

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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.

Planning

David Hewitt has chosen Lincoln Heights for his senior project in Architecture for WSU.

With David is his Professor, Kerry Brooks.

David has written an extensive paper on the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood background and has done considerable studies on:

- Complete Streets: this is defined as a street that is safely and functionally available to cars, pedestrians, bikes and mass transit users, with more focus on making communities more walkable.
- Road Diet: this is a method of street improvement that shortens the width of a street, ie; changing a four lane road into a three lane road.
- Business Improvement District: this would encompass a commercial area where the owners voluntarily tax themselves to pay for improvements with the boundaries of the BID. This gives the owners more control over their landscape and store fronts.

David has many ideas for improving our neighborhood, such as:

- Traffic calming on 27th, by Thornton Murphy Park.
- District center planning, making walkability better.
- Get EWU students to help organize planning.
- Doing an Open House to get planning ideas.
- Get involved in the project on 37th.
- Improve connectivity by doing a trail plan.
- Have the South Hill Neighborhoods meet and incorporate ideas.

Community Assembly

Marilyn Lloyd, our CA Representative, gave us a handout, covering the latest CA meeting.

Land Use Committee: It was recommended that the CA consider adopting the following position in consultation with the Neighborhood Councils: *That all conditional use permits for schools and religious institutions be processed by the planning services department as a Type III application requiring an open-record hearing before the hearing examiner.*

A type III process is required only for proposals that will likely be controversial allowing for an extra public process when needed and preventing waste when not.

For more information on anything else that the CA talked about, see your handout.

It was suggested that Mike Taylor, the Engineer for the 37th Avenue project, be invited to our next meeting. Colleen will set that up.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Dennis
Secretary/Treasurer