

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair, Gary Schumacher.

Introductions were made of all present.

The minutes were read and approved as written.

The Treasurer's report shows that the council has \$806.38 in our checking account with no expenditures.

Southgate

Teresa Kafentzis from the Southgate Neighborhood Council, came to talk with us about their neighborhood planning.

There is a chance that Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council could be moved up on the planning list because of our city center and the fact that Trader Joe's is coming in.

The Southgate neighborhood started their planning process in May of 2007. The city ignored it until June 2008, when the big box stores wanted to build in their neighborhood.

Their stakeholders met twice a month and the planning is done and is on their city website. They did 2 plans, with the help of WSU and EWU students.

The neighborhood got help because of the apartments going in behind Shopko and the fact that Shopko ruined the wetlands.

The first plan is parks and open spaces ie: dog park behind Moran Prairie school, the area in front of Moran Prairie School, the soccer park clean up.

The second plan was for sidewalks. Southgate is missing 150 miles of sidewalks. The neighborhood council did a sidewalk study and had a comment period.

The planning commission is now holding interviews for a new planning director.

Community Assembly

Gary Dennis, CA Alternate, gave the Community Assembly report.

The Community Assembly had to vote on the ordinance that would have restricted the number of vehicles, RV, boats, etc, you can park on your property.

During the discussion, before the vote, Gary pointed out that Code Enforcement already has an ordinance preventing junk vehicles on private property, therefore, we do not need another ordinance.

He also said that the property owner should be able to have his vehicles, boats, etc on his property, within reason of course.

The ordinance was voted down 13 to 10. The measure is dead.

Cottages

The Appeals Court denied the appeal, so the cottages will go forward.

Comp Plan

The Planning Commission is meeting on August 10th on the rezoning, on the land next to Mrs. Klemme, changing from R1 to R15-30. It was said that residents should have more control over what goes in next to you. We need to be vigilant with the Planning Commission. The Commission will accept letters and comments until July 27th.

Picnic

Our Annual Neighborhood Picnic is set for August 16th at 6:30 at Thornton Murphy Park. Please bring your own plate and utensils, a chair, and a dish to share. We hope to see everyone there!

Our next meeting will be September 20th, same time, same place.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Dennis
Secretary/Treasurer