

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

March 19, 2019, 6 – 7:30 PM

Southside Community Center

Carol Tomsic, Council Chair, led the meeting.

Discussed for the community development grant having an event in the park hopefully including some of the mounted patrol. **A vote was taken with 15 in favor and 0 against.**

January meeting minutes approved

Neighborhood Updates:

Bob Mosman, Neighborhood Resource Officer

Officer Mosman reviewed a case from the end of 2017 where a man was terrorizing the area by target, damaging cars as they drove by throwing rocks and then trying to get into the cars. The suspect was charged with malicious mischief but was later released because he was considered not competent. Officer Mosman does not believe that he is incompetent because of his work history. The suspect is now a repeat offender on the North side and was recently charged with second degree assault after hitting someone at Walmart. Officer Mosman believes more money should be put into mental evaluation and health system and asked the attendees what we think should happen in cases like these.

Rick Boal – Water Reservoir request update. Mr. Boal, as a neighbor who will live directly north of proposed location, attended the last public meeting/hearing. Mushroom design is what the City believes is the best as well as the neighbors. Concern is that the structures will block light. Mr. Boal is working with the water district to try and set up a fund to help those affected so they can afford to perform mitigation efforts such as installing additional windows and lighting fixtures. Another neighbor expressed concerned about the loss of heat in winter from the sun and the building of a new road and construction noise and dust and damage etc. It will be the tallest structure on the South Hill once built.

Standing Updates:

Sally Phillips – Neighborhood cleanup is scheduled for 5/16 and 5/17 and everyone will get a postcard.

Marilyn Lloyd –

- **Mobile speed sign placement suggestions and vote.** We can do three in the application, but only 2 will probably be approved. Need to think about the most effective dates, not near controlled sections, must be in public ROW, and which direction the sign should be facing. **There were 18 votes in favor of the three following suggestions.**
 - First suggestion was on 34th between Napa and Crestline facing west with a request to ask if it could be switched to east for the second week.
 - Second suggestion was for on SE Blvd. below curve facing traffic going NW.

- Third suggestion was for on 37th by Crestline intersection facing westbound.
 - There was a fourth suggestion for on 29th between Perry and SE Blvd but it was mentioned we had recently done one there.
 - SH cop department has their own speed sign and can take requests.
- **Traffic calming projects applications**
 - Installation of a permanent speed feedback sign at South East Boulevard from the 18th and Perry intersection east to the top of the hill before the Upper Lincoln Park entrance. The best location along the route is to be determined following traffic studies and availability of sufficient sun or power source. **(10 in favor for this being 1st)**
 - Crosswalk from the Upper Lincoln Park entrance to the west side of Southeast Boulevard with a flashing pedestrian activated light. **(7 in favor for this being 1st)**
 - Other projects previously discussed on 37th and Crestline and in the Altamont areas were advised by the city to wait to apply till next year.
- **Discussion/concerns voiced by attending members to Bob Turner, City of Spokane Traffic Engineer for the Street Department, and John Vansant, Spokane Public Schools Safety Specialist**
 - Contact information provided BTurner@spokanecity.org, Johnv@spokaneschool.com
 - Guard rail request on southside of 2137 E. Altamont Pl., Mr. Turner said he thought this was approved but was not sure on funding due to \$400k over budget this year because of snow removal.
 - Altamont Loop and 11th large group in attendance concerned about speed due to the following: people trying to cross to Ben Bur trail; students crossing Altamont to get to Franklin; school bus stop on Woodburn; hard left off Altamont; 11th and Fisk bus route people are going 40-50; there are no school zone signs on streets on Mt. Vernon and other Franklin side streets. Residents are requesting stop signs, bump outs, or speed bumps.
 - What happened to the green 17th to Fisk traffic calming project? Mr. Turner confirmed it has been approved and is primarily just directing cyclists to safe routes.
 - Asked about speed circles. Test speed bump by Hutton on Garfield. Have they ever looked at temporary, yes but they must drill into the road which causes damage that is worsened with the freeze and thaw weather, therefore not a great option for Inland NW.
 - Question on bathrooms at lower Lincoln park was referred to contact parks department.

- Concern was brought up about traffic and children safety on Crestline in front of Hamblen elementary during morning pick up and afternoon drop off especially during the winter where the snow creates a one way traffic road. Pictures were provided to John Vansant.
- 29th and Myrtle, Amerimart, delivery trucks block access to Myrtle. Delivery truck was even blocking part of 29th. Creates a traffic problem. According to Mellissa Wittstruck with the city the building was grandfathered into residential zone.
- Could Lincoln heights council coordinate orange flags for pedestrians to cross 29th by Rosauers and Safeway? The city is looking putting in a flashing crosswalk.
- Is there a report for the public of the impact of permanent speed signs? Mr. Turner has not fully pursued before and after studies but, that is the desire.
- Why are the orange markers not on all bump outs? The answer is people don't like how they look.
- Mr. Turner has reviewed the new 29th traffic study.
- Asked about crossing at Perry and 9th and whether a traffic light could be installed. Mr. Turner said the city is already looking at the school crossing and putting a light similar to what's by Gonzaga. Can't put a traffic light because it is residential west of Perry and arterial east. If you put in a light it will increase traffic. Gave example of light on 5th avenue.
- Asked about Havana being paved they want to make it a major north and south.

Carol Tomsic – meeting adjourned