

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair, Gary Schumacher.

Introductions were made of all present.

The minutes were read and approved as written.

Scott Chesney, our new Director of Planning for the City of Spokane, came to speak with us about the future planning of our neighborhood.

The neighborhood planning process has gone through some changes. With these changes, the neighborhoods will be able to choose a specific project (ex: sidewalks), have a vision (what we would like to do) and will be able to work with property owners to make changes to the Comp Plan.

The Planning Department is now going back to look at the Comp Plan from 2001. They will be looking for the good and the bad and what worked and what didn't. They would like to done within 2 years and be able to adopt the new form based plan by the end of 2014. This type of plan can be found on-line.

Form Based Coding determines building form and design, signage, commercial standards are all set ahead of time so no surprises will come up. It will show us how businesses and streets come together.

Planning will be conducting 2 demonstration projects: one in West Central and one on East Sprague.

They are also planning to do some work at 29th and Regal. Sidewalks, parking and new investments will be looked at. Our neighborhood council will be involved in the planning process.

Engineering studies are covered in Chapter 4 of the Comp Plan. This will help how transportation can support the neighborhoods in safety and not how fast it can shuffle traffic through a neighborhood.

The South Hill Coalition consists of Lincoln Heights, Cliff/Cannon, Manito and Comstock, with the possibility of Rockwood joining us at a future time. We joined together to try to get some planning done at a quicker pace, rather than waiting for each neighborhood waiting for their time individually.

When asked about the 37th Avenue project, Scott suggested that we get someone from the City to discuss that with us. Colleen pointed out that we had contacted several people from the City and were told conflicting things. The Design Manager, told Colleen that all they had going on now is desgin and right of way. There was no money to start anything else. Marilyn Lloyd was told something totally different. We will call and get someone to talk at our May meeting.

When the 37th Aveunue project starts, the Southgate Neighborhood Council would like to be involved in the process, because 37th is the boundry between our neighborhood and theirs.

Paul Kropp, Chair of the PETT Committee has said that their committee would like to take on sidewalk issues.

As far as a starting point for our planning process, Scott did suggest that we use our old Specific Plan as a starting point.

Spokane Councilman, **Jon Snyder**, also attended our meeting. A question was brought up about the "Safe Routes to School Project".

Mr. Snyder remarked that, at this time, Spokane does not have a very good program but hopefully, this years upgrades will be done in the form of sidewalks. The City is working on getting some grant money to do that.

Melissa Nystrom talked with us. She is the Assistant to Tim Burns, the Ombudsman for the City of Spokane Police Department. The Ombudsman's office investigates and reviews complaints that come in about the police

department, makes training recommendations and mental health contacts.

The 2012 recommendations from the Ombudsman's office include Attorney General reviews, policy changes, discipline, body cameras, internal affairs on websites and demographics visibility in the communities.

Their office is located in the Riverpark Mall by the Olive Garden.

The website for the office is www.SPDOmbudsman.org

Lt. Eric Olsen has been on the Spokane Police Force for 22 years. He is our liaison to the command center and will try to attend our meetings. Lt. Olsen will bring crime statistics. The good news is that crime in Lincoln Heights is down.

Sally Phillips will put a link to the police reports and data on our website.

Marilyn Lloyd, our Community Assembly Representative, handed out a report from her last meeting in March. Some upcoming events are:

- There will be a Neighborhoods101 class, scheduled on April 16th at the East Central Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.
- There will be a Community Assembly Retreat on April 21st at the East Central Community Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited.
- The Traffic Calming application deadline is March 30th. There are separate applications for residential and arterial projects. It is necessary to observe the video on the topic to apply.
- There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Marcy 26th at 6:00 at the East Central Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

The Office of Neighborhood Services', Jonathan Mallahan was promoted by Mayor Condon the Division Head of Neighborhood & Community Services. Heather Troutman, now is serving as Interim Director of Neighborhood Services/Code Enforcement. Neighborhood Services/Code Enforcement, Community Development, Human Services and a new high level Customer Services has been brought together in one division.

Code Enforcement Training is being offered again to our neighborhood. Anyone who would like to take the training on how to identify code enforcement violations is welcome to call Heather Troutman as 625-6802 and schedule a ride-along. The ride-alongs take about 4 hours.

Our Neighborhood Clean Up is scheduled for May 19th from 8:00 to Noon. Dump Passes will be available.

The Sheriff's Department will have some inmates at our clean up to help out.

A mass mailing will be going out to the entire neighborhood.

If there are seniors that need help getting their household and yard waste over to the dump site they can call 220-2671.

Our next meeting will be May 15th.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Dennis