

Hello neighbors

Our regularly scheduled May 19 meeting has been cancelled due to coronavirus and the governor's stay-at-home order.

The deadline for the programs we were to have voted on in March were extended again but because we are unsure if we can meet in-person before the time-sensitive deadlines or have a virtual meeting with a quorum, the executive board met virtually and voted. It was a very hard decision to make. We greatly appreciate and miss everyone who attends and participates in our meetings!

Here are the results.

Traffic Calming and School Radar Program. We voted to include all three top projects (Altamont Loop, 37th Ave Bike Lanes between Perry St and Mt Vernon, Rosauers/29th Hawk Light) as "Priority One" and all of the 14 original projects left as "Priority Two". The city is transitioning to a new traffic calming program and we wanted our neighborhood application submitted so our projects can be considered for grant-matching and early priority. We are also including all neighborhood traffic problems we have received.

I have also attached the final memo from the Gonzaga Design Students.

Mobile Speed Feedback Program. 2001 E 18th. 4238 E 29th. 4253 E 29th.

Community Engagement Grant - We asked for six double-sided signs (event), 500 business cards (with council info to hand out), 10 dump passes for July and September meeting - total 20 dump passes, and 2 folding tables (event).

Second Annual Meet Your Neighbors in the Park Sponsored by COPS - sadly we voted to cancel the August event due to coronavirus. We presently can not reserve the park or obtain insurance because of city closures. We will see you in 2021.

Neighborhood Clean Up Program - The program was cancelled by the city and replaced with a special program. Dump passes are being sent via a postcard with a one week expiration date to single-family households. The cards are being sent via Census Tracts (based on income level) not neighborhood boundaries. Multi-family (apartments/condos) will not qualify for this revised clean-up program. Since it is based on income and the program has limited funds, medium to high income areas may not get a postcard.

Neighborhood Community Development Program. Transitions Educare Roof Replacement 5 points. Transitions Women's Hearth Building Improvement 6 points

Resolution for 20 mph year-round speed limit around Thornton Murphy Park - We voted to request the city council to install year-round 20 mph speed limits around Hamblen Park and Thornton Murphy Park for the safety of our residents using the parks.

I have attached a copy of the resolution.

If you have any questions or concerns about the votes please let me know.

Here is an update from Detective Bob Mosman.

Last Month . Residential Burglary increase by 33%; Garage Burglary increase by 75%; Commercial Burglary stayed flat and is ok; Theft increase by 6%. The increase in residential burglaries and garage burglaries is a concern. The percentages seem huge but remember that a small increase in numbers can spike the overall percentage, but I'm still concerned with the increase. People are supposed to be home more so you would think the numbers would be down, but they are not. So, if you could list in your email **the importance of locking home doors and keeping garage doors closed and locked that would be great.** Also, a reminder to neighbors to keep an eye out for suspicious people in their respective neighborhoods and remind them to call crime check if something doesn't look right.

On a brighter note, the overall crime rate last month increased by 16%, which isn't bad but not great. The overall year to date crime rate shows an increase of 12%, which is still not bad, however, we can do better. People need to be more observant and vigilant. In times like these, we need to watch out for one another.

Here is an update from council member Lori Kinnear.

Greetings Lincoln Heights Neighborhood –

I hope this note finds you well, and that you are staying safe and healthy during this difficult time.

Per the Governor's order, Council Meetings are still virtual and limited to matters necessary and routine, or matters necessary to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and the current public health emergency. I am still working from home on matters COVID-19-related and on projects for the (hopefully soon) post-COVID-19 future. Here are a couple items of interest that I thought I'd share with you here:

First, Council President Beggs and I recently co-sponsored a resolution establishing a two-year pilot project that institutes yearlong 20 mph speed limits around certain City parks and park properties. This resolution was in direct response to the COVID-19 virus and increased pedestrians visiting parks outside of the summer season. The resolution was passed unanimously by Council on April 13, 2020.

The resolution added portions of High Drive to the list of parks with seasonal traffic speed reductions to 20 mph and for the next two years makes those reductions year-round. Neighborhoods like Lincoln Heights may wish to add additional parks to this pilot, and through the resolution they have an option to do so. That is, by a majority vote of its respective Neighborhood Council, any neighborhood may submit to the City Council traffic calming subcommittee a request to include an additional park or park property in the resolution's addendum. I know there is interest in instituting a 20 mph year-round speed limit around Thornton Murphy Park, and the aforementioned process would be a good avenue to pursue that.

I also recently co-sponsored with CM Wilkerson a letter to the Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board (LCB). The letter, signed by 6 Council Members requested that the LCB temporarily allow currently licensed bars and restaurants to sell complete mixed drinks and cocktails in LCB-approved containers in combination with the sale of other take-out and delivery orders during Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order. The LCB and the Governor allowed this "cocktail to-go" practice to be temporarily-enacted last week. My hope is that this will positively impact worker's tips, allow restaurants to use perishable mixers before they expire, and ultimately increase the bottom line of local restaurants. Finally, the Governor's order prohibits the issuance of notices of termination or evictions for renters until June 4th. I expect we will have an ordinance in place prior to June 4th that reflects the best judgment of a majority of Council Members about how to provide various protections during the Post-COVID situation that would last longer than the emergency declaration but include a sunset clause.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions at lkinnear@spokanecity.org.

Here is an update from council member Betsy Wilkerson.

Council Member Betsy Wilkerson grew up in Spokane and has strong family roots within District 2. She is proud to be the second African American woman to serve as Council Member in the city's 147 year history and has raised two children in the city. She is also a proud, active grandmother of three. Her mother was a minister and co-founded the Mt. Zion Holiness Church. Betsy is dedicated to making sure that every resident of the city has the tools to succeed in life and that Spokane remains a City of Promise that attracts people from all over to make it their hometown.

Betsy believes in supporting public education and institutions like community centers, non-profits and local business associations because she believes that community is where we find our strength. She is committed to partnering with the 14 neighborhood councils of District 2 and the various non-profits that keep Spokane the vibrant and economic heart of our Region.

Lincoln Heights, like many neighborhoods in District 2 is still being challenged with traffic issues and the Council Member is looking into ways where her neighbors can live, work and play in safety as it is the streets that physically connect us together. She would love to hear your thoughts on that and many other things that affect the neighborhood.

When you see Betsy working in her garden or anywhere else around Lincoln Heights, please stop by and say "Hi!" Until then give her a call at (509) 625-6258 or send her an email at bwilkerson@spokanecity.org.

Here is an update from Emily Wenzel, President of the South Perry Business and Neighborhood Association.

The SPBNA June meeting will be held on Zoom on June 9th at 6:30pm. Details will be available through our mailing list and on our website. Email secretary@southperry.org to be added to the list and receive meeting information. There are currently multiple officer positions available, contact Emily at president@southperry.org for details.

SPBNA has cancelled the 2020 South Perry Street Fair, and will be working to support the South Perry District in other ways. Check our website under the tab "updates and news" for the most recent information.

Here is a presentation from Mika Maloney, Program Manager, Spokane Arts.

Hello!

Spokane Arts & Hooptown USA are excited to be teaming up on installing multiple murals on several outdoor basketball courts throughout Spokane! Basketball court murals will be installed in Peaceful Valley and Chief Garry Park in 2020, and in Thornton Murphy Park in 2021. This is part of a larger multi-year court revitalization project of Hooptown USA and MultiCare. We held an open call for artists to submit their designs and qualifications in March and April, and we want neighborhood input on the top candidates' designs. [Let us know your favorite designs by taking this survey](#) and please pass it on to your neighbors!

The input from the survey will be one factor in helping decide which design is chosen for each location. After the survey closes, the selection jury, consisting of representatives from each of the neighborhoods that will be getting a court mural, the Spokane Arts Commission, Spokane Parks, Hooptown USA, and MultiCare, will take that input into consideration, along with the strength of each artists' qualifications and designs, in selecting the final artists for each mural and the location of each of the three top designs. Three different artists or artist teams will be selected for these projects. Neighborhood residents and park users are invited to [take the survey to rank the designs](#). The survey is open now and will be open through Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

The survey can be found on the Spokane Arts website, spokanearts.org/murals/ or here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z5X9MYH>

(For the purpose of this survey, art works are represented without attribution. These preliminary designs are the sole property of the artists who created the images and protected by law. It is illegal to copy, distort, modify, or use these designs for any purpose without express written permission of the artist. Please contact Spokane Arts if you require reproduction permissions. These artists will be recognized in publicity materials after the selection process is completed and installed art work will be credited on site.)

If you have any questions about the process for the art selection, the survey, or any other part of this project, please email me here at Mika@SpokaneArts.org.

And,

Thank you for all you do for the neighborhood. Stay safe and well.

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Carol Tomsic
Chair, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council