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Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

March 21, 2017

Welcome:

Chair, Rae-Lynn Barden, not in attendance, so meeting was chaired by other Board members: Sally Phillips, Marilyn Lloyd and Kandy Brandt. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Since we didn't have a quorum at our January 17 meeting, we were not able to approve the November 15, 2016 minutes then. Tonight minutes for November 15, 2016 and January 17, 2017 were approved unanimously, as written.

Community Assembly Update, Carol Tomsic

- If you want to cut down a Ponderosa Pine, please call Garth Davis, Forester with the Spokane Conservation District -- 509/535-7274.
- Noticed that a street is going to be repaved in our neighborhood, but doesn't have the address. Suggests that we check the City's Comprehensive Plan, under Proposed Plans, for specifics.

NCO Update – No new information

Urban Forester, Angel Spell

- Introduced herself as an Urban Forester for the Spokane Conservation District.
- To receive a free evaluation of any tree on your land, call Garth Davis, 509/535-7274, and he will help.
- Angel handed out information on a "Public and Street Tree Inventory," prepared by her this day, showing our neighborhood tree canopy. Print out is for trees on private land; trees in parks are managed as forests. You can find this information at: Urbanforestry@spokanecity.org .
- To find what trees grow well here, go to: www.SpokaneUrbanForestry.org .
- If you want to plant/prune trees in the City's right-of-way, which is a certain , ask her to ID the exact distance at your address: aspell@spokanecity.org .
- In answer to a question, Angel said that Urban Forestry has no power or influence about whether old trees will be preserved on property that is being built upon. She did note that saving some of the trees enhances the property's value, and ecological safety.
- The County Extension tree giveaway program has been moved to Angel's supervision. She is researching and building the program and hopes the program

Neighborhood Clean-Up, Sally Phillips

Will be Thursday, April 20th. Neighbors can leave up to 3 bulky items at the curb, by 7am in the morning, for free pickup. Mattress and bedspring count as one item. A postcard will be mailed with specific information.

Mobile Speed Sign Locations, Marilyn Lloyd

Lincoln Heights has two uses of this mobile speed sign, which has been effective in the past. Possible locations were suggested, including: 29th between Pittsburg and Martin heading east, and Ray just below the reservoir on city property south-bound. The Board will investigate the rules about these locations, and submit our priorities.

Neighborhood Council Fund Allocation, Marilyn Lloyd

- Each neighborhood can apply to the City for up to **\$500 to cover expenses of the Neighborhood Council**, including things like promotional flyers, banners, public events, etc. We discussed several possibilities, and generally agreed that a flyer, about the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood would have a lot of uses: inserted in student's backpacks to take home, distributed at other events, the possibility of stuffing our flyers into grocery bags at Rosauer's, etc.
- We are also **interested in more Dump Passes**, and will pursue this whenever the opportunity presents itself. We were reminded to only take a pass we are planning to use, because there is only a 2-week window of use for dump passes picked up at our meetings, and unused passes are lost to us, although there may be more available near the end of the year. We will look into a handout from the City Dump that highlights what they take there, and under what circumstances, and will share that with the Neighborhood.
- With the permission of those in attendance, it was agreed that Marilyn Lloyd and Sally Phillips will continue to investigate what would fall within City guidelines under this funding, and will then finalize our proposal.

Vote on Traffic Calming Allocation, Sally Phillips and Marilyn Lloyd

We want to decide on, and submit, our priorities for our use of City Traffic Calming Funds. Two priorities have been identified:

- **35th and Fiske**, one block from Adams School, where students are at risk crossing the road, Marilyn told us. We have cross-walks at Ray and Freya, but need some sidewalk on the West end of the Park at 35th, so it's clearer to students how to cross the road without risk.
- Working with the South Hill Coalition of Neighborhood Councils, Sally explained that we recommend completion of a **Greenway** that will connect the Path emerging from the North end of Lincoln Park, to sidewalks, crosswalks and other

improvements heading East on 17th and North on Fiske to 11th, and the Ben Burr Trail.

- After discussion we voted gave 1st priority to the Greenway plan, and 2nd priority to the School plan. **8 voted for this priority order and 1 voted against, and it was carried.** The Board will submit this decision.

Board Elections at our Next Meeting – May 16th, 7pm, Southside Community Center

We will have two positions open on the Board, as Rae-Lynn Barden and Kandy Brandt will not be running for office again. Everyone was asked to consider supporting our neighborhood on the Board for a term.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Brandt, Secretary
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council