

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Meeting  
Zoom on Hamblen Park Water Tower  
August 20, 2020  
6-6:40 pm

**Meeting began at 6:00 PM**

Carol shared that our meeting will cut at 6:40 pm. Any questions and concerns contact us.

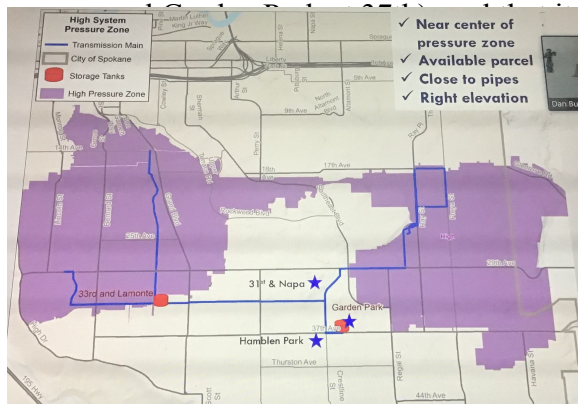
## Virtual Sign-in

Tom Sanderson  
Makaya Judge  
Dan Buller, City of Spokane  
Marilyn Lloyd  
Ruth Mincks  
Charles & Marcia Mlani  
Carol Tomsic  
Diane Birginal  
Michael Soss  
Kubik  
Heather  
Debbie Benner  
Vanita Davis  
Richard Sola  
Kyle Twohig, City of Spokane

## Neighborhood Update

City Engineer Dan Buller presented on the Hamblin Park Water Tower

- A new reservoir is needed on the South Hill in order to preserve our high pressure system reliability and to meet Department of Health Standards.
- The location selection criteria include that the property is AVAILABLE (preferably publicly owned land), that it is CLOSE to transmission mains (within 5-6 blocks), that the water level matches the ELEVATION of the other reservoirs (located at 33rd and Lamont



is near the CENTER of the pressure zone. Not many  
ria.

- They looked at the properties at Garden Park and 31st and Napa initially and neither were ideal due to the fact that there are steep elevation changes that create issues with construction equipment to build the tower.
- The new proposal is to build a tower in Hamblen Park. It will be a hydropillar reservoir that will be approx 100' tall and hold around 2 mil

gallons of water. It will serve us in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. It will be 50'-60' in diameter at its base and 100' in diameter at the top.

- Anyone living South of 14th avenue will benefit from this required improvement to the infrastructure of our water system. While every location will be controversial, Hamblen does not disproportionately impact some neighbors and gives the city an opportunity to save money which they plan to reinvest in mitigation measures.
- NEXT STEPS
  - They will be holding more community meetings which will be advertised to all residents in late August.
  - They will work on the permits during the fall of 2020.
  - They will design the project during the fall/winter of 2020
  - Construction will happen from 2021-2022

#### Neighbors asked questions

Dian asked about 31st and Napa because the city purchased that property to build the tower on and then decided against it. Dan said that the city would not lose money on it and had to jump at the opportunity. Dian is concerned about why they went so far with purchase and permitting before realizing that it was not the right choice. Kyle Twohig explained that they discovered a significant amount of rock removal that they didn't anticipate that created a huge cost. This brought them back to the drawing board.

Richard was concerned because Hamblen is unique and he felt that the Shadle comparison was not fair. He wanted to know what the school thought. Dan said they have not reached out to the school yet. He is also concerned about the stark white paint. Dan explained that they can paint the bottom a forest green and the top a sky blue.

A neighbor asked about the designation. Dan shared with us that the Parks department said that the designation doesn't need to be changed.

Heather asked about the digging in the park. And expressed concern that there was not enough time for the meeting.

A neighbor asked why not the Ferris site? Dan explained that it was an elevation problem.

Dan said to email with any questions and he is happy to call and speak with you.

Michael asked why he has not been officially notified about the proposal. Dan said that they are in the initial phases and that additional meetings will be widely publicized.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm.**