mr. Mosman informed us this is only legal to use with minors in WA state).

**Lori Kinnear, City Council Member**, reviewed the amendment, she sponsored, to reverse the 2017 City’s Comprehensive Plan change that extended Crestline’s designation as an arterial to Southeast Blvd was approved at the July 9<sup>th</sup> city council meeting. Next steps include traffic study and community comments. A webpage has been set up with all the existing information for community review and for comments it is [CrestlineComments@spokanecity.org](mailto:CrestlineComments@spokanecity.org).

Ms. Kinnear also gave an update on the Touchmark request for the city to vacate its ROW on 32<sup>nd</sup> and Napa. Upon the city’s request for Touchmark will provide a walking trail including two benches. A proposal map was handed out. She inquired if anyone had any objections to the trail exiting on the west end at 33<sup>rd</sup>. No one voiced any objections to the proposal. This proposal will be on the docket for approval at the August City Council meeting.

**Brean Beegs, City Council Member**, discussed that the city is trying to address Spokane’s increases in homelessness. Approximately 1300 are chronically homeless in Spokane. Currently the City is funding 300 beds a night at the House of Charity. Due to concerns over homeless density around the House of Charity the City will be cutting this amount in half in the next 45-60 days and is looking for other places to provide beds for small groups throughout the city. The

City is also trying to promote the increase of the number of rentals and houses available – increase the supply to lower the cost. He mentioned the number one way to prevent crime was to provide housing.

**Ryan Brodwater the Project Manager of the Monroe-Regal High Performance Rout with STA** gave an update on routing and options. He notified the group that a mailer will be going out in August notifying everyone of a new online open house that will be going live. The website will include a survey that he encouraged everyone to take. The STA would like to provide service to the Lincoln Heights shopping center by directing the rout down 29<sup>th</sup> and have it turn south on Regal, but due to the tight intersection and the landowner's unwillingness to grant the city access to more land on that corner the rout for now will need to continue to go south on Southeast Blvd instead.

**Lisa Rosier, the new director of the South Hill Community Center**, informed the group that the center is no longer just a Senior Center but instead an all-inclusive nonprofit community center. Membership is only \$50, they have a full-service kitchen, a license for beer and wine, and can integrate events with the park. Some upcoming events include a re-habilitation veterinarian which will be at the center twice a week, shoe drive, garage sale and BBQ fundraiser, and bridal fair. All of these and more are in the center's monthly newsletter, which you can be added to the mailing list for, or on their website [www.southsidescc.org](http://www.southsidescc.org).

**Marcia Davis with the City of Spokane** gave a presentation on the new water reservoir/tank which will be constructed near 31<sup>st</sup> and Napa.

- The project has been in the plan for over six years.
- It will be similar to the two existing tanks located on 33<sup>rd</sup> and Lamont and on 37<sup>th</sup> and Altamont.
- They are adding the reservoir to meet department of Health and Standards storage capacity requirements.
- The two most important factors that contributed to the location selection were elevation and proximity to transmission lines.
- The City has already purchased the property from the Sonneland's.
- The reservoir will be between 85-90' wide and 90' tall.
- Residents voiced concern about the proposed location of the access road and said they would prefer it to come from the East side through the new proposed Greenstone PUD. There is also concern about preserving trees.
- The City will be creating a project page.
- Design will be completed in 2018-2019 and construction will be completed in 2019-2020. Estimated 10-month construction duration which will need to be spread over two construction seasons.

### **Standing Updates:**

**Sally Phillips** notified the group that a large appliance clean up post card may be coming for fall, but that it is dependent on whether we got additional funding as we overspent during our spring cleanup.

**Mellisa Wittstruck with the City of Spokane** gave the following updates:

- She will be continuing to be Lincoln Heights' city Liaison.
- The Garden District PUD proposal is now in the planning division and is open for at least the next two weeks for neighborhood association and planning personal comments and informational review. Once that review process is complete than it will be open for public comment for an additional two weeks.
- The requested traffic study mentioned by Council Member Lori Kinnear in regard to the Crestline extension has not started and because of this the proposed September 12<sup>th</sup> docket date will most likely be delayed.