

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

Minutes – May 19, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-Chair Sally Phillips

Officer Elections

Sally explained who can vote in the election: Based on bylaws, LHNC residents become members by attending at least two of the last six meetings. Only members vote. An election can go forward if we have a quorum, which according to the bylaws, is 25% of Council members. Tallies show that we have 24 Council members, as of this meeting. Twelve members were present at this meeting, so we have a quorum.

Ballots were passed out, with one person running for each office. Nominees are:

President: Rae-Lynn Barden

Vice-President: Marilyn Lloyd

Secretary: Kandy Brandt

Treasurer: Sally Phillips

Community Assembly Re: Maureen Leonard

Community Assembly Alternate: Jeni Kaye Little

Attendees were given an opportunity to nominate additional candidates from the floor. There were no further nominations. **The officer slate was adopted by consensus.**

Shirley Roberts-Downey volunteered to take our social media in hand, especially Facebook.

Community Assembly - Jackie Caro, Office of Neighborhood Services, reported on the Community Assembly activities. There is a vehicle storage code under consideration. It would limit on-site vehicle storage to three vehicles, excluding those in a driveway or behind a fence where they can't be seen. The CA voted in favor of the new ordinance.

An Abandoned Property Registry has been adopted by the city. If a property is in foreclosure and vacant, the bank must register it with the city. The intent is to keep better track of vacant properties, so they do not fall into disrepair.

There are limited locations in the City where mobile home parks can be located. City Council has requested a comprehensive plan amendment to preserve existing mobile home park locations. More info at: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/policy-re-manufactured-and-mobile-home-parks/>

Spokane Transit Authority is working on developing guidelines for bus stops – benches, enclosures, signage – in order to make them consistent throughout the service area. Details at:

https://www.spokanetransit.com/files/content/Bus_Stop_Attachment_2015_Draft_Amendments_to_Connect_Spokane_5-14-05.pdf

Community Assembly packet of agenda items located at:

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/getinvolved/agendas/2015/community-assembly-agenda-packet-2015-05-01-rev2.pdf>

Lincoln Heights Business Center Planning – Sally Phillips

The city planner assigned to this project is Tirrell Black. She reports that Urban Land Institute will be conducting a LH business center workshop on 6/17 and 6/18. They will pull in experts on real estate, planning and development. They will also look at residents' survey results from a November 2013 workshop. Details of that survey are at:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/lincoln-heights-district-center/>

There will be a report back on 6/18, 3-4 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Anyone may attend.

Results of ULI's study will be passed along to Studio Cascade to complete the Lincoln Heights Business Center Plan. The goal is to have this plan finished by early 2016.

Reports on Recent Projects – Sally Phillips

The City has a 2015 program giving away 2000 trees to city residents for planting on their property. Half were distributed in April. The other half will be available in October. Our neighborhood distributed vouchers to LH neighbors who requested them. We ran out of vouchers, so not everyone who wanted a tree got one. Those people are on a list to get vouchers in October, if they request them. Meeting attendees were invited to add themselves to the list for an October tree voucher.

Forest Spokane, tree planting on public land, started last year. Our neighborhood had three applications approved. We recently won a contest, based on last year's successful projects, and have been awarded with approval for an additional project this year.

LHNC's first curbside cleanup happened on 4/24/15 and was successful. Twelve tons of curbside trash were removed during this event. Jackie Caro pointed out that occasionally trucks miss a street. Residents should let her know when that happens and she will arrange for a pickup. Her number is 625-6733. We discussed how to let more residents know about the cleanup. A postcard was sent to all households prior to cleanup. Suggestions: send post card closer to the time the cleanup happens; add a blurb about the cleanup on the address side of the postcard, to better get people's attention.

Traffic calming applications were submitted in March. We applied for funds for traffic calming at top of Altamont Hill, roughly Altamont & 9th. We also re-applied for traffic circle calming at intersections at 27th & Fiske and 27th & Mt. Vernon. We will not know if a project has been approved until early fall. Approved from our 2014 application was sidewalk installation on the southside of 27th from Ray to Fiske, and around the corner on Fiske.

Upcoming Projects – Sally Phillips

Forest Spokane 2015 – City is taking applications now, deadline 6/30/15. Sally mentioned we have two currently in progress. Our neighborhood, due to getting an award for our 2014 efforts, can nominate four projects this year.

People were urged to sign up for October free tree giveaway.

Community Development Block Grants – funding for last year's projects will be available on 7/1/15. Those projects are: new stove/oven for Senior Center; money to start a youth micro-loan project; seed money for revamp of 9th & Altamont intersection.

Rules for funding this year have not been totally finalized, but we expect to have roughly \$27,000 to spend on CDBG projects. Jackie took several questions from attendees and will pass those inquiries along to George Dahl who manages the grant program for the City. There will be neighborhood workshops in June to help those preparing applications. This year, if the funding formula would give a neighborhood less than \$10,000, that neighborhood will not get any funding. The reason is that the administrative work consumes an unreasonable portion of a small grant. Projects application deadline will be 10/30/15.

Dump passes were distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

- Submitted by Sally Phillips, Secretary